

## **GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (Inc)**

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#### **2003 GSNZ CONFERENCE**

This year's conference will be held in Dunedin on 1-4 December. Information on the conference, field trips, and registration is now available online at:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/geology/gsnz-conf-2003.html>

Note that the deadline for discounted registration and submitting papers and posters is 30 September 2003. Because it is expensive to travel to Dunedin from the North Island, the Society has allocated a larger sum than usual to support student travel, and it is hoped that as many students as possible will be able to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see something of the unique geology of the Otago region.

#### **GSNZ SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Discounted subscription rates apply only up to 31 July, and after that full rates apply. If you haven't already paid, it would be a great help if you could pay now. Our Administrator, Beth Wallace spends a lot of time (and money) chasing subscriptions and following up members who have moved or changed their email address. If you have mislaid your invoice, please email Beth ([gsnz\\_AT\\_paradise.net.nz](mailto:gsnz_AT_paradise.net.nz)) or write to her at P.O. Box 172, Otaki. Incidentally, note that membership registration rates for the GSNZ conference apply only to paid-up financial members.

#### **2003 HOCHSTETTER LECTURE**

This year's Hochstetter lecturer is Ian Wright (NIWA), and the title of his talk is **“Discovering and understanding submarine volcanoes – the Kermadec Arc sector of the Pacific Ring of Fire.”**

Ian will be visiting different centres in late September-early October, and his itinerary is given at <http://www.gsnz.org.nz/gsco.htm>

#### **TWO NEW QMAP SHEETS PUBLISHED**

The Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences has recently published two new QMAP sheets - Greymouth and Wairarapa - which come with an illustrated book. Cost \$25 each. You can order copies or get more information from [sales\\_AT\\_gns.cri.nz](mailto:sales_AT_gns.cri.nz)

#### **OTAGO SCIENTIST HONOURED**

The Society extends its congratulations to Professor Rick Sibson (Geology Department, University of Otago) who has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (UK). This recognises the long-term research that Rick has done on the mechanisms of faulting and its relationships to earthquakes. Rick's career is outlined at <http://www.otago.ac.nz/geology/rhs-frs.html>

#### **AWARDS BY NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTISTS**

Nominations are called for the Marsden Medal, Shorland Medal, Research Medal and Science Communicator awards. Closing date 31 August 2003. Details of the awards and nominations are given at <http://nzas.rsnz.org/awardgui.html>

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