

Call for Papers

Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage

6th Expert Conference,

20-23 June 2013, Veszprém, Hungary

“Promoting and Experiencing Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage”

The Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage International Research Group and International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP) have been invited by **University of Pannonia, Veszprém, Hungary** to organise the above conference. The aim of the conference is to provide both empirical and personal insights into the changing nature of religion in society and to further the debate for both policy-makers and academics to consider these evolving challenges within the future development of faith tourism and pilgrimage.

Deadlines:

Because attendance is generously supported by the local sponsors and University of Pannonia, the main emphasis for acceptance is being based on adherence to the main theme:

“Promoting and Experiencing Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage”

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted electronically to the management committee by 31st of January 2014. If you are interested in being invited to attend, or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the management committee:

- Professor Alan Clarke Clarke@turizimus.uni/pannon.hu
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Publication: Accepted papers will be published in the International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage (IJRTP).

Important Dates:

31.01.14	Abstract Submission Deadline
28.02.14	Notification of Acceptance to Authors
30.04.14	Submit full paper

Scientific Committee

- Alan Clarke, University of Pannonia, Hungary
- Jonathan Edwards, Bournemouth University, UK
- Carlos Fernandes, Escola Superior de Tecnologia e Gestão de Viana do Castelo, Portugal
- Kevin Griffin, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland
- Maureen Griffiths, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Katalin Lőrincz, University of Pannonia, Hungary
- Frances McGettigan, Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Nigel Morpeth, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
- Ágnes Raffay, University of Pannonia, Hungary
- Razaq Raj, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
- Anna Trono, University of Salento, UK
- Roger Vaughan, Bournemouth University, UK
- Peter Wiltshier, University of Derby, UK
- Vincent Zammit, Institute of Tourism Studies , Malta

Cost: There is no fee for those who are selected to present papers. Costs will be kept to an absolute minimum circa €195 to cover accommodation (3 nights) and food.

Background to Veszprém / location of Conference:

Veszprém is a historic city, close to Lake Balaton, in Hungary and home to the University of Pannonia's Tourism Department (<http://www.veszpreminfo.hu/en/english/english/veszprem>)

According to our ancestors, Veszprém was built on seven hills and archaeological finds prove that this area was inhabited thousands of years ago. The legend passed on through generations that the city was a favourite for the Hungarian Ruler Géza and his son, who became the country's first King István (Stephen) I. as well as his wife Gizella. The city had its heydays around the year 1000, during the reign of the first royal couple. They had established the bishopric, supported the building of St Michael's Cathedral and the Veszprém Valley Nunnery, where the robe used for crowning ceremonies is said to have been woven. Gizella donated the embroidered robe to the church of the city which had made it the "city of queens" in the interpretation of future ages. The right of the Veszprém bishops to crown the queens from 1216 onwards was also confirmed by a law. The cult of the beatified queen is still kept alive and strengthened by her relics kept in the Cathedral and the Gizella Days Festival recalling the historic era.

Accommodation will be provided in the Magister, the University's own halls of residence. (<http://www.hotelmagister.hu/>) The modern building of Hotel Magister lies in the greenbelt of Veszprém near the city centre. Well-equipped apartments with double room or 2 double rooms with shower and kitchenette (containing microwave oven, refrigerator and sink) are waiting for the guests.

The “hotel” -with its accommodation facility for 800 people in a high standard environment and the air conditioned well-equipped conference room for 240 people- is an ideal place for every kind of meetings such as conferences, banquettes and other events.

Single rooms will be available and a light buffet breakfast will be available in the Magister (circa 3 Euros per breakfast).

The conference will provide a welcome reception on the 19th; lunch and a conference dinner on the 20th; and lunch on the 21st.

Study excursions will be arranged for delegates who wish to remain on the 21st – destinations could include The ArchAbbey at Pannonhalma – the world heritage listed centre of the Benedictines or Lake Balaton and Tihany, another Abbey on the Lake.

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