

## **Special Issue – Tourism Management**

### **Understanding, mitigating, adapting and surviving the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from tourism**

It has been many years since the Journal last embarked on a highly-cited special issue on tourism research in 1999. Whilst the Journal does not normally embark on special issues due to the huge volume of manuscripts it receives annually, we have decided as a Journal that with the exceptional shock event posed to tourism by the COVID-19 crisis, it is timely to invite submissions on the effect, implications and challenges for organisations, tourists and destination communities of the pandemic on tourism. We also welcome papers with a special emphasis on recovery strategies adopted and their likely benefits.

This special issue will be edited by Professor Stephen Page who has worked on tourist health and well-being for many years including pandemic planning with organisations. The Journal is seeking submissions of the very highest academic quality based on primary research and/or secondary data analysis that have something important to say on this topic, using innovative methods and techniques to understand the etiology of the disease and crisis including perspectives from travel medicine. We are not looking for commentaries, opinion pieces, or descriptive studies. In line with the remit of the Journal, we will keep the breadth and focus of the topic necessarily broad so as to seek the very best interdisciplinary contributions on this evolving subject area.

Submissions are accepted from June to November 2020, which will be assessed and sent out for review with a target publication date of mid-2021 at the latest. For those intending to submit to the special issue, please send an Abstract to Professor Page at [TMEditor@yahoo.com](mailto:TMEditor@yahoo.com) so as to look at the feasibility of the topic.

Papers submitted should be innovative (in terms of idea, methodology, theoretical development, and implications) and empirically sound. For preparation, please refer to the Guide for Authors available on the Journal homepage. For this special issue, we are relaxing the requirement of having multiple datasets for primary research.

We are seeking papers that will stand the test of time and be cited as key contributions to the emergency management and tourism crisis literature. Authors will not need to write a detailed literature review on tourism and crises for each contribution. The Introduction to the Special Issue will address that broader literature leaving authors with more time to discuss their findings and tourism management implications.

Papers should be up to 10,000 words plus figures and tables and may need to be edited down if referees deem it necessary.

Papers accepted will be published on acceptance in the order they are accepted and then placed in a virtual special issue section to promote the collection of papers on this topic without having to wait for the last paper in the special issue to be accepted prior to publishing all the papers. This is to ensure timeliness of publication.