We are pleased to inform you that the deadline for the Abstract submission for the 10th OTIE International Conference on Islands Tourism - 2018 (ICIT), which will be held in Palermo, Italian Capital of Culture 2018 and hosting Manifesta 2018, has been postponed to the 15th of July 2018.

The 10th OTIE International Conference on Islands Tourism 2018 will promote the scientific and technical exchange between international academics and experts on insular contexts in order to address efficient strategies for insular development by promoting a wide cooperation. This conference is one of the working steps of the Island Economy Working Group -IEWG, launched in Brussels last November, which aims to encourage the institution of an International Network of Island Contexts.

Conference Themes
Papers and presentations are expected to address both the theoretical, methodological, and practical aspects related to the following (but not limited) themes:

- Business cooperation in fragile contexts
- Brand effects at the destination: the UNESCO acknowledgment
- Community Responses to Tourists and Tourism
- Developing strategic tourism planning for European islands
- Development for Religious Based Tourism in Islands
- Economic/Social/Environmental/Cultural Impacts of Tourism
- European Union Policies for Tourism
- Effects of climate changes on seasonality and insular tourism
- Faith and spiritual destinations
- Managing events for islands development
- Local development and transport system
- Nautical and cruise tourism
- Relational tourism challenges and opportunities
- Tourism accessibility for development
- Theoretical Perspectives on Sustainable Tourism
- Tourism Sustainable Development for islands
- Public Administration of Tourism Development within European islands
- Tourism industry
- Tourism economics
- Innovation in tourism
- Big data and statistical analysis in tourism studies
- Culture, language and geography perspectives
- Tourism psychology and sociology

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Publication Opportunities
All submitted papers will follow a rigorous double blind review process and the accepted ones will be published in the conference proceedings (with ISBN code). Participants can publish either full papers or abstracts in the proceedings. Alternatively, the full papers will be proposed for

- The special issue “Island Tourism Destinations, Lifecycles, System Decline and Resilience” in the scientific journal “Tourism Geographies” (Publication on April 30, 2019). All papers submitted will be subject to review with respect to originality, research quality and writing, and relevance to the theme of the Special Issue http://www.tqjournal.com/

- A special issue “Islands and Tourism Industry: The Path for a Sustainable Development” in “Sustainability”, an international, cross-disciplinary, scholarly and open access journal of environmental, cultural, economic, and social sustainability of human beings. Sustainability provides an advanced forum for studies related to sustainability and sustainable development, and is published monthly online by MDPI http://www.mdpi.com/journal/sustainability/special_issues/Islands_Tourism_Industry

- A special issue “Tourism Islands Development” in “TURyDES”, Journal of research in tourism and local development http://www.eumed.net/rev/turydes/

New deadlines
Abstract submission - 1 A4 page (including at least 3 references): July 15th 2018
Notification of Abstract Acceptance: July 20th 2018
Conference Registration Deadline (for authors): August 10th 2018
Full Paper Submission - max. 6.000 words: October 30th 2018

Conference Fees*
- Authors
  Reduced – before 20th of July € 200.00
  Ordinary € 280.00
  Students € 200.00
  OTIE Members € 175.00
  OTIE IEWG Members € 200.00
- Accompanying persons € 150.00

*Fees include coffee breaks, light lunch and dinner on the 7th of September.

Submission Guidelines
Expressions of interest & abstracts must be submitted by mail to: research@otie.org
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