

Conference Announcement

'Progress in Tourism Studies'

April, 23-24, 2009

Leuven, Belgium (20 km from Brussels)

With many of the early academic pioneers in the field of tourism studies close to committing half a decade to research in tourism, it seems about time for a conference that looks at the progress in tourism studies from a cross-generational and multidisciplinary perspective, particularly as one of our own leading Flemish researchers is retiring from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (K.U. Leuven / University of Leuven). Therefore, in honor of Prof. em. Myriam Jansen-Verbeke, and with financial support of the Urbain Claeys Flemish Fund for the Master of Tourism, the K.U. Leuven will bring together leading senior academics that will look at how tourism studies, in their discipline, has progressed. These include: Jafar Jafari, Kit Jenkins, Jaap Lengkeek, Geoffrey Wall, and, of course, Myriam Jansen-Verbeke herself. They will share their insights and experiences with second and third generation researchers, but also with senior practitioners such as Eduardo Fayos-Sola of the United Nations World Tourism Organization, Gareth James of the European Travel & Tourism Action Group, Harold Goodwin of Tourism Concern, or Xavier Greffe of the Sorbonne. For less than €200.- (including coffee breaks, lunches, conference documents) anyone can join in this two-day celebration, but there will be no 'call for papers'; this is an event with a pre-set program.

For further information on this (and abstracts, registration, location, accommodation and accessibility) see:

<http://ees.kuleuven.be/urbainclaeysfund/programme/index.html>

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