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GSNZ CONFERENCE 2003

The GSNZ conference held at Dunedin between 2-4 December 2003 was an outstanding success with a large turn out of members. It was followed by a one day workshop of the Association of Australasian Palaeontologists and there were a variety of pre and post conference field trips. The organising committee, with Phil Glassey as convenor, and supported by a large number of volunteers ensured that the conference proceeded smoothly as was both informative and enjoyable.

The next conference will be in Taupo, in 6-10 December 2004, and will be under the auspices of the Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences. Vern Manville is convenor and it is anticipated that the conference will be a joint one with the New Zealand Geophysical Society.

The following year is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Geological Society of New Zealand at Kaikoura. A sub-committee, under the convensorship of Keith Lewis, has been formed to consider how best to commemorate this important occasion.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AWARDS 2003

MCKAY HAMMER (for the most meritorious publications in the preceding three years):

Tim Little of the Victoria University of Wellington for research into the structural and tectonic history of New Zealand.

HOCHSTETTER LECTURER 2003: Andy Tulloch of Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences Dunedin. The provisional title for the lecture is The Geology of Stewart Island: implications for the evolution of Cordilleran Batholiths.

KINGMA AWARD (for outstanding technical services):

Ben Morrison of Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences Dunedin whose work includes notable contributions to two GNS databases, PETLAB and FRED.

WELLMAN RESEARCH AWARD

Philip Burge of the University of Canterbury. His proposed research will use fossil beetle assemblages to test the timing of glaciations in New Zealand and rates of uplift.

S. J. HASTIE AWARDS

Christopher J Hughes (Auckland): aspects of NZ volcanology.

Ruth Basher (Waikato): Physical volcanology of Te Maari craters.

Katherine Holt (Massey) - Quaternary history of Chatham's

Glenn Hughes (Victoria): Late Quaternary Evolution, Horowhenua Coastal Plain.

Joshu Mountjoy (Canterbury): Seismic triggering of landslides, eastern North Island.

Jamie Wood (Otago): Quaternary geology, Stewart Island

HAROLD WELLMAN PRIZE (for outstanding fossil discoveries):

Jennifer Bannister (Otago) Tertiary fungi and flowers.

FELLOWSHIP OF ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Congratulations were extended at the conference to Bruce Hayward and Lionel Carter on being elected Fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Bruce was nominated by the Geological Society.

ROYAL SOCIETY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MEDALS

George Peterson of the Royal Society presented, during the closing ceremony of the conference, medals to Roger Cooper and Simon Nathan.

2003 CONFERENCE AWARDS TO STUDENTS

Best Oral Paper: Shuan Barker (Otago) - Earthquake generated pseudotachlyte

Merit awards: Dougal Mason (Victoria) - Awatere Fault; Karl Spinks (Canterbury) - Taupo Volcanic Zone.

Best Poster: Marion Walls (Victoria University) - Ohura Fault.

Merit awards: Kyle Bland (Waikato) - Tutira area; Darren Gravley (Canterbury) Dune bed lithofacies.

2003 AGM

The AGM proceeded without drama. The trust to hold the award funds is almost up and running. Reference was made to the death following a cycling accident in Nelson of Guyon Warren a former president and treasurer of the Society.

The following were elected as officers of the Society:

President: Mike Johnston

Vice President: Keith Lweis

Immediate Past-President: Julie Palmer

Secretary: Helen Neil

Treasurer: David Skinner

Editor: David Smale

Committee: Kari Bassett, Ursula Cochran, Penny Cook, Hugh Grenfell, Nick Mortimer

As well as welcoming new members to the committee, Helen, Ursula and Penny, the contributions made by retiring committee members David Lowe, Chris Anderson and Simon Nathan, and the role played by Julie as president, were acknowledged.

Best wishes were conveyed to Beth Wallace who is recovering from surgery following an accident.

Subscriptions remain the same, viz.:

Ordinary member: \$65 (\$75 if paid after 1 July 2004)

Retired member: \$40 (\$50 if paid after 1 July 2004)

Student member: \$30 (\$40 if paid after 1 July 2004)

Subscriptions are now due. It helps reduce the work, and cost to the Society if subscriptions are paid promptly. Please forward subscriptions, along with any address changes to Beth Wallace, GSNZ Administrator, P0 Box 172 Otaki, New Zealand (gsnz_AT_paradise.net.nz).

Next GSNZ Newsletter

Simon Nathan will be editing the next GSNZ Newsletter. The deadline for copy is 15 February 2004. Please send copy to Simon at: s.nathan_AT_xtra.co.nz

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