

NZMS Annual Report 2008

Meetings of the Society:

The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Society '*Germes and Genomes in the Garden City*' was held in Christchurch from 18. – 21. November, 2008. The very successful meeting was organised by Lynn McIntyre and a group of enthusiastic helpers.

The 53rd annual general meeting of the Society took place during the above meeting on 21. November, 2008. There were 33 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: Richard Muirhead

Newsletter Editor: Greg Cook

Committee: Steve Flint, Stephen On, Chris Sissons, Murray Taylor

Student Representative: none elected

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 2008, the society comprised 220 ordinary members, 63 student members, 8 retired and 9 honorary members, making a total membership of 300.

Finance:

The audited financial statement of accounts has been prepared and is available both on the website and the appropriate issue of NZ Bioscience. This financial statement will also be presented to the membership at the upcoming 54th annual general meeting to be held in Christchurch during the Annual Meeting of the Society (this year combined with COMBIO2009).

Prizes and Awards:

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

Poster prizes: Gareth Prosser, Isabella Chung and Roy Elliot

Presentation prizes: Manpreet Dhani, Björn Heijstra and Cynthia Winkworth

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

Grants-in-Aid:

Ten student presenters were awarded grants-in-aid to attend the 53rd annual meeting in Christchurch, at a total cost of \$7 250. Further details of grants-in-aid can be found on the website (www.nzms.org.nz/students).

NZMS Orator 2008:

Dr. Andrew Hudson was the recipient of the NZMS Distinguished Speaker award for 2008 and presented his oratory during the 53rd annual meeting in Christchurch. The orator was recognised with the presentation of the traditional framed award.

Magazine and Other Publications:

Four issues of NZ Bioscience were published in 2008, carrying volume number 17, issues 1-4. The newsletter editor will present a report of the Magazines activities at the 54th annual general meeting in Christchurch. The website (www.nzms.org.nz) has been sporadically updated to reflect new information provided to the membership. As always, articles and items of information for both the magazine and website were not forthcoming making the maintenance of both difficult.

Next Annual Meeting and Annual General Meeting:

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in combination with COMBIO2009, Christchurch (Canterbury University) from 06. - 10. December, 2009; this meeting will be the 54th annual meeting of the society.

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Microbiological Society, Inc. will be held from 17:45 – 19:00, on Wednesday 09. December, 2009.

Ralph W. Jack
Secretary
05. August, 2009