

The work of Orkney and the renewed organization of the network



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1/ Symposium and the Summer School in Orkney, 26-27 June and 29 June-1st July

The University of Highlands and Islands hosted the 6th RETI Symposium and a Summer School, from 26 to 27 June and 29 June to 1st July in Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, in Scotland. The general theme was: "Studying and working with/on/about/for islands: multi-disciplinary perspectives on island studies with particular reference to the impact of cultural heritage on economic development in island destinations".

Researchers, PHD students and students among whom students from the network member universities participated and actively exchanged during various meetings about island development, tourism, literature, heritage or identity. A specific session was dedicated to northern islands.

2/ 6th Governing Committee: a renewed organization form for the network

The meeting of the RETI Governing Committee took place during the Orkney events. It was chaired by Professor Jose Regidor Garcia. It was decided that, in order to optimize the performance of the network, a Scientific Board would replace the former CSA (Scientific and Academic Council). It will be in charge of the executive part of the strategic directions taken by the Governing Committee, and will be in contact with the Permanent Executive Direction located at the University of Corsica. The Scientific Board's immediate task is to submit a new Operational Plan of RETI for the next Governance Committee.

1st Scientific Board: March 2016.

3/ Next meeting of the Governing Committee, Lesvos, March 2016.

The Governing Committee, following a proposal made by Ioannis Spilanis, Aegean University, has decided to combine this next meeting with the International Small Island Studies Association (ISISA) Conference. This meeting, organized in association with RETI network, will take place in Mytilini, Lesvos, Greece, from 23 to 26 May 2016.

The conference theme is "Niss(i)ology and Utopia: back to the roots of Island Studies".

For more information:

<http://isisa2016.aegean.gr>

The election of the next RETI President will take place at this event.



The 6th Governance Committee in Orkney

4/ Symposium and Autumn/Fall School of RETI, La Valletta, Malta, 18-23 November 2016.

The University of Malta will be hosting the annual RETI Symposium and Summer School from 18 to 23 November 2016. The theme that was chosen is "Island Tourism".

The website for this event is already active:

<http://www.um.edu.mt/events/islandtourism2016>

Key deadlines for Lesvos ISISA/RETI Conference:

Event	Date
Abstract submission:	12 October 2015
Notification of acceptance:	31 October 2015
Early Registration:	30 January 2016
Paper submission:	30 March 2016
Islands of the World XIV Conference	23 - 27 May 2016

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