

## **IVA in China**

After some weeks of discussion and bureaucracy, it is for sue: we are moving to China! Our first move will occur in the first days of December, wehn we move to Yanzhou, a small but beautiful city about 200 km on the North-west of Shanghai. If everythings runs well, we will move on in June or July to Kunming, the city of the eternal spring, the capital of the Yunnan Province, to stay about five years. I see this change like a great opportunity of beginning new research and, why not: to expand the horizons of our institute (IVA).  
You are all wellcome to China!

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*(Maria)*

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## **IVAs to Venezuela**

The preparation of the study trip to Venezuela is running well. Maria forces all her relatives, friends and people from the University in Caracas to make the trip successful. They are trying to find affordable accomodation, transport and even some financial support seems to be possible. Local guides for Maracaibo and Coro are available already.

Apart from that, Christian Pagitsch, being currently in Venezuela, is preparing all necessary formalia for us and he will try to help us as much as he can. Thank you very much, Christian.

However, due to the move of Maria to China and Erich's other plans in February, we will postpone the trip and shift it to February 2008. Nevertheless there will be an „expert“ team (Erich, Renate, Maria) and maybe a few more members of „expert“ IVAs (i.e. all who are interested and think they can contribute something) visiting Venezuela this summer, most likely in August. On this occasion we will visit all the places (especially the trip to the native red Indias lseems a bit tricky) and possibly hold a workshop at the University of Caracas as well as our research.

There are some people in Venezuela interested in making a video documentation of our trip. They proposed financial support of our trip when they get the rights of making the video, but for now it is neither guaranteed nor are we sure to what extend we would like this. (we would be allowed to take a copy back to Europe and show it occasionally, but would not have any rights). If we get the financial support after our visit, we would suggest to use the money for a publication. What would you al think of that. Maybe one or the other could get back to us.

*(Renate, Maria)*

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## **JCCS- Call for papers**

As you all know, the first issue of the Journal of Comparative Cultural Studies is forthcoming. We will publish the first issue April 2007. All who think they can contribute something dealing with copartive studies are more than welcome to write a paper. Pleas send an abstract (approx. 500 words, either English or German) to:

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Deadline for abstracts: 30/11/2006

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