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August 7-12, 2000

Below is the current list of sessions and participants for Pacific 2000

Peter Bellwood, Keynote Speaker: “Pacific Prehistory and the Rest of Mankind”

Settlement Patterns and Landscape Studies, Thegn Ladefoged, Chair
Melinda Allen; Julie Field; Michael Graves; Thegn Ladefoged; Helen Leach; Mark McCoy; Joan Wozniak

Lapita Studies, Wallace Ambrose, Chair
Geoffrey R. Clark; David Burley; Christophe Sand; Matthew Spriggs; Glenn Summerhayes

Pacific Colonization and Exploration, Atholl Anderson, Chair
Atholl Anderson; J. Stephen Athens; Elizabeth Matisso-Smith; Richard Walter; J. Peter White

Palaeoecology of Oceania, John Flenley, Chair
Ian G. Barber; Kevin Butler; Linda Scott Cummings; John Flenley; Juan Grau; Richard Holdaway; Catherine Orliac; Janet Wilmshurst

Rapa Nui and Polynesian Physical Anthropology, Vincent Stefan and George Gill, Chairs
Patrick Chapman; George Gill; Rona Ikehara-Quebral; Michael Pietrusewski; Vincent Stefan

Arts of the Pacific (two sessions), Deborah Waite, Chair
Anne D’Alleva; Jehane Teilhet-Fisk; Norman Hurst; Carol S. Ivory; Chris Jacomb; Adrienne Kaeppler; Chuck Kawai’olulu Souza; Karen Stevenson; Thomas Keali’ihonou Stone III; Eric Kjellgren, Donald P. Ryan

Hawaiian Archaeology, Peter Mills, Chair
James Bayman; Ross Cordy; Rob Homman; Paul F. Johnson; Susan A. Lebo; Peter Mills; Cynthia Van Gilder; Scott Williams

Historic Themes in Rapa Nui Culture, Christopher M. Stevenson, Chair
Riet Delsing; Ben Finney; Alejandro Grifferos; Grant McCall; Douglas Porteous

Prehistoric Archaeology on Rapa Nui, Andrea Seelenfreund, Chair
William Ayres; Scott Fitzpatrick; Gorden Goleš; Sonia Haoa; R. Langohr G. Louwagie; Jari Mikkelsen; Christopher Stevenson; Helene Martinsson-Wallin; Joan Wozniak

New Horizons in Pacific Research, Felicica R. Beardsley, Chair
Stanton Andrews; Felicia Beardsley; Nena Lono; Patricia Martz; E. Jane Rosenthal; Joan S. Schneider; David Welch

Polynesian Languages and Literatures, Steven R. Fischer, Chair
John Charlot; Joe Finney; Steven R. Fischer; W. W. Schuhmacher

Marquesan History and Prehistory, Sidsel Millerstrom, Chair
David Addison; J-L Candelot; Carol S. Ivory; Sidsel Millerstrom; Pascal Sellier

French Polynesian Studies, Paul Wallin, Chair
Atholl Anderson; Geoffrey Clark; Ethan Cochrane; Eric Conte; Fiona Petchey; Yoshihiko Sinoto; Paul Wallin

Samoan Archaeology, Julie M. E. Taomia, Chair
William Ayres; Scott Fitzpatrick; Epifania Suafe’a; J. M. E. Taomia; Joan Wozniak

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Conference News

The Congress Abstracts have been arriving in stunning numbers and we now have more than 100 scholars involved in giving papers. Many of the papers have multiple authors, so that number doesn’t mean there will be that many papers! None the less, the response has been wonderful and we are looking forward to a great conference. Due to the diverse subject matter in John Flenley’s session, it has been renamed “Palaeoecology of Oceania”.

On the evening of Thursday, August 10th there will be a special party in honor of Pacific 2000 members, hosted by Carolyn and Mark Blackburn at Pu’o’pelu, the ranch estate of the late Richard Smart, the former Parker Ranch owner. The estate is just outside the town of Kamuela and a bus will be available from the HPA to the party. There will be ‘hearty’ pupus and drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks), music, and a chance to mingle with other conference attendees. The event is a fund raiser ($25 donation, tax deductible) for the Easter Island Foundation and we would like to express our gratitude to Carolyn and Mark for hosting this event.

Pu’o’pelu has to be seen to be believed. Richard Smart transformed the family estate into an elegant showplace (8,000 square feet!) that is part French Provincial, part Ranch, and part Hawaiian. A formal garden was created and the house renovated to display his art collection. Next door is the original old Parker ranch house with antique interiors, and memorabilia. This will be open for guests during the party.

The history of the Parker Ranch goes back to 1809 when John Palmer Parker jumped ship at Hawai’i at the age of 19. He learned the Hawaiian language and caught the eye of the great Kamehameha I, who was impressed by his energy and vision. Some ten years later he married Kamehameha’s granddaughter. Obtaining land, they enlarged their holdings over the years and the great Parker Ranch was born. It became the largest cattle ranch in the United States under single ownership, at its peak encompassing more than 500,000 acres and with the largest Hereford herd in the world.

Their son, John II was, by 1879, one of the wealthiest men in the islands and he moved to Pu’o’pelu in central Waimea. His son John III died young, leaving one daughter (Thelma) who became sole heir to the ranch. But both Thelma and her husband, Gaillard Smart, died young, leaving 2-year old Richard to be raised in San Francisco by his grandmother. He pursued a career in acting and for nearly thirty years he played on Broadway and in top cabarets in the United States and abroad, starring with such actresses as Nanette Fabray, Eve Arden, and Carol Channing. He returned to Hawai’i in 1960 and began improving the Ranch estate, including raising the roof of the house to 16 feet and adding skylights and chandeliers. French doors lead out to the beautiful gardens, with an ocean view in the distance.

This will be a memorable (and delicious) evening. A form with further information about the party will be sent to all those who register for the conference.

For further information about the Pacific 2000 Conference, contact us at the Easter Island Foundation.

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We look forward to seeing you on the Big Island in 2000!
being on Rapa Nui in January, I am truly sorry that I neglected to bring my board—but the waves weren’t breaking then anyway. I’ll just have to go into a dream sequence after reading this issue of The Surfer’s Journal.

Web Sites and Email Addresses

Polynesian Voyaging Society
On this site one may follow the historic voyages of the Hōkūle‘a.
<http://leahi.kcc.hawaii.edu/org/pvs>

The Easter Island Web Site
<http://www.netaxs.com/~trance/rapanui.html>

Easter Island Foundation Book Site
<http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/stanmer/326/eifpublications.html>

Cook Island News
<http://www.cinews.co.ck/pageone.htm>

Micronesia Diary
<http://www.intangible.org/Features/micronesia/>

“Te Rapa Nui”, a quarterly newsletter published on Easter Island. Directed by Juan Soler
<http://www.rapanui.co.cl> or email: <rapanui@entelchile.net>

Pacific Islands Report
<http://pindp.ewe.hawaii.edu/pireport/>

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, School of Pacific and Asian Studies at ANU
<pambu@coombs.anu.edu.au>

Rongorongo Home Page
<http://www.openweb.ru/windows/rongo/index.htm>

South Pacific Peoples Foundation
<spf@spff.org>

David Stanley, author of South Pacific Handbook, has a new website, the South Pacific Organizer
<http://www.southpacific.org>

Two interesting websites with an archive of photographs of Pacific art and culture:
<http://sorrel.humboldt.edu/~rwjl/oceanic.html>
<http://www.tattootraditions.alohaworld.com>

A website with information about Easter Island, by Grant McCall can be found at
<http://www2.hawaii.edu/usr-cgi/ssi/~ogden/piir/pacific/Rapanui.html>

Conferences

The 10th Pacific Science Inter-Congress will be held from 1-6 June, 2001 at the University of Guam. The Congress theme is “Integration of Natural and Social Sciences in the New Millennium”. Deadline for submission of papers is 1 February 2001. For further information: jcamacho@uog9.uog.edu or check the website: www.10psicguam.org

A Sacred Sites International Study Tour
June 12 -17, 2000
Sacred Sites International is offering a special exploration of Native Hawaiian culture during an intensive 5-day study tour. Learn from Native Hawaiians about their beliefs that center on the Earth as a living, sentient being where all things are intertwined; experience Native Hawaiian ethics; visit with a Hawaiian kahuna (healer); and learn of Hawaiian stewardship of the Earth. This trip will benefit the restoration of the sacred island of Moku‘ula, buried nearly a century ago along with an extensive series of wetlands that surrounded it. Revered as the home of a sacred lizard goddess, it was also home to Hawaiian royalty. Visit sacred rocks, petroglyphs, ancient heiau, and learn about the sacred dance, hula—a pathway to the soul of Hawaiian people. For further information, contact Sacred Sites International, 1442A Walnut St. #330, Berkeley, CA 94709, 510-525-1304; e-mail: <sacredsite@aol.com> web site: <www.sitesaver.org>

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