

# journal review

## Annals of Tourism Research Notable Jubilee



An important journal review has been added to a group of a dozen prominent foreign scientific journals reviews that have been published in the *TOURISM*, probably the most important of them all. It is the famous *Annals of Tourism Research*, which certainly belongs to the very top of the world tourism journals.

The occasion of this review is the journal's fortieth anniversary of continuous publication and its global gradual affirmation. From the beginning the journal was focused on scientific research, collaboration with eminent contributors and quality articles, especially from the social disciplines. The journal was founded by Jafar Jafari, also a longtime editor-in-chief, from the University of Wisconsin (USA). The current editor-in-chief is John Tribe, University of Surrey (UK). *ANNALS OF TOURISM RESEARCH* is published by the respectable company Pergamon Press.

*ANNALS* is published four times a year. It specifies itself as the journal of Social Sciences, and has released as many as 28 special issues devoted to the relationship between tourism and anthropology, psychology, history, religion, sociology, etc., but also the economics of tourism and hospitality, management and environmental science as well. Special editors are appointed for all these and other disciplines.

In the article, published on the occasion of the Jubilee signed by responsible editor-founder and

current editor-in-chief with two associates, special emphasis is given to some aspects of tourism studies in certain periods ranging from the seventies (and sixties) of the last century to the present. For many years the journal mainly published articles related to the economic importance of tourism and its impact on the solvency balance, employment, etc. Only later, when the negative impacts of tourism (in the natural and social environment) stepped up, as well as when its socio-cultural dimensions were perceived, the journal has recognized the moment and significantly contributed to the wider views on the phenomenon of tourism. The change was particularly felt in the eighties and the nineties, when increasing attention has been given to the environmental aspects of tourism and its sustainability, and that approach is still important today. The last topic in particular attracts many authors who adapt it to local conditions, i.e. areas they write about. It is an inexhaustible source of information and ideas that are often cited in numerous papers.

All these phases and trends in tourism development have found their reflection in the 164 *ANNALS* issues (including the above-mentioned special issues) in 3,736 papers, of which 1,374 are original papers. However, forty percent of these papers deal with general aspects of tourism. Number of authors reached nearly three thousand, i.e. to be precise, 2,961! Journal's geographic index covers 140 countries and territories, which also testifies to the width of topics on a global scale, while North America is gradually losing its importance in favor of other regions. With the evolution of the journal grew the number of readership throughout the world, not only from the academic communities, which still dominate in the number of subscribers. The journal undoubtedly played a considerable role in the production and dissemination of knowledge on tourism following the current trends and publishing new researches that will ensure, we believe, its acquired image in the coming years. That's because it still retains strict criteria regarding the quality, standard methodology and formal aspects of the papers, which is verified by careful critical reviews. Beside scientific papers, the journal features several reviews of tourism research literature, with accompanying bibliographic references.

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