

CONFERENCE UPDATE

Conference Chair: Julio Aramberri

Planning for our Academy Conference is going full tilt as we will be meeting soon. The dates, let's recall them once again, are June 5-11, 2009. We will start June 5 with a visit to the UNWTO Headquarters in Madrid including our first business meeting (see other section of the newsletter for details of that meeting). After Madrid we will move to Mallorca where the second and longest part of our Program will take place. The draft of the program is attached below. A final version of the full Program will be emailed to you as soon as it is ready.

In this short announcement I want to update you on the shape of our scientific program. Up to now, we have received news from 33 fellows that plan to present 27 papers at the Conference. The list we have, in alphabetical order, follows:

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| 1. Aguiló | 15. King |
| 2. Aramberri | 16. Liu |
| 3. Baum | 17. Moscardo |
| 4. Butler | 18. Nash |
| 5. Cohen | 19. Purdue-Tyrrell-Uysal |
| 6. Crouch | 20. Schlüter |
| 7. Dwyer | 21. Sheldon - Cooper |
| 8. Edgell | 22. Song-Zhang |
| 9. Gartner | 23. Turner |
| 10. Gosar | 24. Um-Kang |
| 11. Harrison | 25. Vukonic |
| 12. Hsu | 26. Wanhill |
| 13. Jafari-Fayos | 27. Yamashita |
| 14. Janssen-Verbeke | |

Hyphenated papers mean that they have more than one author. Please, verify that your name is there and let me know asap if you are missing.

We have a tight program ahead of us. Other than the regular scientific sessions there will be two special discussion sessions. One of them, as announced a long time ago, will be devoted to indigenous tourism. The second will discuss the effects of the present economic crisis on tourism. This session will be our contribution to the host region. Other sessions are reserved for the presentation of candidates for future fellowship and to introduce some young scholars of distinction. Here is a tentative schedule of events (subject to change):

Draft Program

Saturday June 6, 2009

- Fellows, Nominees and Emerging Scholars arrive at the hotel – some may arrive the night before.
- 14:00 – 15:30 Lunch
- 15:30-16:00 Welcome Session
- 16:00-17:15 Scientific Session 3 *Fellow's Presentations*
- 17:15 – 17:30 Refreshment Break
- 17:30 - 19:00: Scientific Session 3 *Fellows' presentations*
- Evening: Orientation to local facilities and dinner

Sunday June 7, 2009

- 09:00-10:30 General Discussion Session: Indigenous Tourism
Debate Chair: Jafar Jafari
- 10:30-11:00 Refreshment break
- 11:00-12:15 Scientific Session 3 *Fellows' presentations*
- 12:15-12:45 Refreshment Break
- 12:45 -14:00 Scientific Session 3 *Fellows' presentations*
- 14:00-15:30 Lunch
- 15:30-16:50 Nominees' Presentations 3 *nominees' presentations*
- 16:50 – 17:10 Refreshment Break
- 17:10- 19:00 4 *Nominees' Presentations*
- 20:00 Wine and Cheese Reception
- 21:30: Dinner

Monday June 8, 2009

- 9:00-10:30 Economic Crisis Sessions: Chair: Bill Gartner (more detail to follow)
- 10:30-11:00 Refreshment break
- 11:00-13:30 Continuation of Morning Session
- 13:30 – 15:30 Lunch
- 15:30 - 16:45 4 Nominees' Presentations
- 16:45 – 17:15 Refreshment Break
- 17:45 -19:30: 4 Nominees' Presentations

- 21:30: Dinner

Tuesday June 9, 2009

- 9:00-11:00 Scientific Session 4 *Fellows' Presentations*
- 11:00-11:30 Refreshment Break
- 11:30 -13:30: Scientific Session 4 *Fellows' presentations*
- 13:30-15:30 Lunch
- 15:30-17:00: Emerging Scholars' Presentations (*with refreshment break*)
- 17:00-17:15 Refreshment Break
- 17:15-19:00 Scientific Sessions: 4 *Fellows' presentations*
- 19:30: Winery visit, followed by dinner

Wednesday June 10, 2009

- 9:00-11:00 Scientific Sessions 4 *Fellows' presentations.*
- 11:00 – 20:00: Field trip
- 21:00: Dinner

Thursday June 11, 2009

- 9:00-11:00 Scientific Session 4 Nominees' presentations
- 11:00 – 11:30 Refreshment Break
- 11:30 - 2:30: An adaptable time-window to be used for any business that has not yet been concluded (*with refreshment break*)
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:45 Last Business meeting
- 15:45 – 16:15 Refreshment Break
- 16:15 - 7:30: Last Business Meeting (continued)
- 21:00: Farewell Dinner

Friday June 12, 2009

- Departure to Madrid

This program is tentative and may change. We have not finalized yet the number and names of fellows that will be presenting in each one of the scientific sessions, but presentations will be grouped thematically. At the moment of writing, it looks that we can allocate 30 minutes (including Q&A) for each paper. This means that real time for presenters will be around 20 minutes. We will ask the moderators to firmly stick to these deadlines. It is hard to do, but we cannot spare much time given our heavy agenda.

As we resolved a while ago, to honor our Charter Fellows, each will be invited to chair a session. However, there will not be enough sessions to accommodate all. Those left out, don't despair. We'll pay tribute to you as well!

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