

**4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International  
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Research and Education (ICNT)  
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**The Human Side of Tourism**



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**ICNT AGM**



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**Here just a brief summary of our AGM, as well as I remember. Please feel free to send me any additions and/or changes you might recall.**

**29.11.2010, 15:30, Four Seasons (AUT)**

**Micha opened the AGM and called for any agenda items, in addition to those sent in an earlier e-mail, and read out by micha. The following items have been put on the agenda (in no particular order):**

- 1. Thompson River University wants to join ICNT – John Hull is present**
- 2. Inactive universities – what to do?**
- 3. Update on book(s) out of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ICNT conferences in Mexico and South Africa, respectively**
- 4. Book out of the 4<sup>th</sup> ICNT conference in New Zealand**
- 5. How often should we meet?**
- 6. Collaborative research**
- 7. 2012 ICNT conference and beyond**
- 8. Closing**

### **1. Thompson River University wants to join ICNT – John Hull is present**

John Hull has been interested in ICNT for a couple of years now, and with him moving from AUT to Thompson River University in Canada, we thought it would be a good match, because a) the university is similar to most ICNT universities, i.e. a young and dynamic university; b) we don't have an ICNT partner north of Mexico, i.e. in the US or Canada; and c) John is well known to the AUT people, and highly recommended. John gave a brief introduction to TRU, and why he/they would like to join ICNT. In John's absence, micha noted that he got positive responses from Bernd, Ellen, Kaija, Kare and Ingunn prior to the conference, and present members voted unanimously in favour. Thus, John was called back to the room, and (TRU) welcomed as new ICNT member. CONGRATUATIONS, John and TRU!

### **2. Inactive universities – what to do?**

As a follow-up from our AGM in Potch, it was once again raised that we have a number of inactive ICNT members. To our recollection, we said that after three years of non-attendance (starting with Potch), we would these members to leave ICNT. Thus, the first round would be potentially at next year's ICNT conference. We were also concerned that some universities would like to be more active, but would not get the funding to attend the annual conferences. It was suggested that in those cases, we would accept another kind of contribution to the network, such as a book chapter for the conference books, or the leadership in a joint research project.

### **3. Update on book(s) out of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ICNT conferences in Mexico and South Africa, respectively**

Micha asked Alex and Peet for an update on the books stemming from the previous two conferences. Alex mentioned that he had sent everything to Christian Eilzer. Peet mentioned that there might not be enough contributions for the Potch-book, and thus we revisited the idea of combing the two, which found consensus. Micha was asked to get in touch with Christian/Bernd to see where things are.

### **4. Book out of the 4<sup>th</sup> ICNT conference in New Zealand**

At the 4<sup>th</sup> ICNT conference, we had a few PG students from AUT attending, and micha is reasonably confident that we will be able to produce a good book from this conference, i.e. we hope that it won't be necessary to combine 2010 with another conference. Micha will send out invitations to all ICNT members shortly.

### **5. How often should we meet?**

Prior to the conference, micha had discussed with Bernd whether or not it would be a viable idea to run the conferences bi-annually, rather than annually. The reason for this thought was the difficulty to obtain funding for two conferences as year for many colleagues, and if one would like to go to another conference, ICNT would not be possible. Bernd was not in favour of this, and micha conveyed this message to the AGM. The ICNT members agreed, and we decided to leave it at a yearly rhythm.

### **6. Collaborative research**

After the initiative about the students survey, Peet suggested that we should look at another collaborative project, lead by another ICNT member. Marit offered to think about a topic area (once she is back and has the opportunity to talk with her colleagues), and will get back to us in due time. Overall, all members were in favour of such a new project.

### **7. 2012 ICNT conference and beyond**

Marit reinforced Norway's invitation to host the 2011 conference, which was gratefully acknowledged, and enthusiastically received. It will be the first "winter-conference". The proposed dates for ICNT 2011 are 30.11.-2.12.2001 (see attached flyer). Jarmo signalled willingness to host the following conference in Porvoo, but since Finland is geographically very close to Norway, we felt that we should try for another location 2012, and then move to Porvoo in 2013. John tentatively offered to host ICNT 2012 in Kamloops, which was also well received by the AGM. Thus, the current plan is Buskerud (2011), Kamloops (2012), Provoo (2013).

### **8. Closing**

Micha thanked all delegates for attending ICNT 2010, most of which travelled very long distances for a very short time. The "crazy schedule" award clearly goes to Marit, who was in the air almost as much as she was in New Zealand! Micha also thanked all people who helped making this conference a success, from our "German

student helpers”, to colleagues who helped with little things behind the scenes, to our culinary and front of house team for the lunches and teas, to Keri-Anne and the colleagues at our Marae for the powhiri, to Mark Orams for his keynote, Nigel Hemington (Dean, Faculty of Applied Humanities) and Linda O’Neill (Head of School, Hospitality & Tourism) for their opening words, Mike Tamaki for discounted tickets to Tamaki Village, and the fabulous team at Auckland Adventure Jets, who gave us a free soaking!

Finally, micha closed the 2010 conference and AGM by passing on the ICNT Chair to Marit and the Buskerud team!

As per agreement last year, Marit/Norway as hosts of the 2011 conference will be the 2011 Chair(s), micha as “past host” and John as “2012 host” will be on the “board” for 2011.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda O'Neill', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.