

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

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AWARDS

The following organisations have called for nominations for their respective Awards to be made in 2004:

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

The Academy suite of medals and awards available for 2004 are:

Hutton Medal - Earth sciences

Sir Charles Hercus Medal - Clinical sciences and technologies and public health

T. K. Sidey Medal - Scientific research in electromagnetic radiation

Cooper Medal - for the best account of research work carried out in New Zealand in physics or engineering

Thomson Medal - in recognition of outstanding contributions in the fields of the organisation, administration or application of science and technology

Hamilton Memorial Prize for beginners in scientific or technological research in New Zealand

Hatherton Award for the best scientific paper by a PhD student at any New Zealand University in physical sciences, earth sciences and mathematical and information sciences

Charles Fleming Award - for environmental achievement

Electronic copies of the information and application forms are available from [awards\\_AT\\_rsnz.org](http://awards_AT_rsnz.org); copies are also available on the Society's website

[http://www.rsnz.org/awards/academy\\_awards/forms.php](http://www.rsnz.org/awards/academy_awards/forms.php). The closing date for applications and nominations is 2 August 2004.

Pickering Medal

The Royal Society Council has approved the introduction of the Pickering Medal into its suite of medals. To be offered for the first time in 2004, the Pickering Medal was established to recognise excellence and innovation in the practical applications of technology. The medal will be awarded annually to a person who, while in New Zealand, has through design, development or invention performed innovative work, the results of which have been significant in their influence and recognition both nationally and internationally, or which have led to significant commercial success.

An electronic copy of the information and application form is available from [awards\\_AT\\_rsnz.org](http://awards_AT_rsnz.org); this is also available on the Society's website <http://www.rsnz.org/awards/pickering/>. The closing date for nominations is 30 June 2004.

NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENTISTS 2004 AWARDS

Marsden Medal - awarded for a lifetime of outstanding service to the cause or profession of science in New Zealand

Shortland Medal - awarded in recognition of a major and continued contribution to basic or applied research that has added significantly to scientific understanding, or resulted in significant benefits to society.

Research Medal - awarded for outstanding fundamental or applied research in the physical, natural or social science published during the preceding three years. Nominees must be under 40 on 1 January of the year in which they are nominated, except that where a scientist has had an interrupted career, the age limit may be extended to a maximum of 45.

Science Communicator Award - one or more awards will be made to practising scientists for excellence in communicating any area of science or technology to the general public.

Nominations, with relevant supporting documentation, should be mailed to Secretary, New Zealand Association of Scientists. PO Box 1874, Wellington by 30 July 2004.

If members would like the Geological Society to support or nominate a person for any of the above awards would they please forward details to:

Keith Lewis  
Convenor, Awards  
Geological Society of New Zealand  
keithlewis\_AT\_paradise.net.nz  
preferably before 17 June 2004

#### GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND AWARDS

The Society will shortly be calling for nominations for its awards. The funds that were formerly held by the Society have now been transferred to the Geological Society of New Zealand Awards Trust. Initial trustees are Julie Palmer (chair), David Skinner, Simon Nathan and Mike Johnston.

#### ZONTA AWARD

The Geological Society extends its congratulations to Ursula Cochran on receiving the Zonta Award for 2004. The award is made annually to a woman PhD graduate who has excelled in pure or applied science, has excellent communication skills and is a good role model for younger woman. Ursula is a geologist at Geological and Nuclear Sciences Lower Hutt, and a member of the National Committee of the Geological Society, who specialise in geohazard research. The award will enable her to undertake research in the west coast of the United States.

#### GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Planning for the conference, to be held in Taupo, 6-10 December 2004 is progressing well under the auspices of Vern Manville and his team. This promises to be a notable event as it will be in conjunction with the New Zealand Geophysical Society and Auckland Geothermal Institute with the New Zealand Geothermal Association also meeting there. Wide and diverse presentations are anticipated with a large attendance from New Zealand and overseas.

#### CANTERBURY BRANCH

Phil Tonkin, research fellow at the University of Canterbury with a long career in Late Quaternary research at Lincoln, has taken over as branch president from Kari Bassett. Kari continues as a committee member of the Geological Society.

#### GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July Newsletter closes on 15 June 2004. Please forward material to the editor David Smale at dsmale\_AT\_ts.co.nz

#### HISTORICAL STUDIES GROUP

Alan Mason has stepped down as Editor of the Historical Studies Group Newsletter. Alan had been editor of the Newsletter since its inception in 1990 and was instrumental in the formation of the group. During that time he has ensured that much of the history of geological research in New Zealand, including material that may have been permanently lost, has been documented. The Society extends its sincere thanks to Alan who, in his "retirement" will continue his historical research with continuing contributions to the Newsletter.

We are fortunate in having Tony Hocken of Oamaru as the new Editor for the Historical Studies Newsletter. Tony has had experience both in editing, having established, prepared and edited the Newsletter of the NZ Society for the Study of Diabetes for several years, and as a historian of geology. He has recently completed a definitive account *Geology at the University of Otago: The First 100 Years* that was published by Geological Society Miscellaneous Publication 115 - available from Beth Wallace Administrator [gsnz\\_AT\\_paradise.net.co](mailto:gsnz_AT_paradise.net.co)

Tony is seeking contributions for the Newsletter, next issue planned for September 2004, and can be contacted at [agh\\_AT\\_ihug.co.nz](mailto:agh_AT_ihug.co.nz)  
General inquiries about the group can be directed to Convenor Historical Studies Group [mikejohnston\\_AT\\_xtra.co.nz](mailto:mikejohnston_AT_xtra.co.nz)

#### NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The National Committee meets at the Royal Society of New Zealand Rooms, Wellington on 17 June 2004 (75th Anniversary of Murchison Earthquake). If members have matters they wished to be considered at the meeting would they please contact one of the committee members or forward details to:

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Mike Johnston