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Dr IAN REILLY

The Society notes with regret the passing of Ian Reilly who died in Christchurch on 15 July 2005. Ian had a long and distinguished career in geophysics, principally at Geophysics Division DSIR and its successors, and was active in both the Geophysical and Geological Societies.

CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Professor Mike Crozier of Victoria University of Wellington has been appointed to the NZ Conservation Authority. His nomination by the Geographical Society was supported by the Geological Society.

2005 CONFERENCE

The 50th Anniversary of the Geological Society will be celebrated at its annual conference in Kaikoura from 28 November to 1 December 2005. Details and registration forms are available in the Society's July 2005 Newsletter and on the Society's web site www.gsnz.org.nz Conference convenor and co-convenor are Jarg Pettinga and Keith Lewis and a varied programme, involving several exciting conference themes, social events and an extensive selection of field trips, has been organised. Because of a possible shortage of accommodation in Kaikoura, the Society has block booked a range of accommodation mainly at discounted prices, which is available on a first come first served basis. Fill in your registration form (from Newsletter or website) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Do not wait until September. Note that you can send in your abstract later - but before 16th September.

PALEONTOLOGY MEETING

At the last GSNZ annual conference, Taupo 2004, there was a call for a special paleontology meeting to be added to the Kaikoura conference. A Registration Form was included in the latest Newsletter although the dates shown are incorrect; the correct dates are: Friday 2 December with an all-day field trip on Saturday 3 December 2005. Further details as to programme, registration and accommodation will be available shortly.

1855 WAIRARAPA EARTHQUAKE

A programme and registration form for the 1855 Wairarapa Earthquake Symposium to be held at Te Papa, Wellington on 8-10 September 2005 is now available on www.gsnz.org.nz Please complete and return the form by August 19th if you would like to attend this symposium.

CHATHAM ISLANDS

Hamish Campbell and Chris Adams will be running another geological excursion to the Chatham Islands from 31 August to 5 September 2005. There are still some places on this excursion and any one interested in participating should contact Hamish at h.campbell@gns.cri.nz or at

Institute of Geological & Nuclear Sciences, PO Box 30368, Lower Hutt.

AWARDS

Nominations for the Society's Awards (other than the Wellman Prize - not to be confused with the Wellman Research Award) close on the 16 September 2005. Nominations should be sent to Keith Lewis at keithlewis at paradise.net.nz and details are available from www.gsnz.org.nz. In addition nominations have been called for a number of Royal Society of New Zealand awards and medals. Details are available at www.rsnz.org and if any member would like the Society to either nominate or support a nomination please contact Keith Lewis.

Mike Johnston
President