



The Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences

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The Belgian Science Policy Office

are pleased to invite you to the

International Conference
Easter Island. Collapse or Transformation?
A State of the Art

Friday 9 & Saturday 10 November, 2012

Royal Museums of Art and History
The Cinquantenaire Museum (Petit-Narthex – Kleine Narthex)
Parc du Cinquantenaire 10 - 1000 Brussels

Programme

Friday 9 November

9.00 Welcome address

Philippe METTENS, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office

Michel DRAGUET, Director of the Royal Museums of Art and History

Jacques CHARLIER, President of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences

Chairman: Dirk HUYGE (Royal Museums of Art and History & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium)

9.15 Nicolas CAUWE (Royal Museums of Art and History & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium) & Morgan DE DAPPER (Universiteit Gent & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium)

The Road of the Moai, an Interrupted Travelator?

9.35 Damien FLAS (Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique & Université de Liège, Belgium)

Technological Analysis of the Obsidian Tools (mata'a)

9.55 Serge LEMAÎTRE (Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada)

Rock Art of Easter Island

10.15 Discussion

10.45 Coffee Break

Chairman: Morgan DE DAPPER (Universiteit Gent & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium)

11.15 Geertrui LOUWAGIE (Universiteit Gent, Belgium & European Environment Agency, Denmark)

Prehistoric Agricultural Production on Rapa Nui: Where could it have gone wrong?

11.35 Andreas MIETH (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany)

Degradation of Resources and Successful Land-Use Management on Prehistoric Rapa Nui: The Two Sides of the Same Coin

11.55 Juerg LUTERBACHER (Justus-Liebig Universität Giessen, Germany)

The Climate of Easter Island and Adjacent Areas over the Past Centuries

12.15 Discussion

12.45 Lunch

Chairman: Nicolas CAUWE (Royal Museums of Art and History & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium)

14.15 Caroline POLET (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Belgium)
Starvation or not? Analysis of Skeletons of the Rapanui People (18th-19th Centuries)

14.35 Paul BAHN (Hull, England)
The End of the Moai – Did they Fall or were they Pushed?

15.05 Jan BOERSEMA (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Easter Island: If no Collapse, what else?

15.35 Round Table: Dirk HUYGE, (Royal Museums of Art and History & Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences, Belgium).

16.35 Reception

Saturday 10 November

10.00-13.00 Royal Museums of Art and History

- Visit of collections / participants
- Workshop / speakers

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