

SIG CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

CAUTHE presently supports five SIGs, all of which were active in 2020. Each SIG is required to report twice per year at the MYM and the AGM, with other reports of requests for funds, as the need arises. Information about current activities, provided from eleven SIG report requests, has been reported to the monthly Executive meetings and in the CAUTHE newsletter. All SIGs welcome new members. The information from these reports is summarised in this report.

1. CRITICAL APPROACHES IN TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY (CATH)

Co-ordinators: Erica Wilson, Jennie Small and Candice Harris

2020 Activities

- The year started well with a good attendance at the SIG meeting of the CAUTHE 2020 conference in Auckland. Richard Robinson introduced his research project (undertaken with Paul Whitelaw and Matt Brenner) investigating the mental health and wellbeing of (mainly young) chefs.
- Anne Hardy and Tamara Young took the initiative to keep the critical conversation going with regular online Iso-CHATS, with presentations from a number of the Critical Approaches group
- Oscar Vorobjovas-Pinta, Tamara Young and Erica Wilson have been involved in the management of the conference papers for the Critical Approaches stream at the CAUTHE 2021 conference. Our many thanks go to them.

2021 planned activities

- Following the move of a number of Leisure Studies associations, the SIG plans to develop position statements, guidelines, or pledges on matters of diversity, racial violence, gender equality, and inclusivity to be presented to the CAUTHE Executive for consideration.

2. EVENT STUDIES

Co-ordinators: Leonie Lockstone-Binney and Martin Robertson

2020 Activities

- At the 2020 CAUTHE SIG meeting held at AUT on 12 February 2020, entitled *Knowledge generation: A discussion on the PhD and Event Studies*, a panel discussion was held with current PhD students Lizette Oliver (University of Newcastle), Nicole Yu (University of Queensland), Effie Steriopoulos (William Angliss Institute) and Alice Marque (University of Coventry) who shared their views on the state of events research and opportunities for the next generation.
- The Events SIG Facebook page now has 37 members and regular postings (thanks to Effie Steriopoulos).

2021 planned activities

- The SIG will hold a meeting at the CAUTHE 2021 conference. Broadly, the session aims to consider, *"How does the COVID-19 pandemic affect Event Studies, and how - as academics or professionals - we may effect positive responses to benefit Event Studies?"*

3. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICT)

Co-ordinators: Marianna Sigala, Ian Yeoman

2020 Activities

- The ICT SIG group met during the CAUTHE 2020 conference at AUT. The SIG discussed various ways to build collaborations and we met and welcomed new members to the

group. The SIG also discussed the opportunity/possibility of organising a SIG workshop during 2020.

- Several activities were postponed due to COVID-19, but the SIG is considering a digital alternative.
- There has been significant progress with the book preparation about technologies and wine tourism.

2021 planned activities

- The ICT SIG has a scheduled meeting after the CAUTHE 2021 Online conference.

4. TEACHING & LEARNING (L&T)

Co-ordinators: Mieke Witsel, Niki Macionis, Tamara Young

2020 Activities

- Dianne Lee, Nisha Abm have stepped down as co-ordinators of the SIG. We thank them for their contribution to CAUTHE and the SIG and wish them well in their future endeavours. Niki Macionis and Tamara Young have joined Mieke as co-chairs.
- L& T SIG members - Karen Smith, Megan Roberts and Mieke Witsel planned a panel/discussion based on work being done in NZ about tourism and hospitality education at secondary and tertiary levels. The industry (through the industry association) has been critical about aspects of T&E delivery, particularly at the secondary school level, and there is a debate about how tourism is positioned as a subject in schools. There are also wider questions about what is the purpose of tourism education?

Mid-Year Standards Assessment Design workshop series

- As part of the 'Setting the Standards' project, SIG members and project leaders Glen Croy, Paul Whitelaw and Mieke Witsel are planning a series of workshops on rubric design within the TH&E standards.
- The target audience is CAUTHE Standards Project's College of Peers. This is a scaffolded series of short interactive workshops that aim to generate
 - Comprehensive rubrics of all TH&E Standards, from First-year N-/Low-Fail to graduate Masters HD
 - Creating assessment-specific rubrics - matching year level and standards for implementation in unit assessment

AAUT citation for "outstanding contributions to student learning"

- SIG member Mieke received an AAUT citation for "outstanding contributions to student learning":

DR MIEKE WITSEL

For empowering first year students to succeed with future studies and careers by building competence and confidence in C21st communication strategies in Business.
<https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/200130-AAUT-booklet.pdf>

Other updates:

- All members and new members received a post-CAUTHE email which included resources to assist in their Scholarship of Teaching and Learning research
- Current membership is 116 members, but not all members are active. They do seem to enjoy getting the occasional update though.

2021 planned activities

- We are still waiting for results of the Field of Research Codes application to the ANZRC committee on creating a new field for "tourism education".

- There are plans for a writing workshop for SIG members. The aim this year is to encourage members to collaborate on articles (e.g. for JoHLSTE), using their CAUTHE presentations as starting points.

5. TOURISM RISK, CRISIS AND RECOVERY

Co-ordinators: David Beirman, Joanna Fountain

2020 Activities

- Members of the SIG have been assessing the impact of major events impacting on tourism on both sides of the Tasman, namely the Australian bushfires and the volcanic eruption on Whakaari/White Island, and the South Island's West (Wet) Coast landslides and washouts due to extreme rainfall. Several SIG members have been contacted by the global media to comment on these events.
- The SIG approached Marianna Sigala with a view to CAUTHE's journal, *The Journal of Hospitality and Tourism* running a special issue focussed on tourism response and resilience to, and recovery from, nature-based disasters.
- David and Joanna have shortlisted 24 Abstracts for the *Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management's* special edition on "Tourism Risk, Crisis and Recovery" from over 60 Abstracts that were submitted.
- The SIG meeting at the CAUTHE 2020 Conference featured a presentation by Prof Bruce Prideaux on his upcoming book and his call for contributors who research in the field of tourism Risk, Crisis and recovery management.
- The SIG sought to develop a media strategy for responding to the media and sharing the joy of those 0400am interviews with US journalists.
- On 6 May 2020 Temple University hosted an excellent webinar attended by over 1,500 tourism academic which featured editors of three of the world's leading Journals, Geoffrey Crouch, Ed. *Journal of Tourism Research*, Sara Dolnicar, Ed. *Annals of Tourism Research* and Cathy Hsu, Ed. *Tourism Management*. All three editors agreed that risk, crisis and recovery would emerge as a prime field of tourism research.
- Prof Brian King moderated a recent global webinar organised by the Hong Kong Tourism Board which featured, the CEOs of the World Travel and Tourism Council, International Air Transport Association and the Global Event Management Association. The topic was tourism after Coronavirus.
- On September 24 David Beirman attended the meeting of the Consular Consultative Group which is the Stakeholder group (mainly tourism related bodies) which advises the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on matters Related to Australian government Travel Advisories and tourism safety and security.

2021 planned activities

- Joanna Fountain (Lincoln University), Joanne Pyke (Victoria University), Brent Ritchie (University of Queensland), and David Beirman (University of Technology Sydney) have been involved in the management of the conference papers for the SIG stream at the CAUTHE 2021 conference. Our many thanks go to them. The SIG is expecting a far greater interest in risk, crisis and recovery issues than normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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