

Journal Submission

Delegates attending Sustainable Tourism 2012 will be invited to submit an extended version of their paper for possible publication in the International Journal of Sustainable Development and Planning, one of the six edited by the Wessex Institute.

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Submission Information

Papers are invited on the topics outlined and others falling within the scope of the meeting. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted as soon as possible.

Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. Final acceptance will be based on the full-length paper, which if accepted for publication must be presented at the conference.

The language of the conference will be English.

Online submission

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Submit your abstract with Sustainable Tourism 2012 in the subject line. Please include your name, full address and conference topic.

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Location

Originally an important Roman trading port, A Coruña is a busy city in the north-west of Spain whose character is distinctly different to that of Mediterranean Spain. Located in the verdant agricultural region of Galicia, A Coruña is home to Roman remains, castles, museums and impressive produce markets. The city's waterfront is a focal point with a new promenade linking many of A Coruña's attractions, shopping areas and beaches. The nineteenth century centre is noted for its unusual Galerías — glazed balconies on the front of almost all buildings, allowing the city's residents to enjoy the Atlantic views year round. The landmark 1,900 year old tower of Hercules is the oldest lighthouse in existence, a World Heritage site and National Monument of Spain.

Conference Venue

Sustainable Tourism 2012 will take place at the Meliá María Pita hotel in A Coruña. Situated in an exceptional waterfront position, close to two of the city's most popular beaches, the hotel is a short distance from the main sights and amenities in the city centre. The hotel offers a large range of well-equipped ensuite rooms and suites, piano bar and restaurant.

Sustainable Tourism 2012 is the fifth meeting organised in this successful series. The first was held in Segovia, Spain (2004); followed by Bologna, Italy (2006); Malta (2008) and the New Forest, UK (2010).

Tourism has become a major international industry, with many countries all over the world relying on the income it produces. Its economic advantages as a major source of finance and employment leads to its active promotion by governments and other institutions, independent of the consequences on the environment, ecology and social structure of affected regions.

The demands of tourism can contribute to the destruction of the natural and cultural environment upon which it depends. The natural and cultural landscape's capacity to accommodate the local and worldwide effects of tourism, the typology thereof and its implications for human economy and society constitute very important study objectives. The development of tourism includes degradation of the natural landscape, caused by this industry associated with the phenomenon and paradoxically, it is also associated with the high appraisal the tourist makes of places free of human presence.

Sustainable Tourism 2012 aims to find ways to protect the natural and cultural landscape through the development of new solutions which minimise the adverse effects of tourism. This can be achieved through the development of new strategies involving the active collaboration of society as a whole. Such solutions ought to cope with the continuous growth of tourism impacts on the country including culture and society.

Benefits of Attending

Conference Books Papers are published in paper and digital format and widely distributed throughout the world. Delegates will receive a copy of the book in paper or digital format at the time of registration. Papers are also archived at <http://library.witpress.com>

Open Access Authors have the option to make their work available in Open Access format for wider dissemination.

This conference will explore issues concerned with achieving environmental, social and economic sustainability of tourism alongside the governance mechanisms needed to support sustainable tourism. It could also discuss how new resources ought to be employed to avoid the errors committed in the past and propose remedial actions when required. The meeting will also focus on empirical work and case studies from around the world, which can offer new insights and best practice guidance.

Sustainable Tourism 2012 will adopt a multi-disciplinary approach and will aim specifically to foster greater understanding and collaboration between scientists and social science experts, practitioners and policy makers. It will take a broad view of this sophisticated and complex industry, and will examine the practice of sustainable tourism from global travel trends through to destination and site management. Innovative solutions, including those involving ecological tourism are particularly welcome, as well as cultural initiatives that will lead to better approaches to tourism with the objective of preserving the diversity of our planet.

Journal Papers Presenters will be invited to submit a paper to one of the six International Scientific Journals edited by the Wessex Institute.

Networking Participants can present their research and interact with experts from around the world, becoming part of a unique community.

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Conference Topics

Tourism strategies

Tourism as a tool of development

Emergent strategies for tourism development

Environmental issues

Climate change and the effects of natural hazards in tourism

Tourism and protected areas

Art, architecture and culture

Rural tourism

Modelling

Community involvement

Tourism and the built environment

Renovation of mature destinations

Heritage tourism

Indexing and archiving of conference papers

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- Papers presented at Sustainable Tourism 2012 will appear in a volume of WIT Transactions on Ecology and the Environment (ISSN: 1746-448X, Digital ISSN 1743-3541).
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