

# NZMS Annual Report 2010

## Meetings of the Society

The annual scientific meeting for 2010 (NZMS2010) was convened by Mike Taylor in Auckland and took place from 30. November to 03. December, 2011 at the University of Auckland. The annual general meeting of the society took place during the annual scientific meeting; there were 35 members in attendance and the executive committee met earlier the same day. Minutes of the AGM have been posted on the website (see: [www.nzms.org.nz/Webpages/Admin\\_Info.html](http://www.nzms.org.nz/Webpages/Admin_Info.html)).

## The Executive Committee

The elected executive committee for the year 2010-2011 was as follows:

President:	Adrian Cookson (AgResearch Ltd, Palmerston North)
Vice president:	Steve Flint (Massey University, Palmerston North)
Secretary:	Ralph Jack (Seperex Ltd., Dunedin)
Treasurer:	Richard Muirhead (AgResearch Ltd., Mosgiel)
Newsletter editor:	Nicholas Heng (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 (see: [www.nzms.org.nz/History/Previous\\_office\\_holders.html](http://www.nzms.org.nz/History/Previous_office_holders.html))

## Membership

As at 31. December 2010 the society comprised 173 ordinary members, 61 student members, 5 retired and 7 honorary members, making a total membership of 246.

## 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.

### **Prizes & Awards**

The awards to student speakers at NZMS2010 went to: (first place) Andrew Wood, University of Auckland, (second place) Ron Xavier, AgResearch & University of Waikato and (third place) Manpreet Dhami, University of Auckland. Awards for student posters were given to: Leo Germoni, University of Otago, Jason Ryan, Industrial Research Ltd & University of Canterbury and Barbara Govan, AgResearch. Further details of prizes and awards issued by NZMS can be found on the society website (see: [www.nzms.org.nz/Webpages/Students](http://www.nzms.org.nz/Webpages/Students)).

### **NZMS Distinguished Speaker**

The 2010 Distinguished Speaker Award was presented to Prof. Iain Lamont of Otago University (Department of Biochemistry). Iain provided the Oratory at the annual scientific meeting and was presented with the traditional framed certificate in appreciation and commemoration of the event.

### **Magazine & Other Publications**

*NZ Bioscience* continues to be the official newsletter of the society and was published over 4 issues in 2010 (volume 19: issues 1-4). The official website of the society ([www.nzms.org.nz](http://www.nzms.org.nz)) was updated on a regular basis. Reports from the newsletter editor and webmaster will be presented at the annual general meeting in November and are available on the website (see: [www.nzms.org.nz](http://www.nzms.org.nz)).

### **Upcoming Annual Scientific Meetings & Annual General Meetings of the Society**

The 2011 meeting of NZMS will be held at the Palmerston North Convention Centre from 23. to 25. November, 2011. This will be the 56th annual scientific meeting of the society and is being organised by Steve Flint/Adrian Cookson. The theme of the meeting is '*right here, right now*'. The 2011 annual general meeting of the New Zealand Microbiological Society, Inc. will take place during the annual scientific meeting at a time and location yet to be announced. The 2012 annual scientific meeting is scheduled to be held in Dunedin at the end of November, 2012. This meeting will be convened by Ralph Jack. The 2012 AGM will take place during this meeting.

Ralph W. Jack, Secretary  
07. October, 2011