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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Tupua Tamasese (Deputy Head of State, Samoa)
John Flenley (Massey University, New Zealand): “A palynologist looks at the colonization of the Pacific”

SESSIONS

Atholl Anderson (ANU, Australia) atholl.anderson@anu.edu.au and Geoffrey Clark (ANU). West Polynesian Prehistory and the Rise of Maritime Chiefdoms. Participants: Atholl Anderson; E. Quent Winterhoff; Geoffrey Clark; Helene Martinsson-Wallin and Joakim Wehlin; Helene Martinsson-Wallin and Unasa Va’a; Keith Dobney, M. Fujita and Una Strand-Vidarsdottir; David Addison, Tim Rieth and Alex E. Morrison

Grant McCall (University of New South Wales, Australia) g.mccall@unsw.edu.au Easter Island Anthropology and Traditional History. Participants: Maria Eugenia Santa Coloma; Jo Anne Van Tilburg; Petra Campbell; Tandy Toomey-Shepardson; Beverley Haun

Christopher Stevenson (Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources, USA) christopher.Stevenson@dhr.virginia.gov and Sonia Haoa. Easter Island Archaeology: Chronology, Architecture and Agriculture. Participants: Christopher Stevenson and Thern Ladefoed; Sonia Haoa; Dirk Huyge and Nicolas Cauwe; William Ayres; Jo Anne Van Tilburg; Terry Hunt

Ethan Cochrane (University of London) ethan.cochrane@ucl.ac.uk and Reidar Solsvik (University of Oslo) East Polynesian Archaeology: Recent Archaeological Research and Implications for Explaining Pacific Pasts. Participants: Ethan Cochrane; Reidar Solsvik; Alex Morrison; Jennifer Kahn; David Addison; Pascal Sellier

George Gill (University of Wyoming). g.gill@uwyo.edu and Vincent Stefan Easter Island Human Osteology. Participants: George W. Gill; Douglas W. Oswnley; Vincent H. Stefan; Thomas A. Furgeson

Andreas Mieth (University of Kiel) amieth@ecology.uni-kiel.de and Hans-Rudolf Bork. Human Impact on Environment and Landscape on Pacific Islands. Participants: Joan A. Wozniak and Mark Horrocks; Juan Grau; Clare Delhion and Catherine Orliac; Andreas Mieth; Hans-Rudolf Bork

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Paul Rainbird (University of Wales) SR009@lamp.ac.uk and Owe Ronström (Gotland University). Seascapes and Island Archaeology. Participants: Bruno David; Akira Goto; Bernard Knapp; Colin Richards; Sue Hamilton; Christer Westerdahl; Ian McNiven

Sidsel Millerström (University of California) smillerstrom@cal.berkeley.edu and Edmundo Edwards. State of the Art: Theory, Interpretation, and Symbolism of Oceanic Rock Art. Participants: Jean-Michel Chazine; Cristophe Sand and Jean Monnin; Richard W. Rogers; Sidsel Millerstrom

Steven R. Fischer (New Zealand) rongorongo@internet.co.nz Language Contacts and the Rongorongo script. Participants: Paul Horley, Steve Pagel, Kenneth Cook, Rosa Palermo, Scott Nicolay.


José Miguel Ramirez Aliaga (Universidad de Valparaiso) rapaui@uv.cl Trans-Pacific Contacts: New Wine for an Old Bottle. Participants: Atholl Anderson; Alice Storey; Terry Jones; Kathryn Klar

Kevin Jones (Te Papa Atawahi) kljones@doc.govt.nz and Anna Källen (Historical Museum, Stockholm) World Heritage: International and Pacific Perspectives. Participants: Isabelle Briando; Kevin Jones; Anna Källen; Ian Lilley; Chamina Saman Rathnayake; Sally Brockwell and Sue O’Connor.

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General Session

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Workshop – “World Heritage and Identity – Three Worlds Meet”
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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Monday August 20: Check-in/registration, Gotland University; Welcome reception, 6 p.m., Historical Museum of Gotland
Tuesday August 21: Opening of Conference; Keynote Speech by Tupua Tamasee; Sessions and Workshop
Wednesday August 22: Sessions and Workshop
Thursday August 23: Sessions; Evening session: Keynote Speech by John Flenley
Friday August 24: Sessions
Saturday August 25: Gotland Excursion (Stone Age to Medieval Times); Final Medieval Banquet

Post Conference Activities
Sunday August 26: Gotlandic Games at Almedalen, plays, tournaments, parade, and jousting.

Post Conference Tour
Monday 27-Thursday 30. Main highlights: The World Heritage rock carving site of Vitlycke on the Swedish coast; the Viking Ship Museum, and the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo; the Medieval castle at Örebro; the kings’ grave at Uppsala; and the Wasa Museum in Stockholm. Three nights/3½ days. The tour ends in Stockholm.

http://www.hgo.se/archaeology/conference2007

The island of Gotland is the largest island in the Baltic Sea, lying 100 km off the eastern coast of Sweden. Although settled during the Stone Age, today it is best known as the “Viking Island.” Gotland’s main city, Visby, is ringed by ancient stone walls and towers and was a busy trading center of the Hanseatic League. Its 13th century ramparts make it the best fortified commercial city in northern Europe. Visby was declared a UNESCO World Heritage City in 1995.

Gotland’s archaeological sites range from the Bronze, Iron and Stone Ages, monastery ruins from the Middle Ages, and Medieval churches. It has the world’s largest treasury of silver hoard, dating from the Viking Age. The silver hoard is on display at Visby’s Historical Museum.

Today Visby is known for its excellent shopping, seven golf courses, charming gabled houses, and archaeological ruins. The island’s extensive beaches attract visitors; Gotland has more hours of sunshine than anywhere else in the country.

The island is reached via air, or by bus/ferry from Stockholm, via Nynashamn