POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY
<http://leahi.kcc.hawaii.edu/org/pvs>
This site contains information on the Voyaging Society, navigation, and news about the upcoming Hōkēle‘a voyage to Rapa Nui, plus a virtual voyage.

THE EASTER ISLAND WEB SITE
<http://www.netaxis.com/~trance/rapanui.html>
EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION PUBLICATIONS ON LINE
<http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/stanmer/326/eifpublications.html>
MYSTERIOUS PLACES has a section on Easter Island.
<http://mysteriousplaces.com/index.html>
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS WEB SITE
<http://www.cup.org/>
This site lists all Cambridge University Press books in print. To get on their electronic mailing list, send email message to <marketing@cup.org> and indicate your subject of interest.

RONGORONGO HOME PAGE
Mr. Rjabchikov also wishes his personal email address to be included: <srjabchikov@hotmail.com>

CONFERENCES
IX PACIFIC SCIENCE INTER-CONGRESS
November 15-21, 1998. Academia Sinica, Taipai, Taiwan. Theme: Sustainable Development in the Pacific. For information: Prof. T.C. Hung, Institute of Chemistry, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan. Email: tchung@chem.sinica.edu.tw

XIX PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS
July 4-9, 1999, Sydney Australia. University of New South Wales. For information: Pacific Science Congress Secretariat, GPO Box 2609, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia. Email: reply@icmsaust.com.au

THE PACIFIC ARTS ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM
has been postponed until August 1999. The meeting was scheduled for August of this year but the severe drought in Papua New Guinea has left Port Moresby without electricity for half of each day, and very little water. The August 1999 meeting will be in Port Moresby at the National Museum. For further information, contact Michael Gunn, Pacific Arts Association, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave., New York NY 10028-0198. Fax: 212-472-2872; email <bee@pipeline.com>

INTERNATIONAL STRING FIGURE ASSOCIATION
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www.isfa.org/~webweavers/isfa.htm

CONAF REQUEST
Assistance is being requested by CONAF (National Parks of Chile, Easter Island). A Park project is underway to provide toilet facilities at certain heavily-visited sites around the island for the accommodation of tourists. The units are called Recycling Self-Contained Composting Toilets and are manufactured in Chile under US license. Each one has a solar panel for a ventilation fan and each toilet costs US$5000. If anyone wishes to contribute to this project, the Park has a special arrangement with a CONAF foundation to receive donations so that they go directly into the island project. Contact us at Rapa Nui Journal for further information.
Anyone who has searched in vain for a friendly tree on Easter Island will identify with this project! Tourists are aghast to find, while on tour, that—except for Anakena—there are no sanitary facilities outside the village. And those at Anakena are often unfit for use.

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