



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



The Cook Islands Research Association,
University of the South Pacific Cook Islands Campus
Cook Islands Library and Museum Society and
Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Conference papers will be available from the USP computer server.
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DAY ONE: THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST

8.30 am Everyone to gather at the "Peace Garden" at the Cook Islands Library & Museum (opposite USP, Takamoā), 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 <i>“Ron, Mentor and Friend”</i>
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) <i>Ron Crocombe and Harry Maude</i>
11.30 - 12.00pm	Professor Brij Lal (Australian National University) <i>The Road from Laucala Bay</i>
12.00 - 12.30pm	Dr. Te’o I. J Fairbairn (University of Newcastle) - Presented by Tata Crocombe <i>Crocombe on New Guinea’s First Development Plan 1968</i>
12.30 - 1.00pm	LUNCH: Sponsored by Rarotongan Beach Resort & Spa <i>Screening of ‘O Rongo i Tai’ and Installation of Investiture of Vaipo Kavana</i>
	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) <i>The Resolution of Customary Land Disputes in Vanuatu</i>
1.30 - 2.00pm	Dr. Ueantabo MacKenzie (Campus Director, USP Kiribati Campus) <i>Negotiating the Political Cul-de-Sac - Traditional Leadership and Local Governance in Kiribati</i>
2.00 - 2.30pm	Dr. Peter Larmour (Australian National University) <i>Ron’s writing on corruption</i>
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) <i>More than Nice: Youth Connecting through Poly</i>
3.10 - 3.40pm	Dr. Elise Huffer (Human Development Program Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Fiji) <i>Pacific Studies and Integrating Culture into Development Policy</i>

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**
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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 Festschrift - Editor Linda Cowl (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

Absent Speakers / Contributors to Festschrift: Ted Wolfers, Glen Peterson, Sabina Erhart, Maryvonne Nedeljko, Don Paterson, Tony Fossen, Robin Hide, Alan Ward, Pai - Chuan, Mere Pulea, Konai and Randy Thaman, Diane Goodwillie and Ruth Lechte.