

NZMS Annual Report 2007

Meetings of the Society:

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Victoria University of Wellington Pipitea Campus from 27. – 30. November 2007. The very successful meeting was organised by Chris Sissons and a group of enthusiastic helpers.

The 52nd annual general meeting of the Society took place at the Pipitea Campus of the Victoria University of Wellington on 29. November 2007. There were 47 members in attendance and the executive committee met earlier the same day.

The Executive Committee:

The elected executive committee for the coming year was composed as follows:

President: Phil Bremer

Vice President: Adrian Cookson

Secretary: Ralph Jack

Treasurer: Robin Simmonds

Newsletter Editor: Greg Cook

Committee: Steve Flint, Stephen On, Chris Sissons

Student Representative: Brent Seale

Details of the executive committee (including contact details), as well as the composition of past committees and previous officers of the Society, are available on the Society website (www.nzms.org.nz).

Membership:

As at 31. December 2007, the society comprised 342 ordinary members, 84 student members, 7 retired and 10 honorary members, making a total membership of 443.

Finance:

The audited financial statement of accounts has been prepared and is available both on the website and the current issue of NZ Bioscience. This financial statement will also be presented to the membership at the upcoming 53rd annual general meeting to be held in Christchurch during the Annual Meeting of the Society.

Prizes and Awards:

Prizes awarded to student presenters at the Wellington meeting were as follows:

Poster prizes: Kelvin Lau, Vidya Washington & Amy Ou Yang

Presentation prizes: Anja Hümpel, Amanda Beddek and Carla Eaton

Further details of prizes and awards can be found on the website (www.nzms.org.nz).

Grants-in-Aid:

Eleven student presenters were awarded grants-in-aid to attend the 52nd annual meeting in Wellington, at a total cost of \$5 550. Further details of grants-in-aid can be found on the website (www.nzms.org.nz/students).

NZMS Orator 2007:

Dr. John Young was the recipient of the NZMS Distinguished Speaker award for 2007 and presented his oratory during the 52nd annual meeting in Wellington. The orator was recognised with the presentation of the traditional framed award.

Magazine and Other Publications:

Four issues of NZ Bioscience were published in 2007, carrying volume number 16, issues 1-4. The newsletter editor will present a report of the Magazines activities at the 53rd annual general meeting in Christchurch. The website (www.nzms.org.nz) has been sporadically updated to reflect new information provided to the membership.

Next Annual General Meeting:

The 53rd annual general meeting of the New Zealand Microbiological Society, Inc. will be held from 13:00-14:30, on Friday 21. November 2008, during the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society: Germs and Genomes in the Garden City, Central Lecture Block, University of Canterbury, Christchurch from 18. - 21. November 2008.

Ralph W. Jack
Secretary
01. September, 2008