ICTM Study Group on Musics of Oceania

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We welcome returning member Florian Messner and anticipate welcoming several new members at our forthcoming meeting in Canberra. To familiarize current members with names of people we expect to participate for the first time in our forthcoming meeting in Canberra, their names (and addresses of those known to me) appear at the end of this Circular, following address changes of current members.

Notice to All Members

The main ICTM website that, prior to the World Conference in Rio, included some information about our study group and our forthcoming meeting, was erased after the resignation of Dieter Christensen as ICTM Secretary-General. Neither Wild nor Smith has succeeded in posting that information (or subsequent updates) again there or on the site devoted exclusively to study groups (on which Smith has tried repeatedly for months to get current information posted); therefore, at present – and probably until after the ICTM business office is moved to UCLA - we are relying on email and/or airmail.

Meeting of Study Group on Musics of Oceania, 15-16 September 2001, Canberra Australia

Every member of the Study Group (whether expecting to attend the Business Meeting or not) is welcome to submit items for the agenda. If you have an item you wish discussed, please send it to Barbara Smith (barbaras@hawaii.edu) not later than 10 September or present it in person at the meeting. Presently on the agenda: (1) ‘Review’ (in lieu of formal ‘minutes’) of content of our last business meeting (Hiroshima, 1999), reported in Circular No 41; (2) Unfinished business; (3) New business (a) distribution of future Circulars (among considerations will be greater reliance on email, so it would be helpful if those receiving this Circular by email but consider it an inadequate substitute for hardcopy by airmail inform Smith of that and, if those who receive it only by airmail – because we don’t have an email address for you – notify her of your email address so advantages – i.e. lower cost - and problems can be assessed at the Business Meeting), (b) our next Study Group Meeting (perhaps in conjunction with the ICTM World Conference in Fuzhou, China, in 2003?).

Every member of the Study Group (whether expecting to attend our meeting or not) is welcome to submit ideas for discussion in the session to be devoted to the theme postponed from our Hiroshima meeting that was then formally entitled “Research in the Next Millennium” and informally referred to as “Where Do We Go From Here?” Please send ideas for discussion to Stephen Wild by email, (stephen.wild@bigpond.com), or post, (Dr. Stephen Wild, The Australian National University, GPO Box 804, Canberra, ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA), or bring them to the session in person. The topic is particularly timely, not only because of its taking place in the year 2001, but also because Stephen will begin serving as Chair of our Study Group. I hope you will all extend the same fine cooperative spirit to him that you have extended to me throughout the years of the Study Group’s existence.
Notice to members planning and/or /still hoping to attend our forthcoming meeting in Canberra:
Our Program Chairman, Stephen Wild, IS CURRENTLY IN PERTH, AND WILL RETURN TO CANBERRA ON 25 AUGUST. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPLY TO INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS UNTIL HIS RETURN TO CANBERRA, SO PLEASE DO NOT THINK THAT HE IS UNINTERESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE(S)/IDEA(S) OR IN YOUR PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAM IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY. WE HOPE YOU CAN AND WILL COME EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE TO DO SO UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING OPENS. The arrangements for us at the new facilities of the AIATSIS are excellent and the program content currently in hand promises a stimulating and memorable meeting. Any member who has not yet notified him (or me) of their intention to participate but would like to do so is urged to contact him by 25 August (including the title of your proposed paper, panel or other presentation if you would like to present one). He plans to arrange the schedule of sessions and special activities and distribute it by email on or very soon after 1 September. If, between now and Stephen’s return to Canberra, you have questions you think I can answer, you are welcome to contact me (barbaras@hawaii.edu).

News of Study Group Members at the ICTM World Conference in Rio

Kaeppler and Wild were elected Vice-Presidents. As noted above, Christensen resigned as Secretary-General. Wild was named General Editor of the Yearbook; Kaeppler as Guest Editor of a special issue to be devoted to dance. The following members attended the World Conference, most of them getting together briefly during the opening reception: Ammann, Christensen, Johnson, Kaeppler, Konishi, Niles, Simon, Wild, Witzleben, Yamaguchi (also Hugo Zemp whose 3 new CDs on Ontong Java should be available soon).

Publications by Members (some having come to my attention only belatedly)

Feld, Steven. Bosavi: Rainforest Music from Papua New Guinea. 3 CDs. Published by Smithsonian Folkways Recordings in collaboration with the Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies. Based on 25 years of field recording, it includes 47 tracks of performances by two generations of Bosavi musicians and an 80-page booklet. (CD I: Guitar Bands of the ‘90s, CD II: Sounds and Songs of Everyday Life; CD III: Sounds and Songs of Ritual and Ceremony)

Feld, Steven. Rainforest Soundwalks: Ambiences of Bosavi, Papua New Guinea. CD. Published by EarthEar in collaboration with Bosavi People’s Fund. Environmental audio immersions that blend documentary and artistic approaches to ambient soundscapes.


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Michael Clement completed his thesis “A Reconstruction and Analysis of Ancient Chamorro Music” and was awarded the MA in Micronesian Studies by the University of Guam in Spring 2001.

Judy Flores spent 3 weeks in June with the Pa’a Taotao Tano dance group that was invited to participate in 4 festivals in the Netherlands.

Amy Stillman has been appointed to direct a new program in Pacific Islands and American ethnic studies at the University of Michigan. In relation to her course in Pacific Islands musics, a list of internet resources on the subject has been initiated that is accessible on her webpage (http://www-personal.umich.edu/~akstill). It, and its updates, could be transferred to a SGMO webaddress if members would like it to be an initial section of a list of recordings etc. as was discussed in Hiroshima. Members are encouraged to look at the webpage in advance of the Canberra meeting, so her offer can be discussed there.

Kati Szego was awarded the Ph.D. by the University of Washington in 1999; her dissertation being entitled “Musical meaning-making in an intercultural environment: the case of the Kamehameha Schools.” Congratulations, Dr. Szego!

Address Changes of Members

Steven FELD (new email)
Helen LAWRENCE (new email)
Florian MESSNER

TAI Ryuichi

SEYAMA Toru. (new email)
SZEGO, Kati. (new email)
Names (and addresses if known to me) of those who will participate in their first SGMO Meeting

Dan BENDRUPS

Peter DUNBAR-HALL

Peter TONER

Kado MUIR
Aaron CORN
Barbara GLOWCZEWSKI
To all members of the ICTM STUDY GROUP ON MUSIC OF OCEANIA:

Please make the following corrections and additions to Circular No. 44:

PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS:

Karl Neuenfeldt. "Cultural Politics and a Music Recording Project: producing Strike Em!" Contemporary Voices from the Torres Strait" in JOURNAL OF INTERCULTURAL STUDIES, v.22, n.2 (August 2001)

NEWS OF MEMBER:
Tai Ryuichi has been appointed Associate Professor in Ethnomusicology of the Research Centre for Japanese Traditional Music, Kyoto City University of Arts.

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Helen LAWRENCE
TAI Ryuichi