

EDITORIAL

Rapa Nui Journal began life in 1986 as a newsletter called *Rapa Nui Notes*. This was a four-page, typewritten response to those who had visited the island, became enamored of it, and who begged for information about "What's New" on the island. The newsletter thrived, and in 1988 became *Rapa Nui Journal*. That issue was 14 pages long and was devoted to the memory of William Mulloy.

Over the years, *Rapa Nui Journal* has undergone some upgrades in format and style, and quality and scope of its papers. In December 1991, the Journal became the official publication of the Easter Island Foundation.

The editors have found the quarterly schedule onerous of late, partly due to the constraints inherent in such a timetable and limitations on the length of individual contributions. After long consideration, we have decided to publish the *Rapa Nui Journal* twice a year, instead of four times a year. The subscription price will remain the same.

We believe that this will result in a far better Journal, allowing us to produce research papers of greater length and depth, and to provide readers with a high caliber of scholarship. We invite contributions, along with photographs (plus up to four in color). Each issue will be, of course, larger.

We envision a three-part format with a) peer reviewed articles; b) letters and contributions that are not peer-reviewed; and c) our regular features such as the old beloved "What's New in Hangarua" section, *moai* sightings, and book reviews, etc. We intend to put some articles on the web site at <www.islandheritage.org>

Christopher Stevenson and others are joining our editorial board. We hope that all our subscribers will find the changes exhilarating, and our essays and papers both interesting and informative. As always, we welcome comments from our readers.

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