

September and it will kick off the 54th Nordic Film Days festival on 31 October in Lubeck, Germany. Further information can be found at the film's official website: <http://www.kontikifilmen.com/>.

Unedited tapes with Rapanui songs uncovered from 1949 in Fonck Museum

(As reported by William Liller, Viña del Mar, Chile). A Telefunken playback machine (Model 203) and tapes containing rare Rapanui music were uncovered in a storage area in the Fonck Museum in Viña del Mar, Chile last September. The tapes were recorded by an Austrian, Fritz Felbermayer, when he visited Rapa Nui in 1949. Ana Betty Haoa Rapahango, Librarian at the Biblioteca Rapanui at the Fonck Museum, has been working together with colleagues to transcribe the stories contained in the recorded songs, which have been digitized and re-mastered. Betty was able to identify some of the voices, and was planning to go back to the island in August to see if some of the elders there could identify more. The museum plans to make the recordings available on a CD for sale, and will be featured in a new display planned for the Fonck Museum. Further information can be found at <http://www.cultura.gob.cl/institucionales/ministro-de-cultura-revela-ineditos-audios-ropa-nui-encontrados-en-museo-fonck-de-vina-del-mar/>.

EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION NEWS

Antoinette Padgett

We are pleased to announce that the Easter Island and the Pacific Conference in Santa Rosa in July 2012 was a great success. The meeting was a forum for exchange of ideas, discussions (some heated) as well as a time for visiting with old friends and colleagues and meeting new ones. Several Rapanui islanders attended the conference and some gave presentations. It was an honor for the EIF to be able to have so many young people from the island participate and we thank our members who helped contribute to bringing these students to California. At the welcome banquet, we were treated to an entertaining (and educational) evening talk by Grant McCall along with an impromptu auction by EIF Scholarship Chair Marla Wold to benefit the EIF Scholarship Program. A group of Rapanui carvings, collected in the 1970s, had been donated to the EIF. Some of these carvings were auctioned off during the banquet. Between the auction of carvings, a hard bound copy of Grant McCall's thesis and other pledges collected, the auction netted over \$4000 for the EIF Scholarship Program. An award of \$2500 was pledged for Tiare de la Puente Bernacer, a Rapanui student who



Patrick Kirch being presented with a golden moai by EIF President David Rose. Photograph by Paul Horley.



Grant McCall. Photograph by Paul Horley.

is studying medicine at the Universidad del Desarrollo in Concepcion. Tiare is nearing the end of her program and after graduation, plans to work on Easter Island as a doctor. We thank everyone who contributed to the auction and everyone who made the effort to attend and support the conference. We especially thank Mary Dell Lucas and Heather Stoeckley of Far Horizons for all their organizational efforts and Brian Kiechel and Allison Barden, the kind and patient AV techs who made sure everything worked properly in the sessions. We are certain that everyone will be looking forward to the next Easter Island Conference in 2015, which will be organized by Burkhard Vogt and his colleagues and held in Berlin.

The EIF book sale was well-received and many conference attendees left with their bags somewhat heavier due to book purchases. We still have a selection of one-of-a-kind books for sale; some of the rare and more fragile books that we did not bring to Santa Rosa. These include *Eastern Pacific Tropical Reports* (Agassiz 1906); *Observaciones Meterológico en la Isla de Pascua* (Knoche 1912); *Reflats sur la Sombre Route* (Loti 1926);

along with three different editions of *Chauvet's Easter Island and its Mysteries* in both Spanish and French. Details and prices of these and other items are available on our website, islandheritage.org.

All conference attendees received a stone coaster made especially for the meeting with a lovely pen and ink drawing of Ahu Nau Nau by Paul Horley; we have a few of these coasters left and they are available for purchase. We also created a special edition water bottle for the conference with the classic drawing of a Rano Raraku moai by Tom Scalise. The stainless steel, BPA-free, 24 oz. water bottle is white with the moai graphic in black. Coasters are \$10 and water bottles are \$20. Please contact the EIF office if you are interested in any of these items.



Merahi Atam Lopez with a *moai kavakava* auctioned at the EIPC to raise money for the EIF Scholarship Program. Photograph by Paul Horley.

Easter Island Foundation Scholarship Program

Marla Wold

The Easter Island Foundation's scholarship program began ten years ago with a single award given to Alfonso Rapu Cardinale; since 2002, EIF has given out dozens of individual scholarships totaling over \$93,000; in 2012 seven scholarships were awarded. Some scholarships, such as the Wiegand and Mildred R. Donoghue Awards, have been multi-year, enabling the students to have an annual source of support to help pay for textbooks, school fees, housing costs and other essentials during their course of study.

A presentation given at the Easter Island and the Pacific Conference, *Living in Changing Island Environments*, in Santa Rosa in July 2012 highlighted what some of the EIF's past and present scholarship winners are doing today.

Tiare Aguilera Hey (Directors Award, 2006) is currently studying for an international law degree at the University of Wuhan, China. Upon completion of her studies, she plans to return to the island and work as an attorney.



Tiare Aguilera Hey

Akivi Atan Soto (EIF Award, 2007) graduated in 2008 with a degree in physical education. Since then, he has worked as a physical education professor, teaching football and basketball at schools in Chile for children from ages 8-18. Currently he is back on the island and is working for the Ministerio de Obras Publicas de Chile (MOP). In addition to working for MOP, he hopes to be able to work as a physical education teacher on Rapa Nui and his dream is to create a football team on the island. He noted that the EIF award was a great help to him during his studies, enabling him to get to and from school, to purchase study materials and to alleviate the financial burden for his family.



Akivi Atan Soto

Tiare de la Puente Bernacer (EIF Award, 2009) has been studying at the Universidad del Desarrollo in Concepcion; the EIF scholarship helped to make possible her dream to study medicine at one of the most prestigious schools in Chile. She wants to return to the island and work within the community in the local hospital. In order to help her achieve her goal, the EIF held a special fundraiser during the welcome banquet at the Easter Island and the Pacific Conference and will be able to provide Tiare with an additional scholarship for 2012.



Tiare de la Puente Bernacer

Juana Luna Atamu (Weigand Award, 2005-2008) has finished medical school in Mendoza, Argentina, and plans to practice medicine on the island in the new hospital in the near future.

Tahira Edmunds (Nicolas Haoa Haoa Sr. Award, 2005), Alan Tepano (Directors Award, 2008) and Merahi Atam Lopez (Fraternal Order of Moai Award, 2011-2012) are all working as archaeologists on Rapa Nui. Ana Huke Fuentes (Fraternal Order of Moai Award, 2010) is working at the Explora Rapa Nui.



Tahira Edmunds

Tamaru Pakarati Gonzalez (EIF Award, 2010) is working at the Municipalidad on Rapa Nui.



Tamaru Pakarati Gonzalez

Maria Eugenia Huke Fuentes (Nicolas Haoa Haoa Sr. Award, 2008) is teaching geography, history and Rapanui heritage classes on the island.

Rutiranghi Tuki Paoa (EIF Award, 2008) is working in the SEREMI office on the island.

Noelani Rapahango Lagos (Nicolas Haoa Haoa Sr. Award, 2005) is currently working at the library on the island.

Ioan Haumoana Soler Hotu (EIF Award and Weigand Award, 2005) is working with computers and teaching surfing.

The EIF was proud to be able to help support two of our current scholarship recipients, Merahi Atam Lopez and Rafael Paoa Rapu (both studying archaeology), to attend the Easter Island and the Pacific Conference in Santa Rosa. Merahi gave a paper on *Analysis of plant micro-remains from archaeological contexts on Rapa Nui* and Rafael co-authored a paper with Christopher Stevenson and others, *Tracking prehistoric landscape use over time by obsidian hydration dating*. Meeting and personally getting to know two of the EIF's scholarship recipients, Merahi and Rafael, was a wonderful experience for conference attendees.

If you would like to make a donation to help support the Easter Island Foundation Scholarship Program, please visit the Scholarships page on islandheritage.org; checks may be sent to: Easter Island Foundation P.O. Box 6774 Los Osos CA 93412-6774. All donations will be acknowledged.



Scholarship Committee Chair Marla Wold with Rafael Paoa Rapu. Photograph by Paul Horley.