



**New Zealand Geographical Society Inc**

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## **NZ Geog Soc Exec Update**

**Jan-Feb 2014**

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**Greetings and welcome** to the first edition of NZ Geog Soc Exec Update. The plan for this newsletter is to keep members informed about matters your executive is discussing at its monthly meetings. From time to time we will also bring you information from Branches, and affiliated bodies such as the Royal Society and IGU.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014-2015**

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\*Alternate: Jane Foster, Secretary NZBoGT

### **CONFERENCE**

Waikato Branch (Colin McLeay) is the point of contact for the Conference. It's being held jointly with the Institute of Australian Geographers on **30 June-2 July 2014** at Melbourne University – while registration is not yet open conference organisers are seeking expressions of interest on theme sessions and papers. <http://www.nzgs.co.nz/nzgs-conferences/annual-general-meeting/iag-nzgs-joint-conference-2014>

The exec has agreed to provide some financial support (up to \$600 each) to post-graduates (up to around seven people) to attend conference. Post-grads are urged to look for funding from Branches, Departments and alternative conference funding sources.

Issues around funding of teachers will be discussed with the NZ Board of Geography Teachers at their AGM.

### **JOURNAL**

Wiley continues to be our publisher. The contract is due for renewal next year. In the digital era we are getting close to providing only electronic publications. Those members who have elected to receive a hard copy are being asked for their views on receiving an electronic

copy/accessing the NZ Geographer on-line. Access issues of teachers/schools and other libraries are also under consideration. Dr Nick Lewis will substitute for Prof Nel as required during the latter's sabbatical (Feb-Sept 2014).

## CONSTITUTION

Work is nearly complete on updating the Constitution following the amendments made at the 2012 AGM. Work to be completed includes sections on the postgraduate networks and the new category of Fellows.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2014 ARE NOW DUE

<http://www.nzgs.co.nz/images/stories/nzgs/pdfs/nzgs%20subscription%20form%202014%20individuals.pdf>

Please include your name and NZGS sub 2014 if paying on-line

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## FELLOWS

Information about applying to be a Fellow of the Society is on the website.  
<http://www.nzgs.co.nz/images/stories/nzgs/pdfs/nz%20geog%20soc%20fellows.pdf>

## IGU

The IGU regional Conference will be in Krakow, Poland 18-22 August 2014.  
<http://www.nzgs.co.nz/nzgs-conferences/igu-krackow-2014>

Exec is working with the Ministry of Business innovation and Employment on the possibility of a young NZ Delegate attending the IGU/UNESCO meeting in Paris on the Global Year of International Understanding in 2016.

## COUNCIL

NZGS Council (Exec and Branch Reps) will meet on Saturday **24 May 2014**.

We look forward to receiving items from Branches for the March edition of the Geog Soc Exec Update by **24 March** 2014 – please email to me at [ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz)  
(thanks to Otago Branch for their information)

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