

IGU Commission

Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change

Open Business Meeting, IGU Regional Conference Moscow, 19 August 2015

Minutes

1. Introduction:

Chair Dieter K. Müller welcomed the approximately 20 participants. During the Moscow meeting the commission organized altogether 14 sessions on their own and further supported a joint session on Mega Events. Furthermore numerous posters on tourism geography were presented as well.

2. The Commission:

The chair presented the work of the commission and the commission members 2012-16. Unfortunately only 4 members of the commission were present in Moscow. All participants at the meeting were invited to join the commission as corresponding members by enrolling for the IGUST-mail list.

3. IGU News:

Dieter reported from the recent IGU chair meeting.

- During a couple of years the IGU has been lobbying for an UNESCO International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) in 2016. However a UNESCO-resolution was made but for various political reasons it was not possible to finalize this process. Still the year will be conducted with the support of the International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS).

The basic idea of the IYGU (www.global-understanding.de) is to connect local actions and global challenges and acknowledge the culturally different paths to global sustainability. The IGU-commissions are invited to get involved in these activities during 2016 and beyond.

- The IGU is engaging in a new set of conferences. These so called thematic conference are planned to be more focused than regional and global meetings. A first IGU Thematic Conference on "The geographies of peace", is to be held in La Paz, Bolivia, 24-25 April 2017. It is organized in collaboration with the University of La Paz, and the conference will be organized in connection with the XVI EGAL (Encuentre de Geografos de America Latina).

The IGU contact is one of the IGU Vice Presidents, Elena dell'Agnese. As a commission we have indicated interest in this activity. However, in contrast to regional and global meetings, commission participation is not mandatory.

- The commission's life span is limited until 2016. This implies that all commissions have to report on their activities during the last four years and in case they would like to continue, they have to submit a new proposal. Of course the Commission for Geographies of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change plans for a continuation. However, this requires a revision of the list of commission members since several have been on the board for two consecutive phases. Only chairs are allowed to serve for three phases. Interested researchers were invited to indicate their interest though a geographical distribution of members and a gender balance have to be sought for.

4. Commission Activities:

The newsletters, the webpage (www.igutourism.org), and the online proceedings series Tourism, Leisure and Global Change (TLGC) (www.igutourism.com) were presented.

A short report was given regarding the IGU involvement in conferences since the IGU Regional Conference in Kyoto 2013. The Commission was involved in the organization of the following meetings

- Emerging Landscapes and Frontiers in Tourism Research, 20-22 September 2013, Kanas N.P., Xinjiang, China
- Second Home Tourism, 10-13 June 2014, Stockholm
- Tropical Tourism Outlook Conference - Nature, Culture and Networking for Sustainable Tourism, 8-10 August 2014, Dambulla, Sri Lanka
- IGU Pre Congress Meeting Tourism and Transitions in a Time of Change, 14-18 August 2014, Poland
- AAAG 2015 Chicago
- International Conference on Sustainable Tourism and Resilient Communities, 6 - 8 May 2015, CUHK, Hong Kong, 6th Nordic Geographers Meeting, 15 - 19 June 2015, Tallinn, Estonia
- Tropical Tourism Outlook Conference: Balancing Development & Sustainability in Tourism Destinations, 29-31 July 2015, Lombok, Indonesia
- EUGEO 2015, Budapest, Session "Tourism, Globalization and Culture", 30 August – 2 September 2015
- German Geographical Congress, 1-4 October 2015, Berlin

For the future the following tentative activities and dates were announced:

- IGU IGC 2016 Pre-Congress Meeting, Suzhou & Nanjing, China
- IGU International Geographical Congress 2016, Beijing, China
- IGU Regional Conference 2018, Quebec, Canada
- IGU International Geographical Congress 2020, Istanbul, Turkey
- IGU International Geographical Congress 2022, Paris, France

The commission asks also for new and more focused conference initiatives. Currently interest has been stated to organize meetings in Brazil, and France (Paris),

5. The Business meeting was closed.

Dieter K. Müller

Chair IGU Commission Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change

Present commission members: Dieter Müller, Anne-Marie d'Hautserre, Sanette Ferreira, Jie Zhang (in Moscow, but not at the business meeting)