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One more step in the scientific structure of the network:

RETI special sections will be inserted into *Island Studies Journal*

The RETI network has just reached a new quality threshold in its scientific structure thanks to the collaboration it has decided to build with the *Island Studies Journal (ISJ)*. This new milestone has been possible thanks to the kind collaboration of Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino, active and devoted partner of our network, moreover founding father of the *ISJ*.

Island Studies Journal (ISJ) is a web-based, freely downloadable, open access, peer reviewed, electronic journal that publishes papers regarding the study of islands. Its creation dates back from 2006 and counts with a biannual on-line publication in May and November.

Supported by a powerful 50-member international editorial board, it has established itself as a premier voice of, and venue for island studies scholarship. It publishes quality papers and book reviews that deal with theoretical, methodological and practical issues that share a common concern with the impact of 'islandness'.

Since ISJ and the RETI share the same purpose of establishing a space of critical thought and analysis on the study of Islands, the Journal will consider special thematic sections dedicated to scholarly papers presented at each RETI Symposium. These papers will, of course, be subject to the usual process of peer review.

The Journal's institutional home is the Institute of Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, Canada: www.upei.ca/iis, same University that will host the next RETI events on July 4-9, 2014.



ISJ is now listed and abstracted by Web of Science, the world's most trusted citation index covering the leading scholarly literature; it is also the official journal of the International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA).

The Journal's website is at:

www.islandstudies.ca/journal

ISJ Executive Editor is Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino at the University of Malta.

Teachers, researchers, PhD ans students of the 26 RETI member universities are strongly invited to participate to the network symposium and to send their publication to the ISJ.

Focus on Island Studies Journal objectives

- advancing and analyzing the study of issues affecting or involving islands;
- reviewing, surveying, or providing a fresh perspective on existing and upcoming 'island studies' literature;
- promoting and supporting the comparative study of islands, or of issues, policies and developments thereof;
- seeing islands as part of complex systems of regional or global interaction and therefore also focusing on 'island-mainland' relations and comparisons;
- disseminating island-based and island-tested *best practices* that may be proposed, adopted or adapted by island communities, entrepreneurs, governments or civil society associations;
- encouraging the development of *island studies*, this being the inter-disciplinary and pluri-disciplinary study of islands on their own terms;
- reviewing books, monographs and other educational initiatives with the purpose of contributing to island knowledge;
- developing an audience for island studies scholarship and a reputable platform for the growing of an scholarly community interested in island studies: including teachers, researchers, community representatives, students and public policy officials.