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#### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

##### Association for Women in the Sciences

The AWIS 2005 Conference Committee invites all women in science and science-related fields to attend the fifth triennial conference of the Association for Women in the Sciences, in Hamilton, from 5 - 8 July 2005. AWIS conferences have generated a unique atmosphere for women working in science to network, share experiences, learn and have a great time. The theme this year is "Science Fever," and there is an exciting programme of invited speakers, mini-symposia and professional development workshops designed to generate an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement for women in science. Abstracts for the Poster session, to be held on Wednesday 6th July, are invited. For abstract submission information (deadline extended to May 27, 2005) and further details about the conference and programme visit <http://www.awis.org.nz> or email [AWISConf\\_AT\\_awis2005.co.nz](mailto:AWISConf_AT_awis2005.co.nz)

##### Earthquakes and Urban Development

The New Zealand Geotechnical Society will be holding a symposium on the above topic in Nelson 16-18 February 2006. The symposium website is <http://www.nzgeotechsoc.org.nz/> with inquiries to [geotech2006\\_AT\\_cont.canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:geotech2006_AT_cont.canterbury.ac.nz)  
Key dates are: Abstract Submission Deadline 15 May 2005; Confirmation of Acceptance 15 June 2005; Submission of Full Paper 15 October 2005. As well as papers there will be several field trips to examine the active Waimea-Flaxmore Fault System in the Nelson urban area and further south the Alpine Fault.

#### HAROLD WELLMAN BIOGRAPHY

Members are reminded that they can purchase this biography by Simon Nathan, and to be published by VUP, at the special price of NZ\$25.00 plus postage NZ\$5.00 (in New Zealand) or NZ\$10.00 (overseas). This 50% discount is open until 1 July 2005. Details and an order form are in the March 2005 Newsletter or payment can be sent to:  
Victoria University Press  
PO Box 600  
Wellington  
New Zealand

#### GSNZ 50th

A special issue of the GSNZ Newsletter (which will incorporate the Historical Studies Group Newsletter for September) is planned to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Society. The Newsletter editor David Smale [dsmale\\_AT\\_ts.co.nz](mailto:dsmale_AT_ts.co.nz) is still seeking articles, quotes and photographs, particularly of the Society's early years including the Kaikoura Conference of 1955. In addition Bruce Hayward [b.hayward\\_AT\\_geomarine.org.nz](mailto:b.hayward_AT_geomarine.org.nz) is compiling a history of the Society and would also welcome information on the Society, including details of branches, special interest and related groups.

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