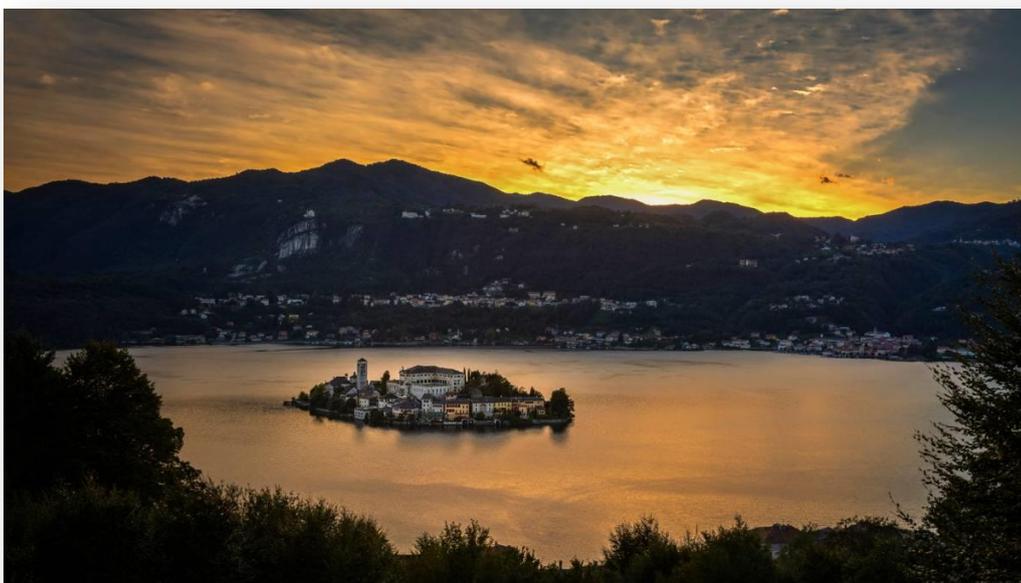
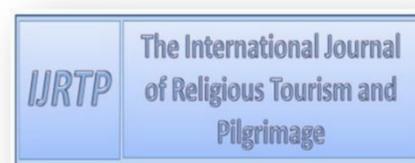


Call for Abstracts

9th Annual International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Conference (IRTP)



28 June - 1 July 2017
Armeno, Orta Lake, Italy



Announcement

The **International Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage** (IRTP) Group in conjunction with the **International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage** (IJRTP) and **Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy** invites abstracts for their 9th international conference to be held from 28 June - 1 July 2017 at Casa dei Padri in Armeno, Orta Lake, Italy. 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. The main emphasis for acceptance at this event is based on participants presenting papers which apply to the main themes of the conference.

Conference Themes

- ✓ Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage - Experiences and Impacts
- ✓ Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage - Theology and Theory
- ✓ Motivations for Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage
- ✓ Terrorism / Peace and Religious Tourism
- ✓ Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage - Conflicts and Challenges
- ✓ Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage - Tools for Development
- ✓ Sacred Sites
- ✓ Routes and Trails - Modern and Ancient
- ✓ Media and Technological Advancement for Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage
- ✓ Pilgrimage in Non-Religious Traditions
- ✓ Religious Tourism, Pilgrimage and Identity
- ✓ Religious Tourism, Pilgrimage, Culture and Heritage
- ✓ Religious Tourism, Pilgrimage and Well-Being
- ✓ Revivalism of Religious Encounters in the Modern World

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Important dates

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| Abstract Submission: | 31st January 2017 |
| Notification of Abstract Acceptance: | 28th February 2017 |
| Conference Registration Deadline: | 15th May 2017 |
| Submission of Extended Abstract: | 20th June 2017 |

Fees

There is no presentation fee for those who are selected to deliver papers. Costs will be kept to a minimum and will be approximately €195.00 (to include tea and coffee, lunches, Gala Dinner and Field Trip). Accommodation recommendations will be provided, with preferential rates organised in a number of hotels.

The Organisers are unable to offer any discounts, scholarships, or financial support to any participants.

Publications

The conference organisers have a track record of successfully publishing papers from their events.

This year, once your paper is accepted you will be invited to submit an extended abstract (c.2,000 words), which must be submitted in advance of the event and will be available (digitally) to participants before the conference. This will add significantly to the depth of discussion and participation at our event.

All authors of suitable papers will be invited to publish their work in the *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* (IJRTP) and/or selected for inclusion as chapters in forthcoming books in the organisers' *Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Book Series* with CABI publishers.

Location of Conference

The conference will be held at **Casa dei Padri**, a guest house situated in **Armeno**, a small town close to **Orta Lake**.

Orta Lake lies to the west of Lake Maggiore, in North West Italy. It is a minor star in the constellation of the subalpine lakes, but all the fascination and the history of the larger lakes seem to be concentrated in this small space.

Casa dei Padri was the historic residence of Oblates of Saint Joseph, and has been recently restructured within a project called *Innovation into Tradition*. The project aims at making Casa dei Padri a hub for cultural and training activities on issues related to local development and culture promotion.

The conference premises are strategically located 50 km from Milan and from Milano Malpensa Airport.



Abstract Submission Process

PLEASE adhere to the following guidelines for submission of your abstract:

Guidelines for Abstracts

- Your Abstract submission must include the following: full name(s) of all authors; email address(es) for all authors; affiliation(s) for all authors.
- Abstract text should not exceed 300 words.
- The text of your abstract should be formatted as simply as possible (without footnotes, headings etc.).
- Abstracts must include a list of 5 keywords that describe the research.
- Typically, abstracts should present the research questions being addressed, the methodology being followed, and an indication of the key findings.
- All Abstracts are subjected to blind review by a minimum of two referees from the Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts must include 3 indicative references / bibliographic citations.

Submission Process

- Our website (www.irtp.co.uk ~ where all logistical information regarding the conference will be located) is currently being updated.
- However, our Abstract Submission page is now live ~ please go directly to the **Submission Form** by following this link: <http://tinyurl.com/gpxswas>

The conference website will be updated with relevant information over the coming weeks. See: <http://www.irtp.co.uk/>

If you have any further questions, please contact any of the Conference Committee.