New Caledonia is the host nation for the 2011 Pacific Games. It will also host the third biennial international sports studies conference in the Pacific region. The capital city of Noumea will be the conference venue, and delegates will have the opportunity to participate in a behind-the-scenes tour of a number of sporting facilities associated with the forthcoming Pacific Games (27 August–10 September 2011).

Papers from the fields of sport — history, tourism, education, management, philosophy, law, business and comparative studies — are invited. Postgraduate student presentations are especially encouraged. The specific theme of the conference is ‘Sport and the Pacific Region: Cross-Cultural Currents’, although papers dealing with more general themes and topics outside of the region are also welcome. It is anticipated that papers from the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed anthology.

Potential delegates, presenters and sponsors should access the conference website at www.staff.vu.edu.au/RobHess/.

LOCAL QUERIES (Pacific Island) delegates should be directed to Andrew Minogue at pacificgamescouncil@nc2011.nc.

INTERNATIONAL QUERIES (outside the Pacific region) delegates should be directed to Rob Hess at Robert.Hess@vu.edu.au. More details about the Pacific Games can found at http://www.nc2011.nc.

The deadline for abstracts is 6 June 2011.

PLEASE NOTE: The Conference Committee of ‘Sport and the Pacific Region: Cross Cultural Currents III’ warmly welcomes delegates of the biennial Australian Society for Sports History conference, which is to be held in Kingscliff, New South Wales, 5–8 July 2011. Flights to Noumea depart Sydney and Brisbane on a regular basis.