

NEWS

1970 SYMPOSIUM: PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The IASH/UNESCO International Symposium on the Results of Research on Representative and Experimental Basins is to be held in Wellington, New Zealand, from 19 to 26 November 1970.

It will be preceded by one week's study tour of research basins in the South Island, and a post-symposium study tour, of about one week, of North Island research basins.

This symposium will be sponsored by the International Association for Scientific Hydrology and UNESCO, and will be convened and organized by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The Royal Society has appointed the following organizing committee:

- Chairman* Mr C. Toebes — Chief Scientific Hydrologist, Water and Soil Division, Ministry of Works, Wellington.
- Secretary* Mr G. Markham — Executive Officer, Royal Society of N.Z., Wellington.
- Members* Mr G. J. Blake — Engineering Scientist, Water and Soil Division, Ministry of Works, Wellington.
- Mr N. W. Collins — Chief Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Engineer, Water and Soil Division, Ministry of Works, Wellington.
- Mr H. S. Gibbs — Chief Pedologist, Soil Bureau, DSIR, Lower Hutt.
- Mr J. T. Holloway — Director, Protection Forestry Branch, Forest and Range Experiment Station, N.Z. Forest Service, Rangiora.
- Mr J. A. Hayward — Scientist, Tussock Grasslands and Mountain Lands Institute, Lincoln College, Canterbury.
- Dr D. Kear — Director, N.Z. Geological Survey, DSIR, Lower Hutt.
- Ex Officio* Dr E. I. Robertson — Assistant Director-General, DSIR, Wellington.

Mr W. C. Boughton, c/o School of Engineering, University of N.S.W., Sydney, Australia, has kindly offered to assist with promoting interest in the symposium in Australia.

For further information, apply to the Executive Officer, Royal Society of N.Z., P.O. Box 196, Wellington, New Zealand.

WATER CONFERENCE 1970

May 1970 has been chosen as the date for the New Zealand Water Conference. It will be held in Auckland, and local arrangements will be made by the Auckland Branch of the N.Z. Institute of Engineers. Conference discussions are being planned jointly by the Institute and the Royal Society of N.Z., through detailed work by their Combined Engineering and Scientific Committee on Water Resources (ESCOW).

Objectives for the conference will be the development of an optimum water policy for New Zealand, and the planning of technological aids and guiding of research so as to ensure efficient implementation of that policy.

The conference will extend over three days.

IHD NOTES

New Zealand has been elected unanimously to a seat on the Co-ordinating Council for the International Hydrological Decade for the biennium 1969-70. The seat had been previously held by Australia who, after serving two terms, was desirous of retiring.

It is proposed to hold a meeting of the New Zealand National Committee in late March or early April 1969.

Mr T. H. F. Nevins has been appointed Executive Officer IHD and will be taking up his duties in February.

CANTERBURY BRANCH OF HYDROLOGICAL SOCIETY

A meeting to establish a Canterbury branch of the N.Z. Hydrological Society was held in the Engineering School of the University of Canterbury on Tuesday, 12 November, at which Professor J. R. Burton spoke on the new Water and Soil Act. Approximately 40 persons were present, and an interim committee was appointed to organize a programme of lectures and field trips in 1969.

Anyone who would like further details of meetings is invited to contact Mr R. Bellamy, Ministry of Works, 21 Kainga Road, Christchurch 5.

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The 1969 Symposium will have a new format. The first day will take the form of a "workshop" in which four topics, introduced by leading personalities, will be discussed. The topics are: (1) Climate change, (2) Effect of cultural changes on stream flow, (3) Lakes, (4) Snow and Ice.

The second day will be spent on experimental basins near Wellington, for field discussions.