

NZMS Newsletter Editor's Report – for AGM 2011

Since taking over from Greg Cook as Newsletter Editor, I have been learning the ropes and thinking of ways to make the newsletter more interesting. Consultation with the NZSBMB Newsletter Editor Miriam Sharpe yielded ideas such as product reviews, Celebrity (Microbiologist) “Interviews”, etc. As you may have already noticed, the NZMS Student Prizewinners (Oral and Poster) short article section has been resurrected to allow the students to showcase their research. The response rate was 67% (4 of 6) which was great but 100% would be ideal. Writing a concise (and precise) article for the Society is good practice and in some cases, constitutes a valid published work. Perhaps all NZMS conference grant-in-aid recipients should also participate in this exercise which could keep the flow of articles going all year round... something to be discussed at the AGM.

I have received e-mails requesting postal addresses to be changed or queries as to why NZ BioScience has not been delivered. The most up-to-date postal addresses for all NZMS members are with the Treasurer and it is up to the member to keep his/her postal details current. We have since passed on the latest information to the NZ BioScience distribution manager. A more convenient alternative would be the provision of an up-to-date archive of electronic (PDF) versions of NZ BioScience on the NZMS website (already requested by the Webmaster) and this, hopefully, will be available in due course.

The Newsletter will only be interesting if there is a continuous flow of material so please feel free to contact me if you have ideas or wish to contribute something.

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