



Easter Island Foundation

Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips

8th Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific

LIVING IN CHANGING ISLAND ENVIRONMENTS

July 8-13, 2012

Santa Rosa, California (USA)

The 8th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific will be held on July 8-13, 2012 at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel (Santa Rosa, CA), in the heart of the famed Sonoma Wine Country. The conference theme is “Living in Changing Island Environments”, and there will be papers on adaptive responses in subsistence, technology, ideology, social organization, artistic expression, and language.

Professor Patrick V. Kirch from the University of California, Berkeley, will give the keynote address of the conference, and Professor Grant McCall of the University of New South Wales will speak at the Welcome Banquet.

Thirteen conference sessions are planned:

- Water Management Strategies on Pacific Islands
- Island Ecodynamics in the Pacific
- South America Connections with the Pacific
- Elemental Analysis of Lithic Resources
- Micro and Macro Botanical Analysis in the Pacific
- Interpretative Studies in the Pacific
- Monumental Architecture
- Osteology and Biological Anthropology
- Spatial Technology in Pacific Island Research
- Pacific Arts
- Rapa Nui Archaeology
- Melanesia
- Micronesia

For information on how to register, please visit the conference webpage at www.farhorizons.com/easterislandconference/

index.php. To contribute a paper to one of these sessions, email Chris Stevenson at cmstevenson23805@gmail.com.

Registration

Registration includes three full days of scholarly papers with a keynote presentation; first evening wine tasting in the hotel gardens; and a Welcome Banquet to open the conference.

Accommodation

The official conference hotel is the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and Spa, which is a Tuscan Villa set in the heart of Sonoma Wine Country. The hotel is situated near the myriad of dining and shopping opportunities in Railroad Square, the historic heart of Santa Rosa’s “Old Town”. No trip to Sonoma County would be complete without savoring the local vintages and during your stay the possibilities are endless.

Final Tour and Banquet

The final tour and banquet includes a full day and evening private tour of Sonoma’s historic monuments and wine tasting in the more than 25 independent tasting rooms in charming Healdsburg, culminating with a private outdoor barbeque in the gardens of the Seghesio Family Vineyards (including tasting flights of five award-winning wines) along with entertainment.

Post Conference Tour

A post-conference tour, organized by Far Horizons Archaeological and Cultural Trips, includes traveling through California’s Gold Country with an archaeologist specializing in the area to visit sites that few tourists see, such as ceremonial roundhouses, and learn about California Indian culture. Additional information will be posted on the Easter Island Foundation webpage in coming months.

