

## NZMS Annual Report 2009

### Meetings of the Society

The annual meeting for 2009 was held in Christchurch in conjunction with COMBIO2009 and took place from 06. – 10. December, 2010 at the Christchurch Convention Centre.

The annual general meeting of the society took place during the combined meeting on Wednesday 09. December, 2009 from 17:45-19:00. There were 29 members in attendance and the executive committee met earlier the same day.

### The Executive Committee

The elected executive committee for the year 2009-2010 was as follows:

President:	Adrian Cookson (AgResearch Ltd, Palmerston North)
Immediate past president:	Phil Bremer (Otago University, Dunedin)
Vice president:	Steve Flint (Massey University, Palmerston North)
Secretary:	Ralph Jack (Seperex Ltd., Dunedin)
Treasurer:	Richard Muirhead (AgResearch Ltd., Mosgiel)
Newsletter editor:	Greg Cook (Otago University, Dunedin)
Webmaster:	Ralph Jack (Seperex Ltd., Dunedin)
Student representative:	Raphael Aggio (University of Auckland, Auckland)
Committee:	Maureen O'Callaghan (AgResearch Ltd., Lincoln) Stephen On (ESR, Christchurch) Mike Taylor (Auckland University, Auckland)

Details of the executive committee (together with contact details), along with information about previous executive committees and past officers of the society are available on the society website (<http://www.nzms.org.nz>)

### Membership

As at 31. December 2009 the society comprised 312 ordinary members, 104 student members, 9 retired and 11 honorary members, making a total membership of 436.

### Finance

The audited financial statement was prepared in accordance with the regulations for incorporated societies and is available both on the website and the appropriate issue of the newsletter, *NZ Bioscience*. This statement of financial situation will also be presented at the upcoming AGM, to be held at Auckland University from 30 November to 03. December, 2010.

## **Prizes & Awards**

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

Poster prizes: Aishath Shaaly (Otago University)  
Rebekah Frampton (Otago University)  
Sang Heon Kim (Auckland University)

Oral presentation prizes were not awarded this year as a result of the combined meeting with COMBIO. Further details of prizes can be found on the website (<http://www.nzms.org.nz>).

## **NZMS Orator**

Because of the nature of the combined meeting in which NZMS2009 took place, there was no Distinguished Speaker oratory in 2009.

## **Magazine & Other Publications**

The official newsletter of the society, NZ Bioscience will be published four times in 2010 carrying the volume number 19, issues 1-4. The website has been significantly upgraded to improve accessibility and the aesthetic value of the society homepages. Reports from the newsletter editor and webmaster will be presented at the annual general meeting in December.

## **Next Annual Scientific Meeting & Annual General Meeting of the Society**

The 2010 meeting of NZMS will take place in Auckland at the University of Auckland from 30. November to 03. December, 2010. This will be the 55<sup>th</sup> annual scientific meeting of the society and is being organised by Mike Taylor. The theme of the meeting is '*small things, BIG ideas*'.

The 55<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting of the New Zealand Microbiological Society, Inc. will take place during the lunch break on Thursday 02. December 2010, at a time and location yet to be announced.

Ralph W. Jack  
Secretary  
08. October, 2010