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A happy new year to all RETI members! Pace è salute à tutti per l'annu novu !

Following the season greetings of RETI President Clive Mulholland from UHI, we are pleased to wish everyone of you a happy new year, with good health and good work.

2016 has been an interesting and important year for RETI. Our network now features a new President, Prof. Clive Mulholland, a new Director, Mathieu Graziani and a new member, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Those decisions were explicated during the [7th Governance Committee held in Corsica](#) in September 2016, among other resolutions as stated in the account of the last Committee.



In November 2016 RETI and the University of Malta organized in Valletta a Symposium about [Island Tourism](#). The event was a success with several member delegations and especially students who all did a great job. It also was the opportunity to have a work meeting with our colleagues from the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa who will host the next RETI event in November 2017.



So 2017 will be a exciting and challenging year for RETI with the [Okinawa](#) event in November, 17-21. Here's a brief summary of the research themes proposed:

- Island Economy and Its Sustainability
 - Relationship with Externalities: "Mainlands", "Great Powers", and Other Islands
 - Islanders and the Power of Local Communities
 - Diversity in Island Perspective: Culture, Nature, Language, Gender and Society
- More info will come up soon, as long as a new version of the RETI website and other news.

Best wishes !

Mathieu Graziani