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ISISA’s 17th ‘Islands of the World’ conference will take place over June 22-26, 2020, at the Signal Hill Campus of Memorial University, overlooking the historic city of St John’s, Newfoundland, Canada. (Airport Code: YYT: https://stjohnsairport.com/)

This is the site where Guglielmo Marconi received the world’s first transatlantic wireless signal in 1901.

The upcoming 17th IoW Conference is inspired by this historic episode of island connectivity and the sharing of information across distance, cultures, languages and experiences.

The Call for Papers is now OPEN and will close on Friday, November 1, 2019. To submit an abstract please register at: https://publicengagementmemorial.fluidreview.com/

Conference details are posted at: https://www.mun.ca/wearehere/isisa.php

See you in St John’s, for another exciting ISISA experience.

Godfrey Baldacchino
President, ISISA

EDITORIAL

The ISISA Conference experience returns in 2020 with the 17th Islands of the World ISISA conference in St. John’s Newfoundland, Canada, over June 22-26.

This issue of the ISISA Newsletter brings you, once again, island news and views from around the world.

Anyone who has something to say, or share about Islands, Island Studies or Book Reviews about Islands, is welcome to send them over to me, to be considered for the next issue.

Kindly send over material for the January 2020 Newsletter by not later than December 15, 2019.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions.

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Mauritius Conference

The International Conference on Energy, Environment and Climate Change (ICEECC 2019) was held in Balaclava, NW Mauritius, from 2-4 July 2019. Some 50 delegates from 18 countries presented peer reviewed papers, leading to a variety of talks on energy, sustainability, waste, development, and climate, with a focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Without parallel sessions, we could hear everyone’s material and get to know each other; especially over sumptuous meals featuring local and international cuisine. Talks covered waste-to-energy schemes, politics of electricity, and removing pollutants from waste streams. Methods included empirical studies, modelling, software coding, and policy and governance analysis.

The sessions were ably organised and facilitated by Dr Dinesh Surroop, Senior Lecturer at the University of Mauritius, who conceived and ran the conference. He also kindly arranged tours of an energy plant and the island’s only landfill for the day after the conference, helping us to see in practice what many had talked about with slides on the screen.

With a rich and fascinating history, culture, and landscape, Mauritius has so much to offer island studies and the world. It was a privilege to combine an exciting and useful conference with the chance to learn a little about this island country.


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