

# Marine Resources Pacific Consortium Established

Communique  
November 20, 1999

A group of 23 participants from throughout Micronesia, the United States, and American Samoa met in Palau from November 18-20. They included representatives from institutions of higher education, resource management agencies, community groups/organizations and federal agencies. The opening remarks of the meeting were made by Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., Vice President of the Republic of Palau, who encouraged the participants to work cooperatively at all levels to establish a coherent regional program for sustainable marine resource management.

The group agreed to form a regional consortium, called the "Marine Resources Pacific Consortium" - MAREPAC, to address issues relating to the marine environment. The consortium is committed to work cooperatively to achieve the conservation of coastal and marine environments and the sustainable use of marine resources for the benefit of present and future generations of our islands.

## Issues discussed and agreed to, included:

-The organization of MAREPAC, its membership, administrative structure, and possible funding sources. It was mutually agreed that the University of Guam would serve as the interim administrative and fiscal agent, under the guidance of a six member advisory committee. The advisory committee consists of equal representation from the institutions of higher education, resource management agencies, and community groups/organizations.

-The sharing of expertise, human resources, and facilities to promote conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources for present and future generations in an efficient and effective manner. To develop the capacity of stakeholders to meaningfully participate in the process.

-To develop coral reef status reports for the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau. Local experts, Ahser Edward and Yimnang Golbuu, will prepare and present these status reports which will feed into the broader Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network's Global Coral Reef Status Report to be presented at the 10th Coral Reef Symposium in Bali, Indonesia in 2000.

-The review and approval of the consortium's FY2000 budget. Funds in FY2000 will be provided by the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, to support organizational development and interim activities of MAREPAC.

-The consideration of Regional Sea Grant Consortium status as one component of the consortium. The group recognized that the region has developed the capacity to pursue and develop a regional Sea Grant program. Plans were discussed in anticipating the upcoming visit to Micronesia by the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program, including meeting with all the presidents of the region's institutions of higher education.


The meeting was coordinated and hosted by Palau Community College and the Palau Conservation Society, and sponsored by the Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior. The participants visited sites to observe environmental conditions, discuss issues, and share management strategies.

The establishment of the consortium is a milestone event for the innovative conservation of coastal and marine environments and the sustainable use of the Palau Conservation Society, who in closing noted, "Though we have diverse representation from throughout the region, the seas have brought us together, they have not divided us."

**Celebrating Birthdays**

Dannies Uehara	November 27
Laura Mangham	December 5
Ephraim Ngirachitei	December 5

*Happy Birthday to you all!*

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## Thank You Palau!

This year PCC experienced one of its most blessed Thanksgivings in history. The Palau community came out and showed us their commitment and support to Palau's only community college by raising over \$50,000 for the PCC Endowment Fund! PCC takes this opportunity to extend our most sincere gratitude to each and every one of the people and agencies who donated \$100 and over. We also would like to recognize the following who made major donations:

### -Western Caroline Trading Company - \$14,800 toward purchasing Grand Prize: Toyota Pick up Truck

- Surangel & Sons Company - \$2,000 1st Prize
- Rudimch Enterprises - \$1,000 2nd Prize
- Palau Governors' Association - \$1,650 3rd - 10th Prizes
- Rent-It-Center - Brand New Chainsaw (value:\$645)
- Palau Pacific Resort - One Night Accommodation and Dinner for Two
- S&S Video Plus - \$1,000
- Dr. Ulai Otobed - \$1,000
- Ngaraard State Legislature - \$1,000
- Mr. Daniel Roland (Salomon Smith Barney) - \$1,000
- Kayangel State Government - \$1,000
- Ngarametal - \$1,000
- Senator Lucius Malsol - \$1,000
- Senator Sandra S. Pierantozzi - \$1,000
- Council of Chiefs - \$1,000
- Minister Sabino Anastacio - \$1,000
- Ngchesar State Government - \$1,000
- ROP Vice President - \$1,000
- Angaur State Government - \$1,000
- Ngatpang State Government - \$1,000
- Airai State Government - \$1,000
- Delegate Ignacio Anastacio - \$1,000
- Aimeliik State Government - \$1,000
- Koror State Government - \$1,000
- Dr. Caleb Otto - \$700
- Moylan's Insurance - \$600
- Ark's Community Store - \$500
- Senator Johnny Reklai - \$500
- Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs - \$500

Actual Amount raised: \$51,000.31  
Total Donations : \$ 2,600.00  
Overall Total : \$53,600.31

## List of Winners at the PCC 1999 Thanksgiving Endowment Fund Dinner

- Grand Prize: Toyota Pick Up Truck - Lalii Remengesau
- 1st Prize: \$2,000 - Mr. Herson Soaladaob
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000 - Aimeliik State Government
- 3rd Prize: \$500 - Victor Kumangai
- 4th Prize: \$250 - Kayangel State Government
- 5th Prize: \$150 - Evans Imetengel
- 6th Prize: \$150 - Airai State Government
- 7th Prize: \$150 - Kayangel State Government
- 8th Prize: \$150 - Ngarametal Association
- 9th Prize: \$150 - Kayangel State Government
- 10th Prize: \$150 - Mengior Emesiochl

**(This Prize was donated to the PCC Endowment Fund)**

Brand New Chainsaw - Basio Kyota  
PPR Accommodation & Dinner for 2: Margarett Alexander



Immanuel Maldangesang (C), ticket holder for Lalii Remengesau, was the lucky winner of the Grand Prize. Pictured from left to right: Bilung Gloria G. Sali, Vice-Chairperson-BOT; Masa-Aki N. Emesiochl, Chairman-BOT; Immanuel Maldangesang; Yuki P. Dengokl, Member-BOT; and Patrick U. Tellei, President-PCC.

## Rotary Ambassador Of Goodwill Coming To PCC For Spring Semester

Dr. W. Marvin Will, a political science professor from the University of Tulsa, is due to arrive on December 19th in order to teach and work with the social science department at PCC.

Dr. Will specializes in comparative politics, elections, and risk analysis; he will be teaching the Micronesian in Transition course this spring along with Joe Chilton.

While he is in Palau, he will be available as a speaker for any community groups. One of his areas of interest is the politics of developing nations such as Palau.

For more information about Dr. Will, please contact the PCC Academic Affairs Office at 488-2471, ext.245.

## Universities and Colleges Articulated with PCC

The following are colleges and universities that currently have articulation agreements with Palau Community College:

*Chaminade University*  
*Hawaii Pacific University*  
*University of Hawaii-West Oahu*  
*University of Hawaii- Hilo*  
*University of Guam*  
*BYU- Hawaii*  
*University of Hawaii-Manoa*

For more information about the articulation programs, please contact the PCC Academic Affairs Office at 488-2471, ext.245.

## OMIP Road Maintenance Training

Employees from various states and the Ministry of Resources and Development have been participating in several workshops being offered by the OMIP training project at Palau Community College. On Thursday and Friday, November 4 & 5, employees of Koror State, Airai State, Ngerchelongs State and Ngaremlengui State were joined by employees from the Bureau of Public Works and the Babeldaob Road Project Office in attending a Road Maintenance Management class. The class was conducted by Dick Creed, a civil engineer with many years of road planning, construction, maintenance and repair experience (including one year in Palau, with EQPB).

The management course covered all topics related to road maintenance management, including unsurfaced roads, gravel and coral surfaced roads, asphalt concrete roads, cement concrete roads, bridges and large culverts, sign maintenance, materials and equipment, emergency maintenance plans, safety and accident prevention, and budget considerations.

This course was followed by a 2-week course on Road Maintenance & Repair, also conducted by Dick Creed. This class was for road crews, and was attended by employees from the Babeldaob Road Project Office, EQPB, Koror State, Ngerchelongs State, Ngaremlengui State and PCC. This course was half in the classroom and half in the field. Topics covered included road maintenance problems, road maintenance assessments, water and soil science, maintenance materials and equipment, maintenance unsurfaced roads, surfaced roads, concrete roads, asphalt roads, maintaining bridges and culverts, road signs and roadside clean-up, emergency action plans, safety and accident prevention.

We are happy that these states and offices were able to participate in these workshops. Palau has quite a few miles of asphalt and cement road now, as well as all the unpaved roads out on Babeldaob and the soon-to-be built Compact Road, and it is important to take care of them properly. Proper road maintenance will save Palau money in the long run, because minor road crew work is much less expensive than major repair and construction costs.

# RETENTION WEB PAGE

## Final Examination Schedule Fall Semester, 1999

According to our Academic Calendar, we only have 1 week left before the scheduled fall final examination period. Your success or failure may well be dependent on how you spend your time between now and the finals. To skip classes at this point in the semester would be a terrible mistake. You now need to ask yourself these questions: Where do I stand in my class(es)? In other words, am I in the A,B,C,D or F grade range? What do I need to do to receive the next higher grade for this course? Am I up to date in my reading? Have I perhaps forgotten to submit required work or project that was due? What are my chances to pass the course if I miss one more class time? Who has the answers to all these? The best person to see about your progress in class would be your instructor. Your instructors are always glad to help but they won't know what you need until you tell them. Again, these last 4 weeks will either help you PASS or FAIL. Good luck!

## Practice Exams Available

Want help with your final exams in developmental English classes? Come to the Project Beacon tutoring center (located next to Skills Center) and take a practice exam. Several different exams will be given for each course. You should allow two hours for each test you take. After the exam, come back and review. These tests are given for EN 91, EN 93, and EN 95. The tests will be given at the date and times listed below:

Tuesday, December 7th 9:00am & 2:00pm  
Wednesday, December 8th 9:00am & 2:00pm

If you are unable to make it, contact Marianne at the Retention Office for alternative scheduling.

## Change of Pre-registration for all Continuing Students

- Pick up Pre-Registration Drop/Add Form (Free of charge at the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)
- Complete the Pre-Registration Drop & Add Form with your advisor and return the form to the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid.

## Academic Calendar Fall Semester 1999

December 10th	(F)	Last Day of Instruction
December 13th-15th	(M-W)	Final Exam Period
December 17th	(F)	Grades Due (End of Fall Semester)

## Federal Work Study Students of the Month



Standing from left to right: Microphil Mtoched, Berlinda Ngiraungil, Tabitha Tammed and Herson Soaladaob. These are four of the nine students that were voted Federal Work Study students for the month of November. Congratulations!!!

Student	Supervisor	Office
1. Berlinda Ngiraungil	Secundina Azuma	-Human Resource
2. Bitlaol Renguul	Ezra Takeo	-Cafeteria
3. Demei Elechuus	Ismael Anastacio	-Recreation
4. Fraitaz Midar	Ezra Takeo	-Cafeteria
5. Herson Soaladaob	Ismael Anastacio	-Recreation
6. Jim Obed	Ismael Anastacio	-Recreation
7. Lyneth Emiliano	Eileen Babauta	-Cont. Education
8. Microphil Mtoched	Ismael Anastacio	-Recreation
9. Tabitha Tammed	Ismael Anastacio	-Recreation

## Final Examination Schedule Fall Semester 1999

On December 13, 1999 classes which meet at:

8:00 a.m.	Take Final Exam From	8:00-9:50 a.m.
10:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	10:00-11:50 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	1:00-2:50 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	3:00-4:50 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	5:00-6:50 p.m.

On December 14, 1999 classes which meet at:

9:00 a.m.	Take Final Exam From	8:00-9:50 a.m.
11:00 a.m.	Take Final Exam From	10:00-10:50 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	1:00-2:50 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	Take Final Exam From	3:00-4:50 p.m.

Laboratory practical exams and classes scheduled at or after 5:00 p.m. will take final exams during their last scheduled meeting of the classes for the semester.

Classes with unscheduled final exams or make-up will have their exams on December 15, 1999. Instructors should arrange their own schedule and inform the students.

## Attention Students and Staff

Articles for our *Mesekiu's News* newsletter can be submitted to Armstrong Debelbot at the Development Office every Wednesday by 3:00 pm.  
Thank you for writing...  
and reading.