



Dr. MATTHIAS FUCHS

Dr. Matthias Fuchs, an outstanding scholar and internationally reputed scientist in the field of Service and Tourism Management is presently Associate Professor at the Centre for Tourism and Service Economics at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. He was born in Sterzing, Province of Bolzano, Italy in 1970.

Dr. Fuchs completed both his Primary Education as well as his High-School Degree in Sterzing, Province of Bolzano. He earned his B.A. in Business Administration (Mag. rer. soc. oec.) in 1994 and his Ph.D. in Economics (Dr. Mag. rer. soc. oec.) from the University of Innsbruck, Austria in 2000.

Before beginning his research and teaching career, Dr. Fuchs has worked for two years as Portfolio Manager within the banking sector in Italy. Since 1995, Dr. Fuchs has been lecturer and researcher at the Centre for Tourism and Service Economics at the University of Innsbruck (Austria). For his Ph.D. work he was awarded both the Research Price of the Tyrolean Chamber of Commerce (Innsbruck 2001, Austria) and the state-sponsored Rudolf Sallinger-Research Price (Vienna 2001, Austria). Since 1997 he holds a scholarship from the Patronage Association for South-Tyrolean Scientists at the University of Innsbruck, Austria. In 2002 he won a research grant totalling \$ 63,000 from the Austrian National Bank Jubilee Foundation, Vienna, Austria. Very recently Dr. Matthias Fuchs earned his Postdoctoral Qualification (i.e. Habilitation) from the University of Innsbruck in May 2003.

Dr. Fuchs has lectured in the many fields of service and tourism management (e.g. operations management in the service firm, destination management, tourism economics, human resource management) and operations research (e.g. decision modelling, quantitative benchmarking, multivariate analysis). Dr. Fuchs has been guest lecturer at the University of Bolzano (Italy), at the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland), and at the Management Center Innsbruck (Austria). Over the last 7 years Dr. Fuchs has published one monograph, has co-edited two books, has written twelve book chapters and 15 refereed journal articles. Finally, 16 papers have been published in international conference proceedings in his credit

and he has been invited as a speaker to 16 international conferences (e.g. the University of New Orleans and the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow). As a result of his international reputation, Dr. Fuchs has also acted as a consultant to private and public-sector organizations. These include: The European Commission, Bruxelles (Belgium), Statistics Canada, Ottawa (Canada), VOEST-Alpine, Vienna (Austria), The Economic Development Funds, Carinthia, (Austria), and Labour Market Services, Tyrol (Austria).

Dr. Fuchs is married. As a multilinguist he is fluent in English, German, Italian and has basics in French.

Dr. Matthias Fuchs was selected by the World Scientists Forum for the "Eminent Scientist of the Year 2003" international award of IRPC (International Research Promotion Council) in the field of tourism administration and service management based on his unique academic and career achievements and academic excellence. His reputation as a veteran in the field of tourism and service management has crossed the geographical barriers and is spreading all over the world.