Independent Conference on Sustainability, Recognising and Promoting Sacred Sites

In September 2013, nearly 200 participants from many countries and disciplines attended a unique conference in Finnish Lapland. The conference was entitled ‘What are Sacred Sites? The Role of Local Communities in the Protection of Sacred Sites’. It was organized by Leena Heinämäki and Thora Herrmann.

The conference was attended by representatives of different faith traditions, indigenous communities, ethic groups, business, corporations and academia, researchers and the education sector. There were speakers from around the world and a variety of disciplines and backgrounds.

The conference can now be accessed in full online on the conference website: www.sacred-sites.org.

In a 40-day journey, Edward Chouin, Dominique Juhe-Beaulaton and Matthieu Salpeteur introduced “Awe-Inspiring Journey of Evolution. Polebridge—Asian Sacred Sites Network Project”.

The conference paper is available here.

As a platform to establish a dialogue between different religions, the conference paper explores the significance of African sacred groves, news contributions to this newsletter can be made at scholars but also practitioners and policy-makers coping with specific issues. As anyone with a general interest in the interaction between people and nature, the newsletter aims to promote an understanding of the multitude of spiritual aspects that are underlying the nature-culture interlinkages, ecosystem conservation and socio-ecological resilience. Additionally, the conference paper also promoted the role of cultural heritage as a platform to establish a dialogue between different religions.

The conference initiated the Asian Sacred Sites Network, which aims to promote the role of cultural heritage as a platform to establish a dialogue between different religions. The conference paper is available at the conference website: www.sacred-sites.org.

Many of these sites are only known by the community members and it is very important to respect this knowledge. The conference paper is available at the conference website: www.sacred-sites.org.

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