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## REVISTA BRASILEIRA DE PESQUISA EM TURISMO

### *Editors' page*

It is the editors pleasure to deliver a new issue of Revista Brasileira de de Pesquisa em Turismo - RBTur (Volume 2, Número 2, julho-2008).

The site [www.rbtur.org.br](http://www.rbtur.org.br) was uploaded in 2007 to publish the outcome of scientific research in tourism and instigate debate and reflection for the evolution of knowledge about tourism subjects.

This issue brings articles on representation in tourism, tourism planning and Director Plans, as well as the social problem known as sexual tourism. Two international articles bring studies held in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.

Based on a XIX century study carried out by the Scottish naturalist George Gardner, who arrived at Brazil in 1836, Santos criticizes the ethnographic bias he detects in Tourism and Hospitality research and calls for a new approach.

Otamendi's ethnographic research is on social construction and symbolic representations changes at the tourist destination Capilla del Monte, Cordoba Province, Argentina. There a mystic esoteric discourse has been constructed, mixing narratives on supernatural, ethnic, natural and especially extraterrestrial issues.

Tourism planning receives special emphasis in Maciel, Paolucci and Ruschmann's article. The authors assess carrying capacity at Praia Brava, Itajai, Santa Catarina State, considering environmental comfort related to dwellers and users of the beach and also make a projection with a future resort. Similar problems are aroused by Santiago and Walkowski, who analyze Florianopolis (SC) Director Plan. This document considers urban policy, tourism, and sustainable planning and the authors analyze the occupation

pattern adopted in the county, related to urban growth and the increase in tourism activities.

Ferreira's study was also carried out in Florianopolis and it registers the relations established between male Argentinean tourists and local girls, in sex tourism situations.

Hall and Treoloar write on little wineries in Australia and New Zealand. Korstanje makes a review on Wallingre's book History of Argentinean Tourism.

Expecting this issue be as welcome as the formers and that the contents be useful for tourismology enhancement, we acknowledge our contributors, either writers or multipliers.

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