

Healing Our Spirit Worldwide – The Sixth Gathering

Honolulu 3 - 10 September 2010

The Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) through its chairperson, Pat Anderson, and CEO, Mick Gooda, has been involved in planning the Sixth Gathering of Healing Our Spirit Worldwide in Honolulu from 3 to 10 September 2010.

This is the latest in a series of advices and alerts the CRAH will be issuing over the coming 18 months leading up to the Gathering in Hawaii. This advice covers the following issues:

- The Call for Abstracts
- Details on Gathering Registration
- Travel and Accommodation
- An update on the Gathering Program

The Gathering is being hosted by Papa Ola Lokahi, a native Hawaiian healthcare organisation based in Honolulu. Papa's website is: www.papaolalokahi.org.

There is also a HOSW website at: www.hosw.com.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

HOSW is now accepting abstracts, presentations and proposals for the sharing of cultural practices and performing arts. These need to be submitted **by 8 September 2009** via the link on the home page of the HOSW website.

REGISTRATIONS:

Registration rates at each Gathering are kept to a minimum to encourage First Nation people from around the world to attend. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at the cost of registration (see below).

Registrations for the Gathering are now being accepted online at:

www.hosw.com/index.php?option=com_dtregister&eventId=7&Itemid=43&task=event_register&type=reg_options

Alternatively you can fill out a hard copy of the registration form, which is attached below. Your contact information will be used to keep you abreast of HOSW events and activities. Please fill out a separate application for each member of your family or group, then submit them along with your payment to:

HOSW – 2010
c/o Papa Ola Lokahi
894 Queen St.
Honolulu, HI 96813



[mail in registration packet](#)

Registration & Fees

Registration fees include admission to all regular sessions, opening and closing ceremonies, village and marketplace, and pre and post Gathering activities on O'ahu from September 3 to 10, 2010. The opening and closing ceremonies will include a meal. No other meals are included with your registration. Seating is limited at some sessions and some events require early registration to ensure your participation. All participants must register for the full Gathering. NOTE: NO Single Day Registration.

Paying for more than one person?

We are offering groups of 10 or more a 10% discount on the registration fees. Please be sure to indicate the number of people you are registering and include completed applications for each person in your group. All application forms must be received along with payment to ensure registration is complete and accurate.

Institutions and organisations paying for group registrations

In order to be eligible for the early bird rate and the 10% discount on groups/bulk rates (ex. Makua/Adult Rate \$350-\$35 = \$315), payment must be received by the early bird deadline of **September 30, 2009**. In addition, all names and completed applications must be received by **July 31, 2010**. The institution/organisation must designate one authorised contact person who will be the only person that can make changes to the name list you provided. All individuals must pick up their own registration materials and must have a picture ID.

Refunds

Requests for refunds will be accepted until **May 31, 2010**. There will be a \$50 (US Dollars) processing fee per application for each refund requested. No refunds after May 31, 2010. Name changes will be allowed.

Should you have any questions regarding your application or The Sixth Gathering, please email us at info@hosw.com .

All registration costs are in US Dollars and are as follows:

		Early Bird Rate	Regular Registration	Late Registration**	Subtotal
Number	Postmarked by:	September	April 30, 2010	May 1, 2010	

attending		30, 2009		or later	
	Kupuna/ Traditional Elders (Seniors 60 over)	\$250 USD	\$300 USD	\$300 USD	\$
	Makua (Adult)	\$350 USD	\$400 USD	\$450USD	\$
	'Ōpio (Youth 13-24)	\$250 USD	\$300 USD	\$300 USD	\$
	Keiki (Children 5-12)	\$100 USD	\$150 USD	n/a	\$
				Total	\$

TRAVEL:

The CRCAH, together with representatives from Hawaii, has been part of the discussions with various airlines to negotiate special deals for people travelling to the Gathering next year. These airlines include Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Blue and Royal Hawaiian airlines.

We are told that it is difficult for airlines to offer any discounts longer than 12 months before the intended date of travel. However, the discussions will be continuing and when the airlines tell us they are ready to accept bookings we will issue another advice.

ACCOMMODATION:

Several thousand rooms have been booked for this conference by the Hawaiian tourist Corporation. These rooms range from five star hotels to backpacker accommodation. Papa Ola Lokahi are finalising the accommodation arrangements and as with the airlines as soon as we know about these we will issue another advice.

Important note:

Whilst the CRCAH is negotiating the arrangements for travel and accommodation, it is up to everyone who wishes to attend the Gathering next year to make all of their own bookings. The CRCAH will take no responsibility for any of these arrangements, however, we will pass on any information from Papa Ola Lokahi when it comes to hand.

THE PROGRAM:

The daily schedule including workshop tracks and presentations should be available by December 2009, however there are some broad parts that are already planned.

September 3, 2010 **Royal Mausoleum, Presentation of Wreaths & Lei**
'Iolani Palace Visit
Washington Place, International Heads of State Reception

September 4-5, 2010 **Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park** **10:00am-5:00pm**
Free and open to the general public

HOSW International Indigenous Peoples Arts and Crafts Marketplace Arts, Crafts, Food and Entertainment from Hawai'i and participating countries worldwide.

September 5, 2010 **Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park 4:00pm**
HOSW Opening Ceremonies & Lu'au (traditional Hawaiian feast)
Canoe Welcoming Ceremonies

Participating delegations will arrive on canoes and be welcomed to Hawai'i with traditional ceremonial greetings and cultural exchanges followed by a Lu'au.

September 6-9, 2010 **Hawai'i Convention Center**

Daily Schedule

6:30am	Holo Wawae (morning walk) start your day with an early morning walk around Magic Island Smudging at Magic Island
8:00am	Kahea: Pu Kani (call to order) the sound of the pu, conch shell
8:30-12 noon	Keiki (Children's) Programs
8:30-9:45am	Opening Plenary Opening sessions include daily presentations by halau hula (schools of Hawaiian dance) presenting oli (chants) and hula (dances) in honor of our Hawaiian gods, chiefs and lands. Keynote speakers and cultural performances from participating countries will also be part of the opening plenary.

9:45am	Coffee & Tea Break
10:00-11:50am	Breakout Presentations & Workshops Kupuna (Elders) & 'Ōpio (Youth) Programs Indigenous Marketplace open 10:00am-6:00pm
11:00-11:50am	Choral Workshops
12 noon	'Aina Awakea - Lunch Kani Ka Pila - Hawaiian entertainment in the Marketplace
1:00-3:50pm	Breakout Presentations & Workshops Kupuna (Elders)& 'Ōpio (Youth) Programs
3:00-4:00pm	Intro to Hula Class Intro to 'Ukulele Class
4:00pm	Closing Plenary - Keynote speakers, choral presentations and the youth join us at the closing plenaries to share mana'o (thoughts) of the day.
5:00pm	Kani Ka Pila - Jam Session in the Marketplace
6:00pm	HOSW Marketplace Closes

Besides the main Conference there are other programs for which you might consider registering. These are:

Keiki (Children 5-12 years) Program:

Monday -Thursday, September 6-9, 2010 8am-4pm

Enrollment is limited to the first 100 Keiki. Fees must be paid in full by April 30, 2010 and submitted together along with parent(s) registration fees.

Fully paid and registered keiki (children ages 5-12) attending the Gathering will be able to participate in activities, games, arts, crafts, music, dance and special huaka'i (outings) that integrate culture and learning into four fun filled days in Hawai'i.

'Ōpio (Youth 13-24 years) Program

Monday - Thursday, September 6-9, 2010 8am-4pm

The HOSW 'Ōpio (Youth) Planning Committee worked hard to create workshops, social events, cultural activities, community service projects, learning opportunities and special huaka'i (outings) for 'ōpio attending the conference. Participation requires registration fees to be paid in full prior to attending the Gathering.

Kupuna (Seniors over 60) Program

We offer our Kupuna an opportunity to gather together to discuss and share wise practices and wisdom on topics related to health, healing, wellness, traditional medicine, addictions and self determination. We welcome the opportunity to listen to their stories and learn from their experiences.

HOSW acknowledges a distinction between Traditional Elders and Seniors who are participants at The Sixth Gathering. Seniors are defined as Indigenous or non-Indigenous individuals over the age of 60. Traditional Elders are not defined by age, but by the status in their community.

*Traditional Elders are individuals recognised in their traditional territory as keepers of culture, language, spirituality and wisdom; and as role models for healthy behavior.

Mālama Nā Keiki (Day care services)

Daycare services may be available for an additional charge and is separate from the conference registration fee. If you are interested in daycare services, please provide the number of keiki (children) and their ages (between the ages of 0-5) you will need daycare services for. We will contact you with further information

Moku 'Ekolu: Special Programs

There is also a special events program that may be of interest to you. This will be integrated with the main program and includes special educational and cultural events, ocean activities such as swimming and surfing, land activities such as Hawaiian stone wall construction, music lessons and an HOSW Choral Festival. To find out more, visit www.hosw.com.

For more information please contact:

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