



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's time to get on the soap box. In the 1980's, during the early stages of what I loosely describe as my career, I had a stint at Wallaceville Research Centre.

Over an enjoyable cup of coffee, the then Director of Wallaceville sagely informed me that science and agriculture were sunset industries, and that I should probably look to a career in IT if I wanted to make something of myself.

Taking this on board I went and took a good long look at myself in the mirror and thought – no - hair is too shiny and skin far too clear for IT – I'll stick with science/agriculture. The hair is now disappearing at an alarming rate and the skin sagging as it should for a 50+ year old male but I'm comfortable with my "choice".

Scientific research and the application of that research, particularly into agriculture but also in other productive sectors has been shown over and over again to provide New Zealand a competitive edge and contributed greatly to the success and development of New Zealand as a country.

Unfortunately successive governments do not seem to recognise the need to fully support scientific research, with yet another re-structure underway at AgResearch. While I recognise that there is not a bottomless pot of funding available and we need to re-build Christchurch, underwrite sporting events, hold pointless by-elections etc it would be great to one day feel we had Members of Parliament that considered science to be essential to the future of the country and not a luxury.

Anyone feel like forming a political party?

Colin

NZSP CONFERENCE 2011

ICLT, Massey University

Palmerston North

27 & 28 October

The form for submitting abstracts is appended to this newsletter.

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CONFERENCES

2011 NZVA Conference

“Back to the Future”

Claudlands Event Centre, Hamilton

21 - 24 June

A number of NZSP members are participating in this conference – **Tania Waghorn, Ginny Dodunski, Bill Pomroy, Ian Sutherland, John Moffat, Tom Watson, Tony Rhodes & Trevor Cook.**

We look forward to including their feedback in the next newsletter.

2011 ASP Annual Conference

Sunday 10th until Wednesday 13th July
Pullman Reef Casino, Cairns

Conference website: www.parasite.org.au/arcnet/conference

Online registration: www.conftool.net/parasitology2011/

Australasian Section Wildlife Disease Association Conference

25-30 September 2011 at Coorong Camp,
Meningie, South Australia

<http://www.wda-aust.org/index.html>

World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology

21 – 25 August 2011
Buenos Aires, Argentina

For details: <http://www.waavp2011-argentina.com.ar>

ITM / DVTD Joint Colloquium on Zoonoses and Neglected Diseases in Africa

1 – 4 November 2011
Indaba Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

See April Newsletter for further information

RETIREMENT

Dave West



Dave West retired from Massey University in April this year. Dave graduated from Massey in 1970 which was one of the earlier vet classes through that university. After a 4 year stint in general rural practice he returned to Massey University in 1974 where he remained until retirement as a Professor earlier this year. Over that time he has taught a large percentage of the current veterinarians in New Zealand in the general area of animal health and production with an emphasis on sheep and beef cattle. He has always been keen to get students actively involved in problem solving and this has been recognised as one of the strengths of the papers and final year

rosters he has co-ordinated. Over the years he has supervised 11 PhD students and 7 masterate students. His interests in parasitology are focused on his recognition of their importance to ruminants, especially in New Zealand. He has been a regular contributor to the conferences of this society over the years, especially in the area of anthelmintic resistance, being one of the first to recognise issues with macrocyclic lactone inefficacy in cattle. In addition, he has maintained research interests in ovine brucellosis, Johnes Disease, trace elements, vaginal prolapse in ewes, hogget mating and embryonic loss, Campylobacter infections in sheep and chondrodysplasia in Suffolk sheep. He has been an author on approximately 130 peer-reviewed journal articles and a larger

number of conference papers. It is expected that his time for fishing and shooting will

increase dramatically now his demand on his time for academic activities has reduced.

.....from Bill Pomroy

VACANCY

At the NZSP AGM this year your longstanding secretary, Tania Waghorn, is standing down.

This will create a vacancy on the committee so we are looking for someone to fill this position.

Do you want to have an active involvement in the running of the Society?

Speak to Tania if you would like to hear what she does, and does so well!

NZSP CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

Over the years the abstracts from the papers presented at the annual conference have been published in the New Zealand Journal of Zoology at no cost to the Society or you as members.

This has also had the benefit of allowing these presentations to be cited in other publications. [It was always the author's choice if the abstract was published].

The journal has now decided to discontinue the free publication of the abstracts.

Your committee are looking for suggestions on how to handle future conference abstracts.

- Do you want them published in another publication?
- Do you have a suggestion for this (e.g., NZ Veterinary Journal)?
- Do you want continue having them in NZJ Zoology and pay page charges (e.g., NZVJ - \$450 per printed page – heavily reduced) – this could be built into the conference registration fee or included in your subscription?
- Publish them on the NZSP website?
- Do you have another suggestion?

The **2009** Conference abstracts are listed as being *in press* in the NZJ Zoology. However the **2010** abstracts are affected by the journals decision.

ROYAL SOCIETY SEMINAR

RSNZ Biological and Life Sciences Vice President's Advisory Panel seminar

“Carbon: the science and the sense”

28 June 2011

AgHort Lecture Block, Riddet Road, Turitea Campus, Massey University, Palmerston North

A one-day Forum aimed at clarifying some issues regarding ‘carbon’, carbon cycling, stocks and flows, and carbon equivalence (for example in greenhouse gas, soil organic matter or trees) that have led to confusion and lack of buy-in by the public and primary industries to the intentions of an emission trading scheme (ETS).

The goal of the carbon day will be to build on the basis of better public understanding of the carbon cycle (and carbon equivalence) to identify how New Zealand can advocate a strategy to manage ‘carbon’, to assist in sectors’ decision-making around the effective management of carbon and all its implication to encourage NZ industry and public to ensure that resources are used more effectively.

Time	Event	Chair	Speaker
09.30	Registration & coffee		
10.00	Welcome		Stephen Goldson VP RSNZ
10.10	Global risk management	Andy Reisinger NZAGRC	Martin Manning, Victoria University
11.00	NZ's equivalent of hot air		Phil Scadden, GNS
11.50	Discussion		
12.15	Lunch		
13.00	The sense	Alec Mackay, AgResearch	James Palmer, MAF
13.30	Carbon in Agriculture		Tony Parsons, Massey University
14.20	Carbon in Forestry		Denis Hocking
14.40	Carbon in credits		Ben Coleman Westpac
15.00	Afternoon Tea		
15.20	Green Paper	Brent Clothier NZSSS	(Scribe, Rowarth)
16.30	Refreshments		

A Primary Resources Forum supported by the Royal Society of New Zealand, Biological and Life Sciences Advisory Panel, The New Zealand Agricultural Green House Gas Centre, and Massey Agriculture.

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**New Zealand Society for Parasitology Annual Meeting No. 39:
Ira Cunningham Lecture Theatre, Institute for Veterinary Animal and Biomedical
Sciences Building, Massey University, Palmerston North
27th – 28th October 2011**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Please complete the following and return to Heather Simpson, Abstracts Editor
2011 Conference.**

I wish to present the following:- Poster / Oral presentation (Delete one).

Title:

Authors:

(underline presenting author)

Address:

(Full Postal Address)

Abstract (limit of 300 words):

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Instructions for Authors for the Preparation of Abstracts

The abstract should be self contained, readable and easily understood by people not intimately involved in the field. The abstract should contain clear objectives, appropriate data (with statistical parameters such as standard error of means or probability estimates) and conclusions as appropriate. Unnecessary jargon and abbreviations, and information not relevant to the objectives and conclusions should be avoided.

Please ensure that:

- 1.** The title and names of all authors are provided.
- 2.** The name, address, phone, fax number and email address of the corresponding author are given to facilitate contact regarding your submission.
- 3.** The abstract is set (excluding title and authors) in 12 point Times Roman. A maximum of 300 words is allowed. **Do not include headings, tables, equations or references.**
- 4.** If possible please submit the abstract electronically to the Abstracts Editor. The abstract form can be requested from the Secretary. Email the abstract in Microsoft WORD format to the Abstracts Editor. The abstract may be mailed to the Abstracts Editor if you do not have access to email.
- 5.** Abstracts must be received by the **15th September 2011.**