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that really awe beginners like me. The BBC crew interviewed Hunt while we were working one day. Some of us were making maps in the background (the coastal area of Akahanga), so watch for us in the documentary. We also had the unique privilege of a guided tour with Sergio Rapu, former governor of the island and our host at the Hotel Topa Ra’a, our very comfortable home on the island.

Now we’re all back home and undergoing acute Rapa Nui withdrawal. We’ve got our shell lei and our fishhook pendants, our sculptures and posters up in our rooms, our Topa Tangi and Kari Kari CDs, and our memories. Several of my fellow students also got tattoos from Tito Araki, an excellent local tattoo artist. Most of us are already planning our next visit. Before we left, Dr. Hunt announced that there will be two field school sessions on Rapa Nui next summer, so there should be plenty of opportunities for both new and returning students who want to learn cutting-edge archaeological field methods on “the world’s most amazing island”, as Hunt so accurately describes it.

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The Archive of Maori and Pacific Music, Anthropology Department, University of Auckland, New Zealand. Four major collections of audio and video material has been deposited in the Archive over the past months. All are available for listening on the premises of the Archive. More information: http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ant/seminar/anthroSEMINAR2001term2.htm or contact: r.moyle@ auckland.ac.nz

EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION NEWS

CHRISTOPHER M. STEVENSON, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE EIF, assumed the office in May. One of his new initiatives will be to add members to the executive board to assist in fundraising. The Foundation is looking for persons in the corporate sphere to assist in the fundraising process by making personal contacts with companies that will support the mission of the EIF. If you think that this challenge is for you, or if you know
of someone who would like to participate, please contact the president or an EIF board member.

Other EIF officers are Vice President, Tom Christopher; Treasurer, Barbara Hinton; Secretary, Kay Sanger; and Chairman of Scholarship Committee, Marla Wold. During the EIF business meeting in April, members welcomed Sr. Angel Cabeza, director of the National Council for Monuments in Chile, who proposed a liaison with the EIF; said liaison was voted on and passed. Sr. Cabeza also endorsed with enthusiasm the new Center for Rapa Nui Studies at the University of Valparaíso.

The official opening of the William Mulloy Library on the Island is set for the 19th of October, and members of the Mulloy family will be present to inaugurate it. The library building is part of the Museo Antropológico, just north of Tahai.

Marla Wold, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, is pleased to announce that the Easter Island Foundation's Scholarship will be awarded in December 2002. Applications have been distributed on the island and a deadline for applications has been established (October 1, 2002). There will be a five-person commission to review and select the winner. We encourage all interested Rapanui under age 29 to apply and we wish them all the best of luck.

In Memoriam: The Easter Island Foundation has made a donation to the EIF's scholarship fund in the name of Dr Ted Kurze who passed away on May 10, 2002. Ted visited Easter Island several times with his wife, Joan Seaver Kurze, who served as the first president of the Easter Island Foundation. Ted actively supported the EIF and generously hosted some of the EIF's annual meetings. Ted will be remembered as a great man who positively touched many lives as a surgeon and as a generous donor to worthwhile causes. We are pleased that his benevolent spirit will live on with this gift to the EIF scholarship fund, which helps qualified Rapa Nui students attain a university education. Donations to the scholarship fund in Ted Kurze's name are now being accepted.

What's New at the EIF Office

Greetings from the Easter Island Foundation office in Baywood Park! Our latest publication, Pacific 2000, Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific is hot off the press. It features 54 papers from the last Easter Island Foundation conference held at Kamuela on the Big Island of Hawaiʻi and is a must for any serious scholar of Pacific studies. Chapters include New Horizons in Pacific Research, Archaeology on Rapa Nui, Hawaiian Archaeology, Western Pacific Research, Samoan Prehistory, French Polynesian Prehistory, Arts of the Pacific, Anthropology on Rapa Nui, Polynesian Languages and Literature, Polynesian Physical Anthropology and Conservation Problems in the Pacific. The book is available for $35 plus shipping.

Pacific Landscapes: Archaeological Approaches will be ready to ship by the time this issue of RNJ goes to press. The book, edited by Thegn Ladefoged and Michael Graves, deals with "landscape archaeology" and refers to the interaction between environment and humans over time. The geographic range of the papers is from the margins of Polynesia to central East Polynesia, West Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. Pacific Landscapes focuses on important methodological problems and fills a crucial void in Pacific archaeological studies. It has an impressive list of authors: aside from the editors, Ladefoged and Graves, authors include Atholl Anderson, Shankar Aswani, Ethan Cochran, Janet Davidson, Julie Field, Roger Green, Foss Leach, Takuya Nagoaka, Blaze O'Connor, Christophe Sand, Peter Sheppard, Christopher Stevenson, Julie Taomia, Richard Walker, and Stephen Wickler. There are 12 chapters, 175 pages, illustrated with maps, drawings, and tables. $26 plus postage.

We still have posters of Carlos Huber's photographs from the book Rapa Nui, Land of Rocky Dreams. Two posters include stunning aerial views: one at Rano Kau and one at Rano Raraku; another is a moai at Rano Raraku, and fourth poster shows three views of Ahu Tongariki: These posters are available for $10 each or $35 for the complete set. Shipping is extra. If you have not yet purchased Land of Rocky Dreams, you should do so. Besides being a great conversation piece on your coffee table the book is full of beautiful color photographs by Huber, detailed drawings by Te Pou Huke and text by José Miguel Ramírez that covers nearly every aspect of Easter Island from the past to the present.

We also have two special, one-of-a-kind posters for sale. One shows beautifully drawn moai types in conjunction with human figures for scale; and the other poster shows Rapa Nui wood carving types. These were produced by César Aguiler a of Easter Island and make lovely framed prints. Price is $20 each, plus shipping. Size: ~21 x 30". Since we only have one of each poster, please contact us straight away if you are interested!

We recently acquired a number of original copies of the Journal of New World Archaeology 7:1 (1986) that contains five interesting articles about Easter Island. Authors include Sergio Rapanui, Jo Anne Van Tilburg, Christopher Stevenson, Claudio Cristino, Georgia Lee and Joan Seaver. The volume also includes a select glossary of Rapanui terminology. It is available for $5 plus shipping.

We have completely sold out of Speak Rapanui! and Death of a Moai, but hope to reprint them at some point in the future.

Please call, email or write us if you are interested in any of the items mentioned here, have any questions about the Foundation or if you want to renew your Rapa Nui Journal subscription (rapanuibooks@worldnet.att.net). Remember, a $100 donation to the Foundation includes a full year’s subscription to the Journal! Stop by and see us if you are ever in the neighborhood!