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## RETI EVENTS 2014: JOIN US IN CANADA IN JULY!

The University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) in Charlottetown, Canada, is going to host the next Excellence Network of the Island Territories (RETI) events from July 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2014. They will tackle the theme "Livable Islands: culture, politics, economy and environment". A Symposium, Governing Committee and summer school will take place during this period. Scholars and students from the 26 island-based RETI universities are invited to participate on these events dedicated to the study of island issues.



The UPEI President, **Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz**, invites everybody interested in the Study of Islands to assist to the RETI events.

"As one of many island-based, member universities in RETI, the University of Prince Edward Island shares many similar issues, perspectives, and challenges as our counterparts. On behalf of the entire UPEI community, I invite members to come to our beautiful Island province and campus in July to engage in lively discussion that will help strengthen our universities and advance the role of RETI well into the future."

The UPEI team has been working hard on the organization of these events for a long time to make them as interesting as possible. Everything has been planned to make this a learning and enjoyable experience!



As **Dr. Jim Randall**, Coordinator of the Master of Arts in Island Studies program at UPEI and Chair of the RETI Conference



Planning Committee highlights, "Few places equal the beauty of Prince Edward Island in the summer. I welcome students, faculty and all those interested in islands to join us for some stimulating discussions on issues affecting islands".

Mr. Andrew Halliday, a graduate student of the Master of Arts in Island Studies tells us about what the RETI events meant to him.

"Having had the privilege, as a graduate student, of attending two previous RETI events (Lesvos, Greece, 2012; Sardinia, Italy, 2013), I cannot speak highly enough of their value. Both these RETI events took a holistic approach in exchanging ideas, culture, challenges and successes; in the classroom, on guided field-trips, and over local cuisine

### The Agenda of the events:

July 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Symposium/Conference.

July 5<sup>th</sup>: Meeting of the Governing Committee of RETI.

July 6<sup>th</sup>: Discover Prince Edward Island - A Guided Tour of the Island.

July 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>: Graduate/Post-Graduate Student Summer School.

Do you want to enhance your knowledge on island issues? Are you able to share your expertise on these themes? If so, be part of the RETI events at UPEI!

*For more information:* email the Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, Dr. Jim Randall, at [mais@upeii.ca](mailto:mais@upeii.ca)

*For additional details and to register, please visit the website at:*  
<http://www.upei.ca/arts/reti-annual-meetings-2014>

### What's next?

The University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland, will host the upcoming RETI Events by summer 2015. So, keep in touch for more news!