A Festschrift for Ron Crocombe

A Conference to Celebrate the Life and Achievements of Ron Crocombe

University of the South Pacific,
Rarotonga, 12 - 13 August 2010

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Conference papers will be available from the USP computer server. Please bring your memory stick to download copies.

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST

8.30 am  Everyone to gather at the “Peace Garden” at the Cook Islands Library & Museum (opposite USP, Takamoa), walk across to the USP foyer for the official welcome.

9.00 am  TUROU, ORO MAI: WELCOME
Makiuti Tongia / Piritau Nga

Opening Prayer: Pastor Tevai Matapo (Religious Advisory Council, Chairman USP Cook Islands Campus Advisory Committee)

9.30 am  WELCOME SPEECH: President of the Cook Islands Research Association welcomes and invites the Hon. Jim Marurai, the Prime Minister of the Cook Islands and USP Council Member to address the gathering.
9.45 am Tata Crocombe, USP Council member welcomes Keynote Speaker, Emeritus Professor, Albert Wendt, Auckland University.

9.50 am Emeritus Professor Albert Wendt “Ron, Mentor and Friend”

10.20 am MORNING TEA - USP verandah.

10.55am Chair of two papers: Dr. Marjorie Crocombe. Unveiling of portrait by Dominic Crocombe

11.00 - 11.30am Dr. Doug Munro (Victoria University, Wellington) *Ron Crocombe and Harry Maude*

11.30 - 12.00pm Professor Brij Lal (Australian National University) *The Road from Laucaola Bay*

12.00 - 12.30pm Dr. Te’o I. J Fairbairn (University of Newcastle) - Presented by Tata Crocombe *Crocombe on New Guinea’s First Development Plan 1968*

12.30 - 1.00pm LUNCH: Sponsored by Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa
*Screening of ‘O Rongo i Tai’ and Installation of Investiture of Vaipo Kavana*

Chair of three papers: Makiuti Tongia (Cook Islands Research Association)

1.00 - 1.30pm Dr. Howard Van Trease (Honorary Research Fellow, USP, Emalus Campus, Vanuatu) *The Resolution of Customary Land Disputes in Vanuatu*

1.30 - 2.00pm Dr. Ueantabo MacKenzie (Campus Director, USP Kiribati Campus) *Negotiating the Political Cul-de-Sac - Traditional Leadership and Local Governance in Kiribati*

2.00 - 2.30pm Dr. Peter Larmour (Australian National University) *Ron’s writing on corruption*

2.30 - 2.40pm AFTERNOON BREAK

Chair of two papers: Professor Vilsoni Hereniko (Director of Pacific Studies & Oceania Art Centre, USP, Fiji)

2.40 - 3.10pm Professor Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop (Foundation Professor of Pacific Studies, AUT University) *More than Nice: Youth Connecting through Poly*

3.10 - 3.40pm Dr. Elise Huffer (Human Development Program Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Fiji) *Pacific Studies and Integrating Culture into Development Policy*
Chair of two papers: Ian Karika (Cook Islands Library & Museum Society)

3.40 - 4.10pm  Professor Hiroshi Moriwaki (University of Kagoshima, Japan)
Geomorphic development of the coastal landforms on Rarotonga, Cook Islands, South Pacific Ocean

4.10 - 4.40pm  Dr. Kei Kawai (University of Kagoshima, Japan)
Shell colour polymorphism of the intertidal gastropod ‘Nerita Plicata’ inhabiting the Cook Islands

4.40pm  Closing Prayer: Ina Teiotu

6.30pm  CONFERENCE BBQ - USP Foyer
Contributions by conference sponsors, Safari Tours, family, colleagues and friends.

DAY TWO:  FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST

Opening Prayer: Pastor Tevai Matapo

9.00 - 9.30am  Professor Jon Tikivanotau Jonassen (Brigham Young University, Laiea, Hawaii)
Cook Islands political reform to 2055
Chair: Iaveta Short

9.30 - 10.00am  Makiuti Tongia (Cook Islands Research Association)
Absentee landowners in the Cook Islands: consequences of change to tradition
Authored by Makiuti Tongia, Ron Crocombe and Tepoave Raitia
Chair: Lynsay Rongokea Francis

10.00 - 10.20am  Iaveta Short (Lawyer, Businessman) & Ross Holmes (Lawyer)
Problems and Practical Solutions for Cook Islands Land Tenure and Law
Chair: Lynsay Rongokea Francis

10.20 am  MORNING TEA

10.30 - 11.00pm  Dr. Linda Crowl (Divine Word University, Papua New Guinea)
Book publishing and national identity: Presbyterian presses in Vanuatu
Chair: Jean Tekura Mason (Cook Islands Library & Museum Society)

11.00 - 11.30am  Ms Lisa Williams - Lahari (Coordinator International Federation of Journalists, Cook Islands)
From Chaos to Clarity - the crisis of Pacific media regionalism
Chair: William Framhein (Matariki FM)

11.30 - 12.00am  Address by Hon. Wilkie Rasmussen (Minister of Finance, Cook Islands Government)
12.00 - 12.30pm  Professor Vilsoni Hereniko (Director of Pacific Studies & Oceania Art Centre, USP, Fiji)  
*Cultural Translation and Contemporary Filmmaking in Oceania*  
Chair: Professor Albert Wendt

12.30 - 1.30pm  Pacific Artists and Writers Forum - *The Business of Art?*  
Albert Wendt, Filipe Tohi, Eruera Nia, Mahiriki Tangaroa, Michael Tavioni, Jean Tekura Mason, Vaine Wichman, Makiuti Tongia and Vereara Maeva - Taripo.  
Chair: Professor Vilsoni Hereniko

1.30pm  L U N C H - Sponsored by Navy & Kimi Epati and Family  
The Long Walk...Home - *Stageplay directed by Tereapii Napa*

2.00 - 2.30pm  Neti Tamarua Herman (University of Auckland)  
*Investing in our future: A Model to promote the Health and Wellbeing of Young People in the Cook Islands*  
Chair: Angie Tuara

2.30pm  Professor Hugh Laracy (University of Auckland)  
*In Memoriam*  
Tata Crocombe  
Eulogy

“*The Other Side of Ron*” - Family Presentation  
Chair: Kevin, Nari & Sam Crocombe and others

“*Atiu Connection*” - Introduced and chaired by Rongomatane Ada Ariki  
Ina Teiotu - *Writings about Atiu*  
Paiere Mokoroa - *Te Ata o Ron*  
Vereara Maeva - Taripo - *The Mighty Hero*  
Liz Ponga - *The Maori Side of Ron*  
John Hermann - *Political Reform Commission experiences*  
Bill McGrath - *Early PNG Days and Philosophy for (any) Old Age*  
Hiro Kurashina, Rebecca Stephenson, Yosi Sinoto - *Powerpoint Presentation*  
Papa Ron’s Last Voyage in Oceania- Presented by family friend Tangata Vainerere

5.30pm  Conference report and acknowledgements by CIRA President  
- Publication of Festchrift - Editor Linda Crowl (Divine Word University, Papua New Guinea)  
- Suggestions for conference for 2011 - Reprinting of ‘Land Tenure in the Cook Islands’

Closing Prayer: Tevai Matapo

Conference ends