

Webmasters Report - for presentation at AGM2011

The past year has been much less turbulent for the website, compared to the previous year. In this time, the website has grown in terms of the number of pages of information offered and in the variety of content available. Our current website version has proven to be both stable and reliable and I believe is widely available to most, offering relatively trouble-free navigation and keeping members up-to-date for the most part. Similarly, hosting the website with the RSNZ has proven to be both cost-effective and practical and for the most part has allowed a reliable service to be provided to our members.

As highlights for 2011, major changes/additions to the website include: (i) a new page on funding opportunities that is linked also with the new AusSM/NZMS Postgraduate Research and Travel Award offered for the first time this year, (ii) on-line applications forms for student grants-in-aid to attend NZMS2011 and for the research and travel award, (iii) a search engine allowing comprehensive searching of the NZMS website and (iv) a series of pages for profiles of both individuals and institutions. This latter is an initiative designed to help bring individuals in touch with one another and also to help promote an understanding of the variety of work carried out by microbiologists in New Zealand. The profiles element of the website is an ongoing project and will require a considerable amount of input from people willing to make known who they are and what they do.

As always, the content of the website is only as good as that provided by the membership – if you have information you would like to see added, then please feel free to email the webmaster.

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