

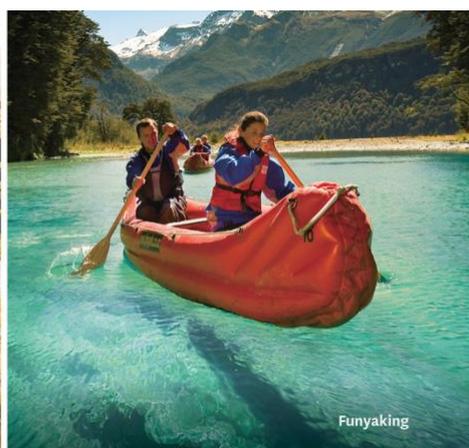


8th International Adventure Conference

Flourish: Care for our world and our people

December 7-11th 2020, Queenstown, New Zealand

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Kia ora! Welcome to the The 2020 International Adventure Conference: *Flourish*

We look forward to welcoming you to Queenstown, New Zealand in 2020, and encourage everyone to imagine: **what does it mean for our people and planet to flourish?** What do thriving adventure environments, communities and economies look like, and how do we get there? And, what part might the lands, lives, practices and philosophies of adventure play in that flourishing?

The 8th International Adventure Conference builds on previous events in Scotland, Norway, England, Ireland and Spain, which attracted global audiences with a diverse range of expertise.

In support of this theme, presentations will be guided by the [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) set out by the United Nations. Importantly, these challenging aspirations extend our thinking beyond environmental concerns framed in narrow ideals of pristine protected wildernesses. The goals emphasise human interactions with the planet, nature and one another. The '*Flourish*' theme of the 8th IAC links to the SDGs by exploring what this concept might mean in practice for destinations, operations, communities, cultures and environments. **Flourish** is a critical yet positive, forward-looking and hopeful concept – qualities in short supply in current times of burning rainforests, plastic oceanic islands and human inequalities and exploitation. Our hope is that outdoor adventure can play a role in supporting human and non-human flourishing in the 21st century.

Queenstown, home of innovative adventure and nature-based activities, is the ideal place for outdoor researchers, operators and policy makers to converse, share and reflect, as well as offering myriad opportunities to experience nature and adventure. Join us for this unique conference that brings academics and practitioners together to share ideas, foster connections, and extend the ongoing conversation of the International Adventure Conference.



Submission of Abstracts and Posters

Abstracts of **400 to 600 words** (excluding references) are invited for peer review. Abstracts should clearly state the presentation objectives and findings, and explicitly identify how these findings advance our knowledge of flourishing in outdoor adventure. Please identify the specific SDG(s) that your work addresses using the template provided. The abstract should also include: *title, keywords, introduction, method, findings/discussion and conclusion.*

Inspiring conference posters are also requested from students.

All abstracts should be submitted to jelena.farkic@atra.global using the [template](#) provided.

The deadline for abstract submission is **March 30, 2020.**

Early notification of acceptance is also available upon request. Simply email this request to jelena.farkic@atra.global.



Note: All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference book of abstracts, and will be available on the conference web page. There is also the possibility for some papers to be considered for post-conference publication in a suitable format.

The Adventure Tourism Research Association

The Adventure Tourism Research Association (ATRA) is a membership organisation which is assembling a worldwide academic community, and helping to facilitate knowledge exchange and the creation of new relationships in the field of outdoor leisure and adventure tourism.

ATRA works with local partners to host the annual International Adventure Conference. The association's website, www.atra.global, is a shared portal for ATRA members' news.

Local Hosts: University of Otago, Queenstown Resort College, and Otago Polytechnic Central Campus

The conference is being organised in collaboration with the University of Otago, Queenstown Resort College, and Otago Polytechnic Central Campus.

Further Information

If you would like to learn more, please contact Jelena Farkic (ATRA) at jelena.farkic@atra.global regarding abstract submission or Susan Houg Mackenzie (University of Otago) at susan.hougmackenzie@otago.ac.nz for event information.

