

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR SPECIAL INTEREST TOURISM: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE AIMS AND SCOPE

The development of mass tourism has posed threats and created problems that have affected destinations and local communities in virtually every corner of the world. To overcome the problems of mass tourism, many governments, businesses, communities, and tourism organisations have turned to alternative types of tourism development. One such alternative is 'special interest tourism'. While this has become a centre of attention for the tourism industry, in academic and professional literature, there is still much that is not known or is not widely known.

Bearing these in mind, ICOT 2012 aims to contribute to the ongoing debate on the issues posed by special interest tourism by covering state-of-the-art theoretical, practical and institutional work on special interest tourism. Through the dissemination of this work the conference seeks to inform future policy on the management of special interest tourism projects by stimulating discussion and the exchange of ideas between tourism professionals, academics, researchers, policy-makers, consultants, practitioners, government officials and postgraduate students from tourism-related fields.

ICOT 2012 will also give participants an opportunity to combine an effective conference experience with a holiday in Archanes, Crete, one of the most famous rural destinations in Crete.

TOPICS

- Theoretical Perspectives on Sustainability, Special Interest and Alternative forms of Tourism
- Tourism Development, Policy and Planning
- Case studies and applied research on various types and forms of tourism, such as agro-tourism, eco-tourism, cultural tourism, health tourism, sport tourism, space tourism etc.
- Facets of Religious Tourism
- Globalisation Effects
- Economic/Social/Environmental/Cultural Impact of Tourism
- Community Impact and Response
- Resiliency Planning
- Tourism Marketing and Management
- Information Technology in Tourism
- Negotiation in Tourism
- Tourism Mobilities
- Industry's Role in Managing Growth
- Transportation and Tourism
- Authenticity and Commodification
- Tourism Education
- The Future of Tourism
- Climate Change and Natural Disasters
- The effects of Crime, Terrorism, Safety and Security

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for concurrent sessions and poster presentations. The abstract will be used by reviewers as the basis for acceptance of the paper or poster for presentation. Thus the abstract should clearly communicate the objective of the work, the results and their significance, and the advancement over previous work. Time and effort spent constructing a clear, concise, and well-written abstract will maximize the chances of paper acceptance. New and significant work is a prerequisite for paper acceptance. Abstracts may only be submitted online at <http://www.iatour.net/icot2012/content/abstract-submission> by the deadline 10th April 2012.

Abstract title should be brief (no more than 20 words). The abstract body should be between 250 and 350 words and it must include a brief background, methods, results, and conclusion(s) where appropriate. Abstracts submitted by fax or by email will not be accepted.

When using the online submission form, you will receive immediate confirmation via email that will also include a unique reference number. Print this confirmation for future reference. This notification only confirms only receipt of your submission and is not a notification of acceptance. If you do not receive a confirmation email that your abstract was successfully uploaded, please contact the Conference Secretariat at: icot@iatour.net.

FULL PAPERS

Full papers should be between 3000 and 5000 words in length (including figures and references). All papers should be written in good English. Your full paper must be prepared using the ICOT 2012 paper template. The Harvard method of listing references both in-text and at the end of the text is required. Papers may only be submitted online at <http://www.iatour.net/icot2012/content/paper-submission>

POSTERS

Poster sessions will be scheduled for poster presenters to be able to answer questions regarding their projects. Title should be in bold. Author's affiliations and e-mail addresses for corresponding authors should be included. Body of the poster should start with a short introduction followed by methods, results and conclusion(s) clearly indicated. Text should be kept to a minimum, and each block of text should include no more than a few sentences. Suggested font sizes are main title: 78-96 pt (bold, upper case), author(s): 72 pt (bold, title case), affiliation(s): 48 pt (normal, title case), subheading: 36 pt (bold uppercase), body of text: 24 pt (normal). Posters may only be submitted via e-mail (as an MS-Word attachment) to icot@cut.ac.cy, no later than 14th May 2012. Posters that will be selected will appear in the book of abstracts.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline (250-350 words)	10th April 2012
Notification of acceptance / referees' amendments	25th April 2012
Full paper submission deadline	20th May 2012
Conference	23rd – 26th May 2012

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