

PRE-CONFERENCE EXCURSION AND SEMINAR IN MICRONESIA

The International Small Islands Studies Association, co-sponsors of Islands of the World IV, to be held in Okinawa in June 1994, has organized a pre-conference excursion and seminar to be held in Micronesia, en route to the main conference.

The itinerary will include KOSRAE, POHNPEI, CHUUK and GUAM and the journey will last eight days. Participants may choose to join the group in Hawaii or Kosrae, and will be free to choose their own direct flights back from Okinawa.

The anticipated cost, from the US west coast to Okinawa and return, is US \$1890, including local transfers and exit taxes, baggage handling and all hotel accommodation, tours of Kosrae, Guam, Truk lagoon and Nan Madol, and seminar registration fee. The seminar topic will be "Very Small Islands and their Even Smaller Island Dependencies".

An exact cost and a definite departure date will be available by January 1, 1994, and enquiries may be made to Mr. Gordon Titchener, Department of Geography, York University, York, Ontario, Canada. Reservations may be made with Carolyn Ainsworth, Travel Cuts, McEwan Hall, University of Calgary, Calgary T2N 1N4, Alberta, Canada, on or after January 1, 1994.

Conference travel between North America and Okinawa - for information see Travel Cuts in above paragraph.

NOTICE OF INTENT - PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

I will participate Yes [] No []

I enclose a brief abstract Yes [] No []

I am interested in Session(s) 1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] 5 []
6 [] 7 [] 8 [] 9 [] 10 []

I prefer Oral presentation [] Poster presentation []

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ISISA NEWSLETTER III

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Islands of the World IV

Island Matters, Islands Matter

First Conference of the

International Small Islands Studies Association

(following Islands '86, '88 and '92)

June 22-26, 1994

Okinawa, Japan

In association with

International Scientific Council for Island Development -

INSULA

International Small Islands Studies Association

The ISISA is open to all who have an interest in Island Matters. You may be involved in academia, government (at any level), in commerce, in the creative arts, in health services and in sundry other activities. All are welcome. If you have a concern about Island Matters, about islandness, smallness and insularity, a concern for the nature of island life, island problems and the rights and freedoms of island peoples you would be at home at an ISISA meeting. We especially appreciate the presence and contributions of islanders, even more so, indigenous inhabitants.

Okinawa is the central and largest of the group of islands that comprise the Ryukyu Islands, an archipelago that reaches 1,000 km from the Japan mainland to Taiwan. Naha, on Okinawa, is the largest city as well as the major seaport, commercial airport and industrial center. Approximately one third of Okinawa is occupied by U.S. military bases.

For the Okinawa meeting:

PROGRAM

TOPICS

Recommended under the banner of - *Island Matters, Islands Matter*

GROUP I

The following are being organised.

1. Global networking of island communities (definitely sponsored by the International University of Japan)
2. Non-nuclearisation in island realms (with special reference to the South Pacific, sponsored by the Institute for Peace Science at Hiroshima University)
3. Longevity and health in small island societies (sponsored by the University of Ryukyus)
4. Gender relations in solving socio-economic problems of small islands (topic recommended to the UN University for sponsorship under their W.I.D. program)

GROUP II

The following have organisers but not sponsors.

5. Island archipelago nations - the problems of socio-economic and political disparities; cultural revival and survival on island realms
6. Sustainable, environmentally sound agro-ecosystems for small islands, the case for more effective utilisation of traditional resources and food-production systems
7. The nature of "Nissology" - islandness and insularity
8. Island microstates and their prospects (including reference to economic alternatives, eg. offshore banking)

GROUP III

Other topics which have been recommended, but as yet there is no organiser.

9. The magnitude of, and solutions to the problems of waste management and maintenance of water resources in small islands
10. Global warming, short- and long-term potential impacts for small islands.

ATTENTION

1. You are welcome to recommend other topics if you know of potential contributions. If there is space and time, they might be included.
2. Where any of these topics coincide or overlap with the program of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (to be held in Barbados, April 1993), any sessions on such topics would include a summary of findings at the Conference. It must be remembered that the participants in the Conference are delegates of governments, international and regional organisations etc., and the overlap with our own participant body will not be great.
 - 3.1 For most of the topics chosen, especially in Groups II and III, there will be oral and poster presentations, to be followed by workshops.
 - 3.2 Regarding Group I sessions, it is not yet clear whether or not all of these sessions will be open for contributions. The likelihood is that sessions 2 and 4 will welcome external contributions. If you would like to present a paper in this category, please notify Theo Hills (as below).
 - 3.3 For regular sessions in Groups II and III, please submit an abstract of no more than 100 words in order that the program director can assess the demand for each suggested session. Once the sessions are finalised a more detailed abstract will be requested. The exact specifications for the poster session will be printed in the next Announcement.
4. Some financial assistance will be available from Okinawan sources - more details in future announcements.

Accommodation (tentative - in US \$)

There are three categories: (1) Home-stay - free of charge; (2) Guest House - \$30-40 approx., 2 meals; (3) Hotel - regular hotel in Naha capital city) \$50-60 and resort-type approx. \$80.

Reservations information will be included in the next Announcement.

Registration - final amount and forms will be provided with the next Announcement. The registration fee should amount to approximately: North citizen, US \$100; South citizen, US \$60; Students, US \$40.

I.S.I.S.A. Subscription - US \$15

Submission of abstracts etc. and information about the program, contact: Theo L. Hills, Department of Geography, McGill University, Burnside Hall, 805 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, QC, Canada H3A 2K6. Telephone: (514) 398-4955, Facsimile: (514) 398-7437. **Urgent-** If you are interested in attending the meeting please return the Notice of Intent.