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Editorial

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Dear members, dear colleagues,

This issue of our newsletter delves into some of our most recent activities, from the successful celebration of World Leisure Day to our active participation in the Glasgow Declaration roundtables for sustainable tourism. Another important highlight of this issue is the piece “The Unbearable Lightness of Benign Neglect”, provided by our member Rasul A. Mowatt, Department Head and Professor at North Carolina State University, for the Policy section of this issue of *WL News*.

We also announce the upcoming publication of the first book within the *WLO Book Series* with Routledge, present some of the most recent articles published in the *World Leisure Journal*, and share the updated reference framework for accessibility and inclusion in leisure by the coordinator of the World Leisure Quebec Chapter, Quebec Council of Leisure.

Finally, we look ahead to the exciting prospects of new publications within the just launched WLO Book Series (your proposals are welcome!) and the continued expansion of our network through activities such as the LERO 2024 in South Africa or our landmark event WL Congress 2025 in The Netherlands.

This and much more just by scrolling down, enjoy your reading!

Yours truly,

Dr. Cristina Ortega Nuere
WLO Chief Operating Officer



WLO News



World Leisure Day 2024 celebrations conclude with great success

The World Leisure Day 2024, celebrated on April 16 under the theme “Embracing Digital Horizons in Leisure,” has successfully concluded. Organized by the World Leisure Organization in collaboration with the University of São Paulo and SESC, this year’s event featured a diverse array of activities celebrated during the months of April and May, including online discussions, family events, academic presentations, and recreational activities across various countries. The flagship event, an online discussion hosted by the World Leisure Center of Excellence at the University of São Paulo (WLCE USP) and organized in partnership with Leisure Management Special Interest Group, explored the synergy between

digital innovations and leisure and counted with the participation of WLO Chair Prof. Joanne Schroeder, WLO COO Dr. Cristina Ortega, WLO Board member and Director of WLCE USP Prof. Dr. Ricardo R. Uvinha, WLO Board members Maria Luiza de Souza Dias, Dr. Antonio Bramante and Dr. Alixon Reyes, SESC National representative Luis Antonio Silva, SESC Sao Paulo representative Áurea Leszczynski Vieira and WLO Leisure Management SIG Chair Dr. John Tower. This edition’s organizers are delighted with the global participation and the innovative ways people embraced digital leisure and hope to see even more people from all over the world engaged next year. Those who organized and reported their activities through the official website will be contacted soon to complete a short form about their events. You can also access to the form [here](https://www.worldleisureday.org). For more information please visit www.worldleisureday.org or contact us at worldleisureday@worldleisure.org / secretariat@worldleisure.org



WLO Participates in Glasgow Declaration Global Roundtables for Sustainable Tourism

The World Leisure Organization (WLO), as signatory party of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism, participated in the Glasgow Declaration Global Roundtables for Tourism Climate Action on May 14-15, 2024. Organized by the One Planet Network, these roundtables gathered key stakeholders to discuss and promote best practices in low-carbon and climate-resilient tourism. The event aimed to inspire and educate participants, fostering collaboration and alignment with global sustainability goals and counted with the participation of high-level speakers like Mrs. Rizki Handayani Mustafa, Deputy Minister of Industry and Investment, from the Republic of Indonesia, or Ms. Virginia Fernandez-Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience Department, UN Tourism, among others. The previous session of this these roundtables took place last January 2024 during the International Tourism Fair (FITUR) in Madrid.

Recordings of the sessions are available [here](#).

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LEISURE EXPERIENCE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY (LERO)

2024



Sept. 9-13

ONLINE PHASE

ONSITE PHASE

Sept. 25 - Oct. 1

LERO 2024

SUSTAINABLE RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR ACTIVE COMMUNITIES OF THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN

Cape Town, South Africa

The research aim is to explore the personal experiences and reflections of LERO participants on sustainable recreation programs in active communities, within a cultural context to understand the phenomena from an insider's perspective.

This auto-ethnographic research can provide valuable insights into the lived experiences, complexities, and nuances of promoting sustainability and well-being through recreational activities, contributing to a deeper understanding of this important societal issue.

450USD.

SEPT.25-OCT.3 | 2024

Arrival on September 24

LERO program will end on Oct. 1 but students will be invited to the WLYA Student Conference on Oct. 2 and to present their findings at the Leisure & Tourism Conference on Oct. 3.

What's included:

- Accommodation (9 days)
- Food (Sept. 25-Oct.3)
- Internal transportation
- Additional Conference costs

*Weekend excursions at students' own costs.

*Visas, flights/airfares excluded.

*Health insurance must be managed by the student independently.

What do I get from the LERO?

A experience of auto-ethnographic research with a group of international senior researchers

Exchange with fellow leisure students from around the world

Opportunity to present the findings at the Leisure & Tourism Conference

Publication opportunity of an article at WL Journal

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Limited spaces until sold out!

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Industry



Use of cinematography techniques significantly increases engagement with VR

By Liz Terry

A study has found that the use of cinematic and video editing techniques can drastically increase the aesthetic appeal and user engagement of virtual reality environments. Computer scientists from The University of Helsinki published the results of their study at the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. The research set out to investigate how the cinematic principles of composition and continuity could improve spatial awareness and navigation of VR environments without inducing motion sickness. "Using these ideas, we developed a new teleportation method for exploring virtual

environments that subtly repositions and reorientates the user's viewpoint after teleportation to better frame the contents of the scene," says Alan Medlar, university researcher at the University of Helsinki. This novel approach to traversing a digital environment is called ACTIVE and using continuity editing techniques adapted for VR, researchers aimed to fix some of the existing problems with the teleportation method, by cutting and repositioning the scene instantaneously. "The cinematography techniques we used give the designers of virtual environments a way to influence users' attention as they move around the space to affect how they perceive their surroundings," says Medlar. With the affordability of VR headsets improving and an increase in the use of VR in galleries, museums, theme parks and immersive cinema the research has wide-ranging implications.

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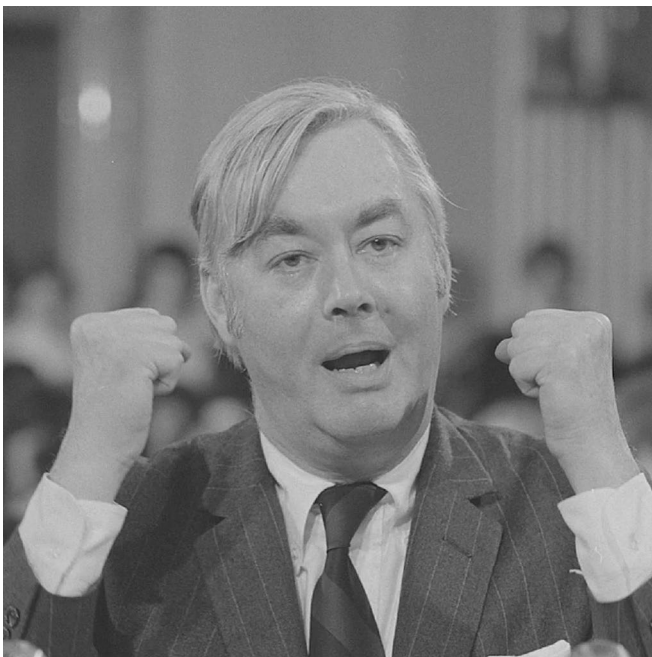


Figure 1.1. Daniel Patrick Moynihan speaking at the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1976. (Photo Credit: Marion S. Trikosko/The U.S. Library of Congress)

The Unbearable Lightness of Benign Neglect

By Rasul A. Mowatt, Department Head and Professor, North Carolina State University

Policies are the hidden socio-political forces that create the realities within any given geographic specificity of the environment, particularly one that is the city. And it is the interplay with those forces that we produce the cultures sustain our lives as we live under the ramifications of those policies. Depending on which nation-state we live in, many of us can name the personalities in the political arena that we have steered to gravitate towards, either in admiration or in disgust. But most of us stop there, seldom peering

underneath the hood and behind the veil of how a government actually governs. I would argue that the vast majority of us cannot name five policies of our nation-state, much less name campaigns, slogans, or reports from policy advisors submitted to heads of state, parliaments, senates, and other representatives. The focus of this policy brief is a discussion of one such socio-political force of a policy, among other forces, enacted during the Nixon Presidency (1969 to 1974) in the United States called "benign neglect" and the ways that it reverberates to the present-day.

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Updated Reference Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Leisure by Quebec Council of Leisure

Quebec Council of Leisure (CQL) – coordinator of the World Leisure Quebec Chapter – announces the online release of the updated version of the Reference Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Leisure, a key document aimed at promoting the right to leisure for all individuals. The document incorporates the intersectional approach to enhance accessibility and inclusion for everyone. It offers questions, indicators, recommendations, and statistical tendencies to orient organizations in their thinking process and in the transformation of their accessibility and inclusion practices in leisure activities. In recent years, numerous social movements

have highlighted the existence of some systems of oppression affecting the leisure circles. These dynamics of exclusion and inaccessibility that have been observed in leisure, justify a reassessment of approaches across all sectors regarding accessibility, equity, and inclusion so that everyone can benefit from the countless advantages of engaging in leisure activities. In this context, CQL organized a coordinating committee and an advisory committee to submit an updated version of the Reference Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Leisure. To promote the integration of the concepts and approaches proposed in the new Framework, CQL offers several training modules to support the various leisure circles in their efforts to adopt the document's content. The Executive Director of Quebec Council of Leisure, Sonia Vaillancourt, declared: "Values of accessibility and inclusion have been at the heart of leisure in Quebec for a long time. Leisure organizations, being engaged and dynamic actors within our communities, are resolutely proactive and committed to anchoring their actions in the evolution of social transformations and inclusive approaches. By updating the Reference Framework for Accessibility and Inclusion in Leisure, they have once again showed an unwavering commitment to creating accommodating leisure environments where every person, regardless of their background, needs, or abilities, feels welcomed".

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UN Tourism and ICCA Partner for Sustainable Meetings Industry Development

UN Tourism and the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) have established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to drive sustainable development within the meetings industry. This strategic partnership aims to bolster the economic impact and sustainability of business tourism. Key areas of focus include raising awareness, supporting event sustainability, promoting education, and highlighting best practices. This initiative aligns with global sustainability goals, fostering a more resilient and eco-friendly meetings sector. The World Leisure Organization (WLO), as an Affiliate Member of UN Tourism and Associate Member of ICCA, supports this strategic collaboration.

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Publications



**WORLD
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First book of the *WL Book Series* with Routledge under production and to be released soon

From World Leisure Organization (WLO), we are glad to inform that the first book under the new *WL Book Series* with Routledge will be released very soon. The book titled "International Perspectives in Sports Tourism" has been edited by Dr. Miklós Bánhidí, professor at the University of Physical Education and Sport Science in Budapest, Hungary, and Dr. Farhad Moghimehfar, professor of Recreation and Tourism Management at Vancouver Island University, Canada, and includes contributions from WLO Board members Prof. Dr. Marcel Bastiaansen, Breda University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands, Dr. Giyasettin Demirhan, Hacettepe University, Turkey, Prof. Dr. Jane Zhou, Zhejiang University, China, Prof. Dr. Lawal Marafa, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Dr. Lucetta Tsai, National Taipei University, Taiwan, and Prof. Marie Young, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, among other experts and academics in the field.

To know more about this brand new Book Series, click [here](#).

News from the *World Leisure Journal*

Check out WLJ YouTube playlist!

World Leisure Journal has now a new Playlist in World Leisure Organization YouTube channel. Don't miss the Video Abstracts Collection, where authors explain the articles they published in our journal.

Access here the Video Abstract from the research paper published in World Leisure Journal by [Dr. Aaron W. Pooley and Dr. Lawrence J. Bendle \(2023\)](#), "Long stay professionals and self-reliant leisure sociability in East Asia".

Research article available here: <https://doi.org/10.1080/16078055.2023.2208563>

Also, available now the Video Abstract from the research paper published in World Leisure Journal by [Emily Messina & Anthony Weems \(2023\)](#) "Public health perspectives and changed leisure behaviours among sport spectators following COVID-19".

Research article available here: <https://doi.org/10.1080/16078055.2023.2275791>

Stay tuned for upcoming videos!

[WLJ New Issue published now!](#)

World Leisure Journal, [Volume 66, Issue 2 \(2024\)](#) is now available online.

Read the Editorial of Edwin Gómez, Associate Editor of World Leisure Journal: [Manuscript submissions and reviews: reflections from an associate editor](#).

Don't miss the section News from the Office, where WLO Secretariat write about [World leisure day 2024: embracing digital horizons in leisure](#).



FREE ACCESS to *World Leisure Journal* articles during June

A selection of Free Access publications during the month of June by *World Leisure Journal*:

Global South Paper of the Month
Note

Navigating the landscape of tourism, leisure, and sport studies in Mexico

Navegando el panorama de los estudios de turismo, ocio y deporte en México

Carlos Monterrubio, Katherine Dashper, Helen Wadham, Rosa María Chávez-Dagostino, Omaira Cecilia Martínez Moreno, Javier Pérez, Omar I. Ramírez-Hernández, José Gabriel Ruiz Andrade, M. Isabel Rosas-Jaco & Sandy Silva

World Bicycle Day
Article

Bicycle Opportunity Spectrum: a framework for classifying and categorizing the different landscapes for cycling

Jose Antonio Bimbao & Sheng Jung Ou

International Environment Day
Article

Serious leisure and nature: sustainable consumption in the outdoors

Stephen Espiner

Volume 54, 2012 - Issue 3: Leisure, Health and Disability

World Refugee Day

Note

Unequal or unavailable: gender, leisure and quality of life of refugees in Turkey

Monir Shahzeidi

Volume 65, 2023 - Issue 4

Upcoming publications by *World Leisure Journal*

A selection of publications during the month of September by *World Leisure Journal*:

Research Article:

Does leisure time improve your job and life satisfaction? The mediating effect of work-life conflict and the moderating effects of organizational support

Feng-Hsia Kao

Realizing multispecies justice: a (dog) walk in the park?

Miranda-Jane Willis

Tourists' perceptions towards stray/free-roaming animals (FRA): the case of İzmir, Turkey

Nur Kulakoğlu Dilek et al.

Experiences of older adults leisure-time physical activity in aquatic and leisure facilities

Michael Butson et al.

Innovating for retention: strategies for enhancing customer retention in theme parks

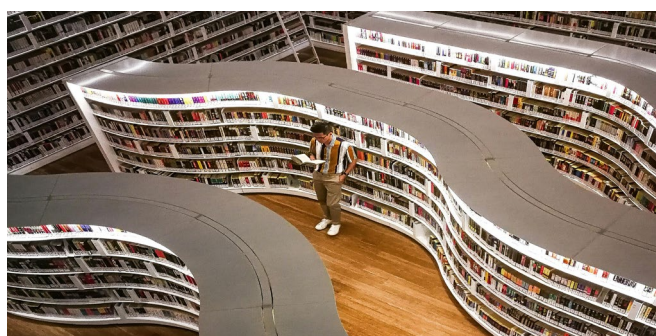
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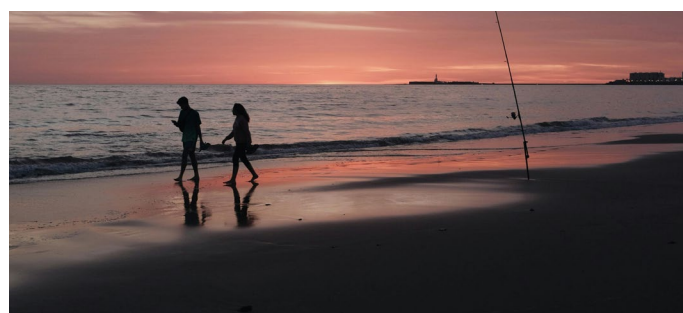
Opportunities



Submit your book proposal to the new WL Book Series with Routledge

The World Leisure Organization (WLO) invites you to contribute to our new Book Series with Routledge. We are looking for bold, innovative research that explores leisure management, human rights, gender, aging, youth, tourism, and many more. This is your chance to shape the future of leisure studies and share your insights with a global audience. The approach of the series corresponds to WLO's notion of leisure, viewing it as a multi-dimensional reality which includes tourism, sports, culture and recreation. The series also studies cross-discipline and cross-sectoral connections – within and beyond leisure studies and the leisure sector, as well as the development of useful educational tools for the leisure academic and professional communities.

Do not miss this exciting opportunity and submit your book proposal now! For more details, visit [WL Book Series at Routledge](#).



Call for Papers *The International Leisure Review Journal: International Leisure Review Vol. 12 Issue 1*

The International Leisure Review is inviting manuscript submissions for Vol. 12 Issue 1. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2024. They are seeking papers on all aspects of leisure, recreation, and related issues from authors around the globe. The journal aims to publish studies of theoretical, applied, and professional interest. Contributions may include original research articles, reviews, or case studies. Guest Editor, Professor Dr. Ricardo Uvinha, encourages submissions and proposals for sets of papers addressing common themes or issues. Manuscripts should be original, unpublished work not under review elsewhere and should follow the APA (7th ed.) style. Articles should be 4000-7000 words and include components such as title page, abstract, keywords, text, acknowledgments, references, tables, and illustrations.

Submit your manuscripts via email to Professor Dr. Ricardo Uvinha at uvinha@usp.br. For more detailed submission guidelines, click [here](#) to download the publication manual provided in the call for papers document.



Call for Papers *Social Sciences* Journal: Special Issue on “Leisure, Labour, and Active Living: A Holistic Approach”

The *Social Sciences* journal is seeking manuscript submissions for a special issue on “Leisure, Labour, and Active Living: A Holistic Approach.” This issue aims to explore the interconnectedness of leisure activities, productive work, and active lifestyles, contributing to personal fulfillment and societal well-being. Guest editors, Prof. Dr. Chiung-Tzu Lucetta Tsai from National Taipei University and Dr. Chung-Shing Johnson Chan from The Chinese University of Hong Kong invite researchers, educators, and practitioners to submit papers. The submission deadline is December 31, 2024. They welcome papers on themes such as leisure culture, wellness, health promotion, leisure policy, and the sociology of leisure.

For more details and to submit your manuscript, visit [MDPI's Special Issue Page](#).

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Upcoming events



Leisure and Tourism Conference (Cape Town, South Africa) to take place in October 3-4, 2024

During next October 3 and 4, 2024, the University of the Western Cape will host the Leisure and Tourism Conference 2024 (LTC2024), in collaboration with North West University and Tshwane University of Technology, in the city of Cape Town, South Africa. This conference under the main theme "Changing Dimensions of Contemporary Leisure and Recreation" will delve deep into different topics such as Community Recreation Programming, Sport and Olympic Values, Leisure Education, Leisure and Human Rights, or Sustainable Tourism, to name a few, that represent a comprehensive range of issues to be explored during the conference, aiming to foster in-depth discussions and share innovative research and practices in the fields of leisure and tourism.

Open call for submissions will be open soon.



Save the date for the next WL Congress in Rotterdam-Breda from August 25 to 28, 2025!

Mark your calendars for the 18th World Leisure Congress, happening from August 25 to 28, 2025, in the city of Breda, Netherlands. Organized by the World Leisure Centre of Excellence at Breda University of Applied Sciences, the congress' main theme will be "Leisure for a Better Society." This premier event will gather global experts to discuss the transformative power of leisure. Open calls for submissions will be released soon. Stay tuned for more details and be part of this exciting opportunity!

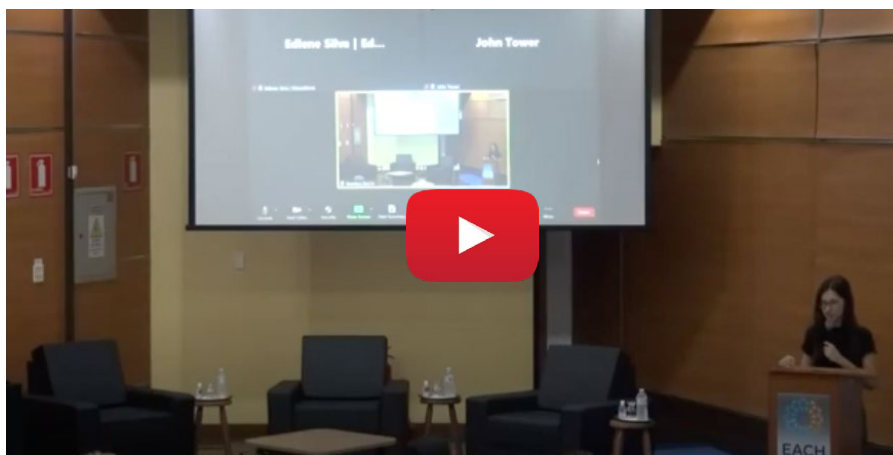
Encounter



WL Day 2024 Flagship event “Embracing Digital Horizons in Leisure” now available!

We are excited to announce that the recording of the World Leisure Day 2024 flagship event, themed “Embracing Digital Horizons in Leisure,” is now available on YouTube (audio in English/Portuguese, with option to subtitles). Held on April 16, 2024, from 5pm to 7pm São Paulo time, at the World Leisure Centre of Excellence at University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, this event featured a welcome session with distinguished speakers from the World Leisure Organization, its WL LATAM Group, and the Social Service of Commerce (SESC) National and Sao Paulo Department. The session started with a welcoming introduction, followed by a roundtable discussion, concluding with a lively Q&A with the audience.

[Watch it here!](#)





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