

CAUTHE presently supports five SIGs, all of which have been as active as possible in 2022 (due to the COVID-19 pandemic). A SIG coordinator meeting via Zoom was convened on Tuesday 15 February 2022 for one hour. Topics for discussion were:

1. SIG videos for CAUTHE website
2. SIG Coordinator Action item: Involvement in recommendations (as documented in the *CAUTHE SIG Discussion paper* – Hillman & Smith, 7 June 2021)

The six key outcomes were voted on by the CAUTHE Executive in June 2022. All were passed unanimously by the CAUTHE Executive.

Due to the events surrounding COVID and other considerations, at the current time CAUTHE SIG coordinators are now only required to report back to me four (4) times per year, which I will then, in turn, report back to the CAUTHE Exec. The new reporting times are:

- January (for February AGM)
- April (for Exec)
- July (for MYM)
- October (for Exec)

A summary of activities undertaken by SIGs to date in 2022 is as follows:

### **1. Critical Approaches**

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

The SIG held a 2022 Mid-year Meeting on 28 July 2022, from 2.30-3.30 via Zoom. The theme was: *Critical Scholar Resilience: How to Keep your Critical Voice Alive*. Attendees were invited to share ideas and practices.

### **2. Event Studies**

**Co-ordinators: Effie Steriopoulos, Faith Ong**

Martin Robertson has now officially stepped down from the Events SIG coordinators team. We thank him for all his hard work as a coordinator of the SIG and wish him all the best for the future. Faith Ong now co co-ordinated the SIG with Effie Steriopoulos.

### **3. Information & Communication Technologies**

**Co-ordinators: Marianna Sigala, Ian Yeoman**

In March 2022, Ian Yeoman facilitated a book presentation.

### **4. Teaching and Learning**

**Co-ordinators: Niki Macionis, Sandra Cherro Osorio, Anastasia Yeark, Aaron Tham**

The T&L SIG met on Thursday 28 July 2022 to strategise their way forward with three new co-chairs and three new portfolios. Theme: *Teaching and Learning Strategising*. The SIG met online on 11 February 2022 (after the CAUTHE conference). Members and attendees were invited to discuss their completed or planned research work and share opportunities for collaboration which were later themed into the following categories:

- At risk students
- WIL and employability
- Study tours
- CoP and online learning

### **Future Activities**

This vast array of research topics led to a discussion of future activities for the SIG in 2022 and 2023 and identified 3 themed areas:

### **Theme 1: Talking about Teaching**

### **Theme 2: Cross-institutional 'Practical Pointers'**

### **Theme 3: SoTL support and collaborative mentoring**

During the year, co-coordinators Mieke Witsel and Tamara Young announced they are standing down from their co-coordinator positions. Niki Macionis will remain as a co-chair to provide continuity while welcoming new co-chairs who will lead specific portfolios:

1. Sandra Cherro Osorio (Melb Poly) - Talking about Teaching
2. Anastasia Yeark (Kaplan Business School) - Cross-institutional 'Practical Pointers'
3. Aaron Tham (USC) - SoTL support and collaborative mentoring

The SIG warmly welcomed these new co-coordinators and leaders of these portfolios. Immense gratitude and thanks go to both Mieke and Tamara for their commitment to the T&L SIG. Special acknowledgment to Mieke who has led this SIG for several years, and her passion and dedication for T&L has been greatly appreciated.

### **5. Tourism Risk Crises and Recovery**

#### **Co-ordinators: Joanna Fountain, Joanne Pyke, Kerrie King**

A mid-Year SIG meeting will be held via Zoom, on Monday, 1 August (3-5pm NZ time). There are three agenda items:

1. Update on SIG research and collaborative opportunities
2. Time for a name change?
3. Discuss upcoming CAUTHE conference and any other business

David Beirman attended the DFAT Consular Consulting Group meeting on Friday 17 June 2022, on behalf of CAUTHE. The key outcomes from a CAUTHE perspective were:

1. Demand for Australia passports are at record levels and the Australian Passports Office advise that Australian citizens should allow 6 weeks for processing of passport applications unless you want to pay an excess of \$205 for a rush job.
2. Air fares are on the rise according to both Qantas and Virgin due to increased fuel prices and the costs of re-hiring staff which has been a major cause of operational problems during peak periods of demand. This also applies in New Zealand.
3. The Insurance Council of Australia has indicated that coverage for COVID-19 related claims is exceedingly limited; and travellers need to carefully check what each insurer offers. This also applies in New Zealand.

There was a small but enthusiastic attendance at the Risk, Crisis and Recovery SIG group online meeting following the CAUTHE conference on 14 February 2022. The meeting began with presentations by the authors of two recently released books. The first book, by our own David Beirman (2022), entitled *Tourism Crises & Destination Recovery* is a thematic textbook, while *Tourism Health, Safety and Wellbeing in the New Normal* (2021), edited by Jeff Wilks, Donna Pendergast, Peter Leggat, Damian Morgan includes contributions from more than 20 authors.

The remainder of the meeting was focused on the future for this SIG, including the nomination of new co-coordinators. After 11 years of co-coordinating this SIG, initially with Brent Ritchie, and more recently with Jo Fountain, David Beirman has resigned from this role, while remaining active in the SIG. In light of this resignation, a call was made for another co-coordinator to join Jo. In fact, there are two additional co-coordinators, Joanne Pyke and Kerrie King. We warmly welcome them aboard.

The special issue of JHTM, *Crisis and disaster in tourism systems: risk, recovery and resilience*, an initiative of the Risk, Crisis and Recovery SIG is in the process of being published. The guest editorial, written by Joanna Fountain and Katharina Wolff, is now available here: [Guest editorial: Progressing understanding of risk, recovery and resilience in the global tourism industry - ScienceDirect](#)

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