



## RMAP BULLETIN 23 JULY 2004

### RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

1. **WWF Australia has provided a grant of \$25,000 to the RMAP Program** to organise a study of the poverty-environment relationship in Papua New Guinea. The study will be coordinated by Colin Filer, and the findings will be published early next year.
2. **Colin Filer** was one of three candidates nominated by ANU Innovation (formerly ANUTECH) for the **AusAID Evaluation Services Period Offer** whose nominations were accepted by AusAID.
3. The closing date for our 2005 **Short-Term Visiting Fellow Program** is 31 July 2004. If you know of someone who may be interested in applying, please direct them to our website: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/>. There is a link to further details from our homepage.

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **Australian and the South Pacific: Solomon Islands and PNG**

Mr Ric Wells, First Assistant Secretary, South Pacific Middle East and Africa Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra  
Date & time: Wednesday 28 July, 6pm  
Venue: The Australian Institute of International Affairs, **Sydney**  
Email: [aiaansw@bigpond.com](mailto:aiaansw@bigpond.com)

#### **Agriculture in the Papua New Guinea Economy: Let's Get the Facts Straight**

Mike Bourke, Senior Adjunct Fellow, Department of Human Geography RSPAS  
Date & time: Monday 2 August, 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Venue: Lecture Theatre, Innovations Building, ANU  
(Human Geography Seminar)

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

#### **Conference Calendar**

([http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf\\_calendar.html](http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html))

1. **Human Rights: A Pacific Agenda - Partnerships and Perspectives.** 4-5 September 2004, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane. The Program and Registration Form are available online: [http://www.amnesty.org.au/whats\\_happening/hrc/home](http://www.amnesty.org.au/whats_happening/hrc/home)
2. **Call For Papers. 1st International Conference on Small Island Cultures.** February 7-12, 2005. Kagoshima University Research Center for the Pacific Islands. Proposals are invited for papers on the linguistic, musical, dance, folkloric, visually expressive, craft and/or touristic aspects of small island societies. Papers should address one or both of the following:
  - 1) Methodological issues of conducting research in small island communities so as to encourage, sustain and facilitate local culture;
  - 2) Aspects of small island cultures (in local and/or diasporic contexts). Papers should be delivered in English but may also be given in Japanese if an English language text or substantial abstract is provided. Those wishing to deliver a paper should send an

abstract (approx 500 words) as text e-mail to Dr Philip Hayward <[phayward@humanities.mq.edu.au](mailto:phayward@humanities.mq.edu.au)> by September 12th 2004. For more information on the conference visit the website: <http://www.dcms.mq.edu.au/sicri/>

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Swiss Re ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management**

<http://www.swissre.com/resource>

Deadline for project submission: 31 August 2004

Value of award: US\$ 100 000

Swiss Re established the International ReSource Award for Sustainable Watershed Management in an attempt to actively support the planning, evaluation and implementation of water-related projects with the aim of promoting awareness and encouraging the efficient use of this precious resource. The ReSource Award is worth USD 100,000 in total and is granted to one or several projects selected by an international jury. The deadline for submission is 31 August 2004.

Kindly also share this information within your own networks.

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