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Dear Colleagues,

The Local Organizing Committee is pleased to send you the first announcement of the 18th Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems (CSRS).

You are invited to participate actively by presenting papers and by participating in the field excursions planned for the colloquium.

The 18th Annual Colloquium will be held at Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and in northern Israel (Upper and Lower Galilee) from

Tuesday, July 6, 2010 to Monday, July 12, 2010, arriving back in time to register for the IGU Regional Conference in Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Looking forward to your participation,

Local Organizing Committee

18th Annual Colloquium

IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems

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CSRS PROGRAM.

1. Tuesday, July 6, 2010: arrivals to hotel in Tel Aviv-Jaffa
2. Wednesday: Sessions at Bar Ilan University. At night, after 18:30 we shall have a reception followed by a short walk in Jaffa.
3. Thursday: Sessions at Bar Ilan University. At night, after dinner, we shall have a short walk in Tel Aviv Port or in Rothschild Ave. The walks on Wednesday and Thursday will be guided by colleagues, who are members of ICOMOS ISRAEL (International Commission on Monuments and Sites).
4. Fieldtrip: Friday, July 9 – Monday morning July 12, 2010



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The 18th Annual Conference in Israel will be hosted by Bar Ilan University, Department of Geography and Environment.

The Colloquium will start in Tel Aviv-Jaffa with paper sessions and will continue with field excursions to Jerusalem and to Kinnereth Lake (Lake of Galilee), Upper and Lower Galilee visiting rural areas and sites of cultural heritage where tourist activities are prominent.

The 2010 colloquium is organized around themes which explore and develop the long-term research tasks of the commission (environmental, social, economic and cultural) by focusing on new forms of rural settlements, adjustment to contemporary ruralities, sustainable use of territory, mobility in rural areas, rural heritage – history and culture. Presentations should address the concept of sustainability in rural areas and its analytical and methodological implications.

Environmental impact

- Natural resource management in rural areas
- Destruction and protection of rural areas
- Climatic change impact in rural areas
- Environmental policies, economic valuation of ecosystems and rural land use

Social and management

- Geographic mobility and its impact on rural community structure
- Agricultural policies and rural policies in sustainable development
- The role of social capital and governance in rural development

Economic

- Multi-functionality and dynamism of rural areas
- The impact of tourism in rural areas
- Global economic and policy impacts on rural areas
- Local development in the rural space

Cultural

- New cultural concepts to rethink ruralism
- Rural heritage – the spirit of community (or rural community and the spirit of place)
- Threats to traditional rural settlements
- History and tradition – continuity and transformation

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Participants are welcome to submit abstracts in the areas listed above, but are not limited to these topics. Abstracts will be sent for review and authors will be informed in due time whether their abstract/s have been accepted. Inclusion of abstracts in the scientific program and in the Abstracts Book is dependent on payment of registration fees.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: FEBRUARY 1, 2010

Abstracts should be submitted via email to: amitirit@zahav.net.il; and geography@targetconf.com The abstract should be saved as a Word document and sent as an attachment, please do not send it as a PDF file. If using Word 2007, please save the file as a document that can be opened in Word 2003.

Please note the following instructions for the preparation of abstracts:

- Abstracts can be submitted either in English or French
- Abstracts should contain no more than 300 words
- Recommended font: Times New Roman, size 12pts. Do NOT use a smaller font size
- Single spacing
- Title should be typed in UPPER CASE letters in bold and left aligned.
- Presenting author's name should be underlined and bolded
- Presenting author will be considered the contact person for all correspondence connected with this abstract unless alternate instructions are provided
- Author/s names and institution/s should be in upper and lower case
- If submitting more than one abstract, each abstract must be sent as a separate email or separate on-line submission. Please indicate that these are different abstracts
- No endnotes or frames are acceptable
- Please note: Faxed abstracts will not be accepted



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2010 CSRS GENERAL PROGRAMME

Day/Date	Itinerary	Overnight
Tuesday, July 6	All day: Arrivals at hotel in Tel Aviv	Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv
Wednesday, July 7	Paper sessions, Bar-Ilan University Late afternoon – get-together reception to be followed by walk in Jaffa	Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv
Thursday, July 8	Paper sessions, Bar-Ilan University Dinner in Tel Aviv, followed by a walking tour in Tel Aviv	Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv
Friday, July 9	Excursion of Jerusalem - Stop at Beit Guvrin en route. Tour of Jerusalem to include a view from Mt of Olives, some of the Stations and the Church of Holy Sepulcher. Proceed via the Jordan Valley to the North for overnight stay	Nof Ginosar Country Lodging or similar
Saturday, July 10	Excursion in the North to include Moshavat Kinneret, Kibbutz Degania, Ein Gev (St Peters' fish lunch), Ramat Ha'Golan, Capernaum and Tabgha.	Nof Ginosar Country Lodging or similar
Sunday, July 11	Excursion continues with drive to Akko, with the amazing Knights' Halls. Continue to another settlement in the North before moving on to Peqi'in for lunch. On to Rosh Pinna before returning to Nof Ginosar for dinner and overnight.	Nof Ginosar Country Lodging or similar
Monday, July 12	Excursion continues with stop in the Arab Village, Um El Faham, to learn more about the way of life. On to a winery for a light lunch before proceeding to Tel Aviv in time for check-in to official Conference Hotel and register for the IGU Conference	

PAYMENT DETAILS FOR THE CSRS 2010 COLLOQUIUM

Rate:

US\$1650 for a couple sharing a room, and US\$1,090 for one person in a single room

Rate includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis at the Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv
- 3 nights' accommodation including dinners at the Nof Ginosar Country Lodging
- 6 days of bus transportation (two on days of sessions in Tel Aviv and four excursion days)
- Get-together reception (in lieu of dinner) at the Metropolitan Hotel or similar
- Dinner at Maganda in Tel Aviv
- 2 lunches during session days to be sponsored by Bar Ilan
- 4 light lunches en route
- Tourist guide to be with the group throughout the excursion

Rate does not include:

- Dinner on July 6
- Entrance fees to sites (to be sponsored)
- Beverages (to be sponsored), tips to guide and driver

HOW TO BOOK:

In order to reserve your place for the **18th Annual Colloquium of the IGU-Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems**, please complete the attached form, and return together with a deposit of **US\$ 200** per room. Please return form to Target Conferences either by email: geography@targetconf.com or by fax to: +972 3 5175155. Balance of payment should be made no later than **June 14, 2010**.

We encourage you to reserve your accommodation for the **IGU Regional Conference 2010** as early as possible as space is at a premium.

In order to register and reserve accommodation for the **IGU Regional Conference 2010**, please visit the conference website:

www.igu2010.com

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Cancellation of Tour

Full refund up to 21 days prior to arrival, thereafter no refund.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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Title: Prof Dr Mr Ms

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Presentation Title		
Abstract attached	Yes	No
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