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2nd ENIT/RETI Summer School

Call for participants (Professors/Researchers and Students)

"Sustainable Development of Island Territories and Identities"

Lesvos Island, October 22-25/2012

The Network of Insular Universities "Excellence Network Island Territories", ENIT/ "Réseau d'Excellence des Territoires Insulaires", RETI announces the **2nd Summer School "Sustainable Development of Island Territories and Identities"**, organized by the **University of the Aegean** on **Lesvos Island, Greece, on 21-25 October 2012**. The objective of the Summer School will be to analyze the natural, economic, cultural and social characteristics of islands, which form their identity, and discuss how these characteristics can be the basis for their **sustainable development**.

The rationale of the course is based on the premise that the **particular characteristics** of the islands, described as **insularity** (small size, isolation and remoteness, rich but fragile natural and cultural environment) make comparisons with most mainland areas in terms of **attractiveness** for residence and economic activities problematic for the islands in the context of current development models based on easy accessibility and low cost production.

At the same time, islands are endowed with unique natural and cultural features which can, under certain conditions, be used both as drivers of growth and for the improvement of the attractiveness in a globalized socio-economic and cultural system.

PhD Students, Postgraduate and Undergraduate Students are welcome to attend this Summer School.

More information (registration, programme etc) can be found at <http://islands-research.aegean.gr/reti-summer-school.html> & for supplementary questions: Tel no +30 22510-36290 Mrs Sofia Karampela.

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