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This issue of RNJ contains a third portion of the papers presented at the third international conference on Easter Island research, the Rapa Nui Rendezvous, held in Laramie, Wyoming, August 3-6, 1993. The conference was sponsored by the University of Wyoming, and was the first of the Easter Island conferences to be hosted in the United States. Sixty papers were presented by researchers from 18 countries. Over 250 participants attended the conference which was held in recognition of the contributions to Easter Island research made by the late William T. Mulloy, Wyoming anthropologist, and his colleagues of the 1955-56 Norwegian Expedition.

The conference was made possible by generous funding from the University of Wyoming Research Office and was strongly supported in numerous ways by members of the Easter Island Foundation, University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming College of Arts and Sciences, and University of Wyoming Office of Conferences and Institutes.

Thirty-one of the 60 papers were submitted for publication; two were previously published in Rapa Nui Journal. These are by Pavel Pavel, “Reconstruction of the transport of the moai statues and pukao hats” (RNJ 9(3): 67-72); and Juan Grau, “Jubaea, the Palm of Chile and Easter Island” (RNJ 10(2): 37-43). The remaining papers are grouped into categories.

The first eight papers were published in the December issue of Rapa Nui Journal and six more in the March issue. This issue contains a third group. The papers may or may not be in the order listed below depending upon whether or not completed manuscripts were received by press time. For the reader’s benefit the full list of papers is provided below by author and title.

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