

International Academy for the Study of Tourism
2nd. Business Meeting – June 9th, 2009
University of Balearic Islands Hotel School
Mallorca, Spain

Present: Aguilo-Perez, Aramberri, Baum, Chon, Crouch, Dann, Dwyer, Eadington, Fayos-Sola, Frechtling, Goeldner, Gosar, Graburn, Harrison, Huan, Jafari, Jenkins, King, Moscardo, Nash, Pearce, D., Perdue, Przeclawski, Ritchie, Sheldon, Silva, Smeral, Smith, V., Um, Vanhove, Vukonic, Wall, Yamashita

A. Taiwan Proposal for 2011 Academy Conference

Sheldon introduced Dr. T. C. Huan who delivered the proposal for 2011 Conference in Taiwan.

1. The proposal included 50 complimentary air tickets, 7 nights of accommodation including meals, and post conference tours.
2. Accommodation included The Grand hotel (2 nights)
3. Chiayi Nice Prince Hotel (3 nights)
4. Kaohsiung E-DA Skylark Hotel (2 nights)
5. Possible Tours
 - i. Taipei City Day Tour A – Tamsu Line (MRT)
 - ii. Taipei City Day Tour B – National Palace Museum & Lungshan Temple
 - iii. Night Tour – 101 Building and night markets
6. Total estimated budget is USD224,000
7. Wall noted the need for frequent transportation of delegates from Taipei to Chiayi to Kaohsiung, and asked where exactly the meeting will be held. Dr. Huan responded that the meeting will be held primarily in Chiayi.
8. Chon conveyed the concern on behalf of Fellows in China (particularly Du Jiang, Vice Director China National Tourism Administration) that the academic conference needs to consider the sensitivity associated with location. For example, no political statements or propaganda on behalf of the Taiwan government will be expected to be featured in the conference. Dr. Huan ensured that he would make a note of the comment and concerns.
9. Possible dates for 2011 conference would be late May or early June to avoid typhoon season.

B. Portugal Proposal for 2013 Conference

Sheldon introduced Dr. Joao Albino Silva from University of the Algarve who gave a brief presentation to host the 2013 Conference in the Algarve, Portugal.

1. Introduction of Universidade do Algarve in Portugal
2. Algarve is easy to access: there are many flights from Lisbon to Faro Airport in the Algarve, Portugal and the university is close to airport (only five minutes' car ride). The university is no more than 20 minutes to five-star hotels. The University has very good connections with tourism companies, public and government agencies.
3. Time constraints: Easier to host conference at beginning of June, with more flights and better climate.
4. Academy members' opinions were requested on how best to give back to the location. The future of natural regions in tourism was suggested as a possible topic.
5. Graburn suggested that the Academy also invite graduate students to our open sessions to do something for the region.

C. Sheldon thanked both representatives for their generous offers and invited Fellows to ask questions of our hosts during the rest of the conference.

D. Membership Committee Report (Perdue, Jafari, Graburn)

1. The Committee discussed the compliance of Fellows with the Academy requirements as stated in the Bylaws and the need to keep better track of our Fellows. Perdue reminded fellows of Section 5 and Section 6 of bylaws and the history of membership reviews. The Committee recommended acting in accordance with the Bylaws and that a membership review is performed on a regular basis.
2. The Membership review process was further discussed and Graburn suggested collecting CVs also as a way to keep in touch with Fellows. The Committee made a **Motion** to perform a membership review and request all Fellows to send their updated CV's to the Secretariat by September 30th, 2009. **The motion passed** (Yes – 31; No – 1). Crouch suggested that the requirements of Academy membership be included in the form sent by the Secretariat requesting the CV update.
3. **Motion** by Dann to change “may” to “will” in Section 6 of the bylaws

that currently states "... the Executive Committee may then terminate membership..." in reference to the need for continued scholarly activity by Fellows. Seconded by Butler. ***Motion did not pass*** (Yes – 7; No – 24; Abstain – 1).