

Special Issue

Sustainable Geo-Resources for Tourism and Recreation

Message from the Guest Editors

Travelling and practicing recreational and leisure activities generally leads to the exploitation of and competition with geo-resources. The term “geo-resources” refers to all geological resources that are used by humankind: groundwater, mineral resources, energy production, underground space for construction and storage, and the surface geology and landscape. Most geo-resources are non-renewable resources. Thus, their relative sustainability is an important component of wider thinking about natural resource conservation and use. Travelers are heavy users of water and energy, while a great deal of land is occupied by hotels, restaurants and tourist activities. In an era of immense growth in tourism and recreation, the sustainable use of geo-resources is of vital importance. The Special Issue responds to the need for a critical review of the challenges of the sustainable utilization of geo-resources in tourism and recreation, as well as the sustainable management of the relationship between tourism and recreation and geo-resource exploitation in general. Prof. Anna Dóra Sæþórsdóttir Prof. C. Michael Hall

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