



NECTAR Cluster 5 – Leisure, Recreation and Tourism

Call for papers

“Tourism and Transport: exploration of interdependencies”

NECTAR Cluster launch workshop, **29th September – 01st October 2016**, Lugano, Switzerland

The Institute for Economic Research (University of Lugano - CH) and its Tourism Observatory are glad to invite you to the NECTAR Cluster 5 meeting.

The upcoming NECTAR Cluster 5 is a novelty and it is thought to bring together leading researchers from a number of disciplines related to leisure and tourism. The field of leisure, recreation and tourism is a large one, containing a wide range of individual and collective human activities. Furthermore, it can be seen as service industries that involve public sector, non-profit and commercial organizations. Leisure is taken to encompass such activities as recreation, involvement in the art and sports (as spectator or participant), hobbies, games, visiting parks, etc. Tourism is seen primarily as a leisure activity involving travel away from a person's normal place of residence, but also encompassing such activities as visiting friends and relatives, business travel and day-tripping. Providing an international platform for debate and dissemination of research findings, the aim in NECTAR Cluster 5 is to be inclusive rather than exclusive, whilst also facilitating the discussion of new research areas and techniques.

This first meeting, to be held in Lugano (Switzerland) 29th September – 01st October 2016, provides a forum for European researchers adopting different approaches to understand leisure, tourism and mobility phenomena. As such, the meeting adds to the main topic a list of subjects of interest across a wide spectrum in tourism: from economics and geography, destination management, travel behaviour, mobility, to impact analysis and territorial planning.

Main topic

From several points of view, transport and tourism can be considered mutually dependent. Transport plays a relevant role in tourism flows from origin to destination and within the destination. On the one hand, there are substantial influences of elements such as accessibility and connectivity, on the structure and the development of a touristic destination. On the other hand, there exist situations where tourism development represents a catalyst for transport initiatives. Finally, the integration of transport in the tourism development requires the comprehension of how mobility decisions fit within the tourist experience. The purpose of this year's meeting is to discuss the key elements that compose the complex relationship between transport and tourism.



Further topics of interest

The meeting will also consider relevant papers to the areas including (but not limited to) the following subjects:

- Global Trends in Leisure, Recreation and Tourism
- Trends of Tourist Demand
- The Economic Impact of Leisure, Recreation and Tourism
- Tourism in Territorial Planning and Regional Expansion
- Seasonality pattern
- Competition and Cooperation in Tourism
- Choice Models and Consumer Decision Making
- Day Trips and their Impacts
- Rural Tourism Development
- City Tourism
- Externalities in Tourism

Abstract submission

Abstracts consisting of no more than 400 words - including three keywords - should be sent as .doc(x) or .pdf files by e-mail to Stefano Scagnolari (stefano.scagnolari@usi.ch) by Monday 30th May 2016.

The Organizing Committee invites researchers of any level or background, including PhD students, to present finished papers or papers still in progress.

Venue

The workshop will take place in Lugano, Switzerland

Important dates:

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 30-06-2016

Abstract acceptance notice: 10-07-2016

Fees

NECTAR membership for the year 2016 is required in order to attend the meeting. Meals and accommodation for two nights will be offered to 15 NECTAR-members, for only one author per paper. We have space for ten further colleagues, but at their own accommodation expenses.

Non-members can find details on how to join the association on the "Membership" page of NECTAR's website: <http://www.nectar-eu.eu/membership/>.



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