

Geological Society of New Zealand

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AWARD

Congratulations to Vicki Smith, University of Auckland, for receiving the prestige award of having the best paper by a young author published in the Journal of the Geological Society of London for 2004. Her paper was on the 15,800 year Rotorua eruption.

ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF NEW ZEALAND

Te Ara: Encyclopedia of New Zealand is now on line. At the Taupo Conference Simon Nathan gave a demonstration of the new Online Encyclopedia, the first part of which is now live at <http://www.teara.govt.nz>

The Encyclopedia is an 8-year project, with a new theme each year. The first theme is the People of New Zealand, with articles on all iwi as well as immigrant groups who came to New Zealand - from the Scots to the Sri Lankans. One entry that may be of particular interest is "When was New Zealand first settled?", which contains an up-to-date summary of modern ideas and controversies. The next theme will include a batch of geological entries, and it is hoped that these can be previewed at the Kaikoura Conference later this year.

In addition, the highly successful 1996 Encyclopedia has been digitised, and is now available at the same URL. Some of our older members contributed a number of the entries and may be surprised to see what they wrote 40 years ago has a new lease of life.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

The Royal Society of New Zealand is calling for nominations for companions, fellowships, honorary fellowships and companions. Details are available at: <http://www.rsnz.org/members/companions.php>
<http://www.rsnz.org/members/fellowship.php>

If any member would like the Geological Society of New Zealand to sponsor or support a nomination please forward details to, in Keith Lewis' absence overseas, mike.johnston_AT_xtra.co.nz

Nominations for fellowships close on 15 April 2005 and for companions on 30 April 2005.

The Royal Society of New Zealand is also calling for nominations for the following awards that are of interest to earth scientist:

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

Hatherton Award - for the best scientific paper by a PhD student in physical, earth or information sciences

Closing date for applications and nominations is Friday 5th August
Electronic copies of criteria, information and application forms are available from awards_AT_rsnz.org.nz

<http://www.rsnz.org/awards/academy>

2005 CONFERENCE

Planning for this conference in Kaikoura in December, which will celebrate the founding of the Society in that town 50 years ago, is well underway with Jarg Pettinga and Keith Lewis as convenor and co-convenor respectively. Reminiscences and details of the early days of

the Society, and in particular the founding conference, are sought. Please provide material to David Smale 28 Bronte Street, Nelson 7001 or dsmale_AT_ts.co.nz

In addition Bruce Hayward is compiling the history of the Society and can be contacted at b.hayward_AT_geomarine.org.nz (49 Swainston Road, St Johns Auckland).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that subscriptions are now due and payable to Beth Wallace, GSNZ Administrator, P0 Box 603, Te Awamutu, New Zealand (gsnz_AT_paradise.net.nz). Subscriptions are:

Ordinary member: \$80 (\$70 if paid before 31 July 2005)

Retired member: \$45 (\$40 if paid before 31 July 2005)

Student member: \$35 (\$30 if paid before 31 July 2005)

Early payment is not only cheaper but it also helps the Society's cash flow, as well as making life easier for Beth.

Mike Johnston
President