

On-Line International Easter Island Information Center-Daily Updates; Join for Free

A dynamic Club for Rapa Nui news and information has just been set up on the net. Visitors are invited to make contributions within the content guidelines established by the founder, Alan Drake (see Guidelines below).

The Club was created as a dynamic information center for those interested in the study of Rapa Nui and Polynesia, as well as to provide current information on happenings on Rapa Nui proper as well as Rapa Nui-related events around the world. Citizens of Rapa Nui are also encouraged to use the Club as a public forum to air their concerns internationally. Use it for posting press releases, etc. There is also plenty of room for all members to announce events, post ideas, write reviews, point out interesting Rapa Nui-related web sites or pages, or even try out short publications and receive relatively quick responses.

Yahoo! also provides space for members to post illustrations, photos, etc. Any graphic saved in GIF or JPG format can be uploaded and shared here. This is an excellent feature, as it allows members to illustrate their points. A series of fine drawings and photographs have already begun to appear in the club photo albums.

EASTER ISLAND CLUB GUIDELINES

1. This is an international public forum. Anyone can join. Anyone can post whatever messages they wish related to Rapa Nui or Polynesia at any time, as well as comment on any previous messages. Although any and all visitors can read messages, only Yahoo! members can post messages or upload graphics. Membership is absolutely free, which includes a free email mailbox as well as access to 5 MEG of free web space (via GeoCities) for creating your own Homepage or Easter Island fantasy.

2. Messages listed on the Easter Island Club bulletin board will be as current and up-to-date as the contributing members wish them to be. Because this club is public, anyone can read what you've written, so it's suggested that messages of a more personal nature be confined to email. If any messages are sent in error or if a member has second thoughts about a message already sent, a short email to the club's founder will ensure it's removal by the end of the day.

3. Members may post whatever they wish, as long as their messages relate to Rapa Nui or Polynesia (see, for example, the content of *Rapa Nui Journal*). Remember that if it's related to Rapa Nui and you find it interesting, there are many lovers of Easter Island who may also find it equally interesting.

4. All submissions, both messages and illustrations, will be strictly monitored for suitability. While ideas or opinions will not be edited, the founder of the club reserves the right to delete submissions if they do not suit the needs of this community or if they are deemed frivolous or inappropriate. Alien invaders or citizens of Mu need not apply.

5. Yahoo! also provides clubs with private chat rooms. From time to time a chat forum on an Easter Island related subject may be announced. Watch those messages! This feature has great potential as well.

All *RNJ* readers are encouraged to join the Easter Island

Club and share in this exciting opportunity to keep up to date on Easter Island happenings! The more good people we have, the more successful and useful this will be.

The Yahoo! Easter Island Club

<<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/easterisland>>

Web Sites

Polynesian Voyaging Society

On this site, one may follow the historic voyage of the *Hōkule'a* from Hawai'i to Rapa Nui.

<<http://leahi.kcc.hawaii.edu/org/pvs>>

The Easter Island Web Site

<<http://www.netaxs.com/~trance/rapanui.html>>

Easter Island Foundation book site: <<http://www.fortunecity.com/victorian/stanmer/326/eifpublications.html>>

Cook Islands News

<<http://www.cinews.co.ck/pageone.htm>>

Micronesian Diary

<<http://www.intangible.org/Features/micronesia/>>

"Te Rapa Nui", a quarterly newsletter published on Easter Island. Directed by Juan Soler

<<http://www.rapanui.co.cl>> Or via email:

<rapanui@entelchile.net>

Pacific Islands Report

<<http://pidp.ewe.hawaii.edu/pireport/>>

Pacific Manuscripts Bureau, School of Pacific and Asian Studies at ANU

<pambu@coombs.anu.edu.au>

Pacific Science Association

<psa@bpbm.hawaii.org>

Rongorongo Home Page

<<http://www.openweb.ru/windows/rongo/index.htm>>

South Pacific Peoples Foundation

<sppf@sppf.org>

Conferences

PACIFIC ARTS ASSOCIATION

Chicago: Field Museum, 20-24 October, 1999
PAA, 900 S. Beretania St., Honolulu HI 96814

8TH FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS

New Caledonia, October 23--3 November 2000

PACIFIC 2000

Hawai'i: Hawai'i Preparatory Academy, Kamuela
7-12 August, 2000
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