**Pacific Arts Association – Europe at Museum Volkenkunde, Leiden, the Netherlands**

**Wednesday 24 March – Friday 26 March 2021**

**Remaking and renewing practices and skills**

The PAA-E is happy to announce that the annual PAA-E meeting which was due to be held in April 2020, is now going to be held from 24-26 March 2021. The meeting is to coincide with the exhibition *A Sea of Islands – Masterpieces from Oceania* (21 February – 5 April 2021) held at the Museum Volkenkunde in Leiden, the Netherlands. The PAA-E meeting will precede the 10th anniversary of the waka project on 27-28 March 2021. Delegates are welcome to join in on the festivities.

**Call for papers**

This year’s meeting entitled *Remaking and Renewing Practices and Skills* centres around the role of cultural institutions and practitioners in documenting, remaking and renewing practices and skills in the Pacific and among Pacific diasporas. The making of exhibitions and the collections research involved, can create new ideas that inspire the development of new practices in the Pacific and elsewhere. In this conference we also want to pay special attention to grassroots documentation and musealisation ideas that spring from Pacific communities and to their impact on current skills. Finally the contemporary debate around virtual and actual return of material culture continues to shape museological practices, programmes and policies. All these issues might impact the creation and revaluation of new Pan Pacific identities.

We therefore welcome papers dealing with the following topics:

* Exhibition making
* Collections research
* Virtual or actual return
* Grassroots documentation and musealisation projects
* Pan Pacific art identities
* Current research

There will be two types of presentations:

* 30 min paper (20-25 min talk, 5-10 min discussion)
* 10 min report

Please submit your 100 to 200 word abstract to Wonu Veys (wonu.veys@wereldculturen.nl) by 15 January 2021. Acceptance will be confirmed by 1 February 2021.

Soon more information will be available regarding hotels, conference dinner and programme.