

NEWS

HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY 1975 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Symposium will be held this year in Auckland, on 25 to 28 November. The organizing committee is a mixture of town and gown, chaired by Paul Williams of the Department of Geography of the University of Auckland. The Centre for Continuing Education will also be playing an active role in arranging the meeting.

The Symposium will cover all aspects of hydrology, although special attention will be given to the theme of urban hydrology, which will be interpreted widely to include relevant aspects of land-use planning and development, urbanization effects, and water resources (quality, quantity and disposal).

Contributions are invited from any branch of hydrology, but are especially encouraged if related to problems of urban hydrology. Abstracts are required immediately, and final papers by 1 October.

At least one field excursion will be offered in the Auckland region, organized by John Waugh.

The registration fee will be \$12, and the cost of university accommodation and meals will be approximately \$10 a day.

For further information contact:

N.Z. Hydrological Society Symposium,
c/- Centre of Continuing Education,
University of Auckland,
Private Bag,
Auckland.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION SUBGROUP

The organizers of the 1975 Hydrological Society Symposium in Auckland (25-28 November) have made one session available to the Erosion and Sedimentation Subgroup of the Society.

Members who wish to present papers or reports of their continuing activities should immediately contact:

Mr J. A. Hayward,
Tussock Grasslands and Mountain Lands Institute,
P.O. Box 56,
Lincoln College.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY

The 1974 Annual General Meeting of the Hydrological Society in Dunedin saw the resignation of Ian Simmers from the post of Secretary/Treasurer, a position in which he has given valuable service for the last 14 years.

The new Secretary is Lew Wells, who is with the Water and Soil Division of the Ministry of Works in Hamilton.

COMMITTEE MEETING

A report to members on the Hydrological Society Committee meeting held on 28 February 1975 at the Royal Society Rooms, 6 Halswell Street, Wellington.

After accepting the Secretary's correspondence and approving the list of new members, the Committee acknowledged the success of those who organized the 1974 Symposium at Dunedin.

In discussing the planned publication of six issues of the Journal of Hydrology in the next two years, it was agreed that Mr Willcocks be offered the job of distributing Society publications, particularly since Mr Pritchard has moved to Nelson.

The Committee agreed to meet four times each year, in the months of February, May, August and November. Any member can contribute to the agenda by seeing that notice is given to a committee member, preferably the Secretary, by the beginning of the meeting month. The Committee will communicate with the Society in general through the Journal, with reports such as this. It was also agreed that the Society should speak out more on public issues, at the discretion of the President.

The idea of holding the 1975 Symposium at Auckland was strongly supported by the Committee; the possibility of a joint symposium with the Meteorological Service in 1976 or 1977 will be investigated.

SYMPOSIUM ON MICROBIAL ECOLOGY

An International Symposium on Microbial Ecology will be held at the University of Otago, Dunedin, on 22 to 26 August 1977. It is being organized by the Royal Society of N.Z. in conjunction with the N.Z. Microbiological Society and sponsored by IAMS, IUBS, and UNESCO.

Papers are invited within the categories of ecology of soil, water and air, and the ecology of organisms associated with plants and animals. Papers presenting new approaches to the subject of microbial ecology will be especially welcome.

For further information contact:

The Executive Officer,
The Royal Society of New Zealand,
P.O. Box 12-249,
Wellington.

AUSTRALIAN MEETINGS

We have received notice from the Queensland Division of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, of meetings during 1975. On 22 October there will be a Civil Engineering Branch meeting at which a talk will be given on "Flood Mitigation in the Pahang River Basin, Malaysia," by W. J. Scott, and on 19 November at a Water Engineering Branch meeting R. F. Gamble will describe the "Ipswich Floods 1974".

GROUNDWATER SYMPOSIUM

A 3rd International Symposium on Groundwater will be held at Palermo, Italy, on 1-5 November.

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