

journal review

Journal of LEISURE STUDIES jubilee

The last (fourth) issue of Journal of LEISURE STUDIES in 2011 marked thirty years of continuous publishing of this renowned scientific publication. It is published by LEISURE STUDIES ASSOCIATION (LSA) in Great Britain. Its content refers to a wider research area that encompasses leisure time and recreation issues in all their aspects, which undoubtedly include tourism as an active recreation form.

Editors-in-chief and deputy editors, the publishing committee and associated counselling body are mostly from the universities in England and Wales but with a relatively large number of members from the European and overseas countries.

Articles in sociology, psychology, human geography, planning, economics and other can evidence the interdisciplinary approach of editors. The emphasis is put on social studies and case studies in the first place especially the behaviour of participants included in sporting, cultural, art and tourist activities either in urban or rural environments. In addition to formally shaped articles, the regularly published reviews of books and publications have the same profile in the terms of content and so have other shorter texts. Besides the journal, LSA also participates in occasional international conferences and publishes papers of the same topic. At the same time, the current topic of sustainability, conservation and multiple considerations about the environment i.e. spatial aspects as the basic preconditions for recreation cannot be avoided.

Also, the profound sociological changes in the society are pointed out, especially in the second half of the last century that reflected in the domain of recreation in the open, which necessarily requires giving directions through a public policy on all levels. However, this policy requires appropriate resource management and a constant adjustment

to new user requirements and to the offer that accompanies them, which again depends on investments into that offer or its contents.

After comprehending this complex matter, an initiative to establish LSA was launched as early as in 1975 and since then it has been acting successfully in trying to achieve the conformity in actions of academic community and political and governing bodies on the field.

To that aim, for thirty years the Association has used Journal of LEISURE STUDIES that is published four times per year. In addition to aforementioned areas of interest, there are also articles about environmental and sports studies, architecture, entertainment media, local and national policy in reference to recreation, its management etc.

On some fifty 25 x 18 sized pages, each little tome comprises of 6 to 8 quality reviewed supplements, mostly having two or more authors for each article. The last (special) issue from 2011 is dedicated to correlations between leisure time or recreation and environmental policy, which can be seen in the introductory article by guest authors L. Mansfield and B. Wheaton.

By giving an overview of relevant literature and summarising certain supplements in the issue, they are pointing out the importance of scientific and professional dialogue between experts in the field of recreation, sports and tourism and those in the field of environmental protection, geography and sociology. The aim is to successfully overcome natural resources' user conflicts. Here we must also add considerations about climate change impact on the resources and behaviour of their users.

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