



NZGS NEWS

[NZ Geographical Society Exec Update]

August 2014

**THE 2014 AGM WILL BE HELD AT AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
In the Federation of University Women Room, Old Government House
ON
19 SEPTEMBER AT 4PM**

Report on Executive Meeting (11 August)

- The Geography Society will be putting in a submission on the National Statement of Science Investment - see <http://www.msi.govt.nz/update-me/major-projects/national-statement-of-science-investment/>. Closing date for submissions is 22 August so we ask for your comments on paper this **by 18 August** (to me at ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz)
- We are grateful to Karen Fisher for volunteering to act in the new position of Membership Officer (to be confirmed at the AGM). She will be emailing members towards the end of the year to remind members to pay their subscriptions (It is proposed that discounts will be made available for members who re-subscribe early – to be confirmed at the AGM).
- Post-graduate Network: Funding from the NZGS enabled seven members of Network to attend the IAG-NZGS conference in Melbourne to present research, meet other geographers and catch up with the latest developments in their fields. The \$500 each received assisted with travel expenses, conference fees, and accommodation. The summary of the post-grads' reports submitted on their return from conference indicated that they found the experience of considerable value. It enabled: "building confidence through presenting, connecting with other academics in relevant fields, publicising New Zealand postgraduate research in an Australasian setting and being invited to wider research networks and other conferences", as well as strengthening the network itself through face-to-face interaction. The Post-grads also learned news skills through planning and chairing conference sessions.
- NZBoGT
 - Nick Page, Suzanne Baldwin and Lex Chalmers are currently at the Olympiad in Kraków with 10 New Zealand students.
 - Over 120 teams took part in the year 11 Maatangi Whenua competitions.
- IGU
 - A bid for the IGU 2018 Regional Conference has been submitted
 - Vice Presidents elected to IGU are: Prof Ellena Dell'Agnese Italy; Prof Yuko Himiyama Japan; Prof Chenghu Zhou China-Beijing; Prof Iain Hay Australia (note that Prof Hay is also a Fellow of the NZGS)

- Website: A login facility enabling members to access electronic copies of the *New Zealand Geographer* is nearing completion.
- Ways to increase the *New Zealand Geographer* impact factor:
 - Ask students to download articles rather than providing them with a pdf or hard-copy.
 - Contribute articles to the NZ Geographer and cite articles from it - it's a key domestic product that drives New Zealand's geography.
 - Continue to encourage geographers in all departments to become member of the Society, and provide information about the society in the NZ Geographer.
 - Ask each University to provide information about distinguished geography scholars who are visiting their departments for the NZGS News. These people should be asked by the NZ Geographer Editorial Panel to submit articles, opinion pieces and reviews to NZ Geographer.
 - Ask each University to provide information on new geography lecturers and their research expertise for publication in the NZ Geographer or NZGS News as appropriate.
 - NZGS News can be used as an alert to the latest issue of NZ Geographer.
- Study Groups: so far four groups have been identified for further development including: gender; indigenous; development; rural. A physical geography study group would also be welcomed. IAG are keen to engage so that study groups could be Trans-Tasman with potential for meetings to be held under the auspices of either NZGS or IAG. Convenors are needed for these groups – the *NZGS News* can be used as a publicity vehicle.

SAVE THE DATE

NZGS Conference

Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th February 2016

Otago University, Dunedin

Welcome reception: Monday 1st February – evening

Conference dinner: Larnach Castle (3 Feb)

Field trips to be advised

(combine Waitangi weekend Monday 8 February for maximum enjoyment)

Careers for Geographers: To provide our secondary students with information on the very different careers geographers can enter, please send written information on *What Geographers Do* to me ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz (so that we can document career paths for the website and for careers advisors, etc), and send video clips of *Geographers in Action* to Matt Henry M.G.Henry@massey.ac.nz

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