This year’s ISISA Conference did not start on an island, but in the beautiful Frisian city of Leeuwarden, the home of its host institution, the Waddenacadamie. Participants arrived, reunions were heartfelt, and conversations animated as we gathered in an old prison for the welcome reception.

On Monday morning, when dignitaries had gathered, and the Mayors of Malta and Leeuwarden had spoken, ISISA’s President Professor Godfrey Baldacchino launched the 2018 Conference in his usual inimitable style. And so the 16th ISISA Conference took flight; the audience settled eagerly anticipating the opening keynote address.

Ask Beate Ratter how to present a keynote address

And what an illuminating opening keynote address Professor Dr Beate Ratter offered. Beate is a distinguished scholar from the University of Hamburg where she is Professor of Geography. She is also head of the Department of Human Dimensions at the Institute of Coastal Research, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthach, and the current Vice-President of ISISA.
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The islands of our dreams
Begin to feel the tide
Which turns now with the wind
Defeating all we tried.

The islands of our world
Can never re-appear
Enraptured with the spells
Which we must only fear.

The islands of our hopes
Have drifted and are weak
They’re shadowed by the glimpse
Of more than they should seek.

The islands guard our corpse
We note all that is new
We're weary and we're lost
There's nothing left to do.

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