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PREFACE

This volume originated as a session entitled "Evolution of Late Prehistoric Social Systems in Polynesia" organised by Roger Green and myself for the XVII Pacific Science Congress held at Honolulu, Hawaii [Note 1], in May and June, 1991. Our session was one of six archaeology symposia in "Prehistory of the Pacific Basin: Colonisation and Adaptation to Changing Environments and Cultural Contexts". This was one of the largest symposia at the Congress and all of the sessions were well attended. For those of us who organised sessions in this symposium, our goal was to increase awareness of the value and interest in archaeological resources and the history of the Pacific. We thank the Pacific Science Association and in particular Dr. Nancy Lewis for their support of archaeology at the Congress.

The original session included 11 papers; a 12th paper by P. Vargas was presented at a later time during the Congress. Of these papers, eight have been revised and included in this volume. The other four papers included presentations by T.L. Hunt and M.A. Kirkendall on "Social Complexity and Population Collapse in Polynesia", by J-M. Chazine on "Space Occupation and Archaeological Remains on the Atolls: Three Examples from Tuamotu", by P. Addis on "Landscape Archaeology from a Maori Perspective", and by C. Cristino, E. Edwards and M. Kellum on "Upper Papeno'o Valley: Archaeology of a Tahitian Inland Settlement". Two new papers were solicited for this volume, those by T. Ladefoged on Rotuma and C.K. Cachola-Abad on Hawaii and central East Polynesia. The editors added an introductory chapter describing the common themes and advances represented by the various contributions included which cover much of Polynesia.

The publication of this volume was made possible by financial support from the Pacific Science Association and the Green Foundation for Polynesian Research. We thank both of these organisations, and particularly Dr. Lu Eldredge, Executive Secretary of the PSA, for their assistance. Much of the editing of the volume was first completed by M. Graves in Hawaii. The volume was then reviewed and revisions made to the papers. Further editing was completed

by R. Green in New Zealand, and the final editing and production of the volume was expedited by N. Prickett of the Auckland Museum on behalf of the New Zealand Archaeological Association in whose monograph series this volume appears.

We would also like to acknowledge the help of several individuals during several stages of this process. Mary Gunn, a graduate student at the University of Hawaii, typed and formatted all of the papers on disk. Thegn Ladefoged of the University of Auckland helped us to transfer all of the papers electronically between Hawaii and New Zealand, saving us at least two weeks in production time. Dorothy Brown transformed the editing of Green and Prickett, with contributions of her own, on to disk. Melinda Allen of the Bishop Museum let us use her map of Polynesia. The Departments of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii and University of Auckland provided Graves and Green with time and resources to complete the editing of the volume. On behalf of myself and Roger Green, I thank all individuals, institutions, and the contributors who helped to make this volume a significant addition to scholarship in Polynesian archaeology.

Note 1: A useful editorial convention employed in this volume distinguishes between the island of Hawai'i (with the glottal) and the island chain and state usually spelled without it. Elsewhere an attempt has been made to indicate glottals where known.

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