

Announcement



Philip L. Pearce

AWARD

The Article of the Year

2008

The Editors of *Tourism Recreation Research* extend their congratulations to Professor Philip Lovell Pearce for winning the Article of the Year Award 2008 for his contribution *Studying Tourism Entertainment through Micro Cases* published in *Tourism Recreation Research*, Volume 33, Number 2, 2008. The award is introduced to encourage and recognize contributions that aim at advancing areas of tourism research. About 32 refereed contributions were published in volume 2008 that were meticulously evaluated by a panel of three well-known professors of tourism who assessed research merits of the papers on stated criteria, such as quality of contents, methodology, style of presentation, readability and practical usability of research, and originality. Among the two theme issues of this volume (33) of TRR on *Tourism and Entertainment* and *SMEs in Tourism & Climate Change* respectively, the first one was guest-edited by Professor Pearce. We understand how difficult it would have been for the judges to place nominations. We take this opportunity to express our feelings of gratitude to them for their valuable time reading and evaluating full-sized three hundred and sixty printed pages.

Dr Philip L. Pearce is Foundation Professor of Tourism at James Cook University, Australia, has a First Class Honours degree in Psychology and a Diploma in Education from the University of Adelaide. He earned a Doctorate from the University of Oxford (1977) studying tourists in Europe. He has held a Fulbright scholarship at Harvard University. He was the first person appointed to a Chair of Tourism and as head of a Tourism Department in Australia (1989). He is Honorary Professor at Xi'an International Studies University in Xi'an, China, and teaches in Italy and Thailand as well as in Australia. Philip's extensive tutelage extends globally with strong links in Asia. He has won major national awards for undergraduate and graduate teaching and for the supervision of doctoral level students, having successfully supervised over 30 such students. He has over 150 publications and 6 books on tourism. He is currently ranked by independent assessors as the No. 1 Australian author in tourism for both productivity and citations and has been assessed as the No. 7 author globally for citations and No. 12 globally for productivity in the field of tourism. Philip is a foundation member of the International Academy for the Study of Tourism and was the Chief Editor of Australia's first academic tourism journal, *The Journal of Tourism Studies* from 1990–2005. He is an associate editor for a number of key academic tourism journals. He has worked cooperatively and at multiple levels with business and governments concerned with tourism, including as a consultant for the United Nations World Tourism Organization. He has major interests in the topics of tourist behaviour and experience, tourism community relationships, and tourism education.

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