



Chair of Fellows' Report of Fellows Activity in 2020

The Fellows have been active collectively as well as contributing individually to CAUTHE, as follows:

Ten Fellows attended the CAUTHE 2020 in Auckland, four Fellows volunteered to be on the inaugural Ask-a-Fellow desk, and five Fellows contributed to the HDR/ECR workshop and mentoring sessions. Four new Fellows – A/Prof Judith Mair, Dr Jennie Small, Prof Haiyan Song and Prof Marianna Sigala – were announced at the conference.

Six Fellows attended the mid-year meeting of CAUTHE.

Following the sad and untimely passing of Professor Philip Pearce, nearly all the Fellows engaged in an email-based discussion regarding how to honour his memory. The result was support for the renaming of the CAUTHE Conference Best Paper Award to the Prof Philip Pearce Award, a decision that has since been ratified by the Executive. The Fellows also contributed to the wording of the Award and the story that appeared in the October 2020 newsletter.

That newsletter also announced the new co-chairs of the CAUTHE Fellows. Finally, there was a call for nominations for the CAUTHE Fellows Award, which closed at the end of December. Nominations were reviewed and a very strong field was ranked by 15 of the 21 Fellows. The winners will be presented with their awards (two commendations and one award-winner) at the 2021 Conference.

A "Fellow Footprints" section of the CAUTHE newsletters commenced in 2019 with three Fellows contributing to three consecutive newsletters. The intention is to continue this initiative in 2021.

Individually, many of the CAUTHE Fellows have been and continue to be active in delivering webinars and presenting on-line keynotes, some of which were reported at the mid-year meeting.

Many CAUTHE Fellows also actively contribute to CAUTHE's Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management, one as editor-in-chief, ten as editorial board members, and several as reviewers and contributing authors.

Collectively, the Fellows have not met since CAUTHE 2020 but will do so sometime in the weeks following CAUTHE 2021.

In his role as Chair, Philip set up a 6-person Electoral College as a two-year trial, to drive the nomination and selection of new Fellows, with no new nominations at this stage. Three of the six members will rotate this year. It has been noted that of the 22 Fellows listed on the website (which includes the late Philip Pearce), there are 13 who have retired from university employment (although several are still actively engaged in consultancy work and/or scholarly work), leaving only 8 Fellows still employed in the university sector. The nomination and election of new Fellows is thus a matter of priority, as is the need to distinguish between retirees who wish to remain actively engaged with CAUTHE from those who do not.

Finally, 15 Fellows have committed to various roles at this year's conference that include the conference chair, the HDR/ECR workshops, mentoring, the Ask-a-Fellow roster, the meet-the-editors session, and chairing the Great Debate.

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