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**FRENCH POLYNESIA - HOW FRENCH IS IT?  
[CALL FOR PAPERS]**

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**The 4th International Scientific Conference  
organised by  
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania Research Association (ANZORA)**

***French Polynesia - how French is it?***

**December, 16th 2011  
Jagiellonian Library,  
ul. Oleandry 3, Kraków**

From the times of expeditions of Captain Wallis, Bougainville and James Cook, the words Tahiti and French Polynesia have become the synonyms of tropical paradise, full of beautiful, happy natives and luxuriant flora. Mass imagination is full of images of Tahitian women painted by Paul Gauguin and photos of green and white atolls scattered on the ocean. The first Polynesians appeared on these islands in 300 AD and the French political control over these areas began in 1840s. Since that times life on Tahiti, Bora Bora or Raiatea has considerably changed. During our annual conference we would like to discuss the history of Polynesian - French cooperation in the sectors of politics, economy and defence; the changes that affect the population (migrations, education, health, culture) and the environment. The issues of special interest include the Polynesians' identity and broad cultural changes resulting from the so-called modernity. The issues concerning mutual cultural and political influences are included in the question about the French character of Polynesia, however, we also expect the papers referring to other traditions found in this region.

The conference has an interdisciplinary character so the representatives of all fields of science are welcome. We initially predict the following panels:

1. Historical, political and economic image of French Polynesia.
2. French Polynesia in the culture - the culture of French Polynesia.  
(The conference languages will be Polish and English)

## Conference organizer:

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania Research Association  
ul. Pędzichów 7/4a, 31-152 Kraków  
e-mail: kontakt@anzora.org

## Deadline for abstract submission:

Short (maximum 200 words) abstracts should be e-mailed to anzora.tahiti@gmail.com by 31.08.2011

Information about paper approval by 15.09.2011

## Conference fee:

Speakers are obliged to pay conference fee - 100 PLN. After receiving the information about the paper approval, the payment of the conference fee should be made by 30.09.2011.

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