



*Dampier, A new voyage round the world*  
London: Argonaut Press, 1927

## *Romantic Voyagers - Voyaging Romantics* Wellington, New Zealand, 29-30 September 2012

A two-day International Conference, hosted by the School of English, Film, Theatre, and Media Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

We invite proposals for 20-minute papers on all aspects of Romantic voyaging, the period, its context and its authors. Papers which address the larger issues of 'voyaging' will be welcome too. The conference will include an opportunity to admire some of the treasures of the Rare Book collection of the Alexander Turnbull Library. There will also be time to explore the bracing sea-front and beautiful streets of Wellington with its numerous restaurants and bars, and to ascend via the famous cable car to the Botanical Gardens.

### **The keynote speakers are:**

Dr Ruth Lightbourne (Alexander Turnbull Library)

Professor Vincent O'Sullivan, DCNZM

Professor Nicholas Roe (St Andrews University, Scotland)

250 word proposals for papers of no more than 2750 words together with a brief c.v. should occupy no more than 2 sides of A4 in a Word document (they will be copied into a composite file). Please do not send as a pdf. E-mail to the Conference Organizer Heidi Thomson [heidi.thomson@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:heidi.thomson@vuw.ac.nz) by **1 April 2012**. All other enquiries should also be e-mailed to this address.



*Wellington Harbour (photography by Derek Lightbourne)*

The Charles Brown Bursary of NZ\$ 550 will be available to enable one unfunded postgraduate scholar working in the field of Romantic Literature (currently enrolled at either MA or PhD level) to travel to and deliver a paper at this conference. Please bring this announcement to the attention of qualified applicants.

Registration and website details are to follow.

Delegates need to arrange their own accommodation. There are a large number of Hotels and B&Bs in Wellington. Hotels within walking distance of the conference venue include: Novotel, Rydges, Intercontinental, Ibis, Bolton, Kingsgate Hotel

The following website is useful for arranging accommodation: [www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation](http://www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation)