



THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH

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NZ Branch President Brian Davey

From the President

The New Zealand Fire Service has introduced the Training and Progressions System, TAPS, and will soon see service members working through the combination of distance learning and practical components for each rank. The Institution is promoting its examinations as a parallel and complimentary pathway, one that tests deeper knowledge and understanding of fire engineering, a pathway that provides recognition in over 15 countries around the world. For those who are seeking higher professional qualifications, the Institutions examinations and continuing professional development, can help with registration to the Engineering Council in the UK and IPENZ here in New Zealand. The 2008 Examinations will be held over 12/13 March. Watch the IFE websites (UK & NZ) for key dates and fees.

The recent General Assembly meeting and AGM in Cambridge, England, provided the opportunity for

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myself and two other Branch members to meet and discuss a range of topics with many other members from around the world. The GA meeting had representatives from 17 Branches and this resulted in some lively debate and discussion on the Institutions proposed Business Plan, rules, examinations and subscriptions. Branch delegates gave an update on the activities over the last six months. It was pleasing to hear from the USA delegate that our own Branch member, Mike Hall was to be one of the guest speakers at their conference in late August. The Board announced that the NZ Branch had been awarded a grant from the Travelling School fund for a further visit to provide assistance to members in Fiji, this is the third time we have received this grant. There was discussion on the increased cost of subscriptions and the burden this placed on members in places such as Fiji and South Africa. Further work is to be done to examine variable subscriptions. The Board announced that subscriptions for 2008 would increase by 3%, for the NZ Branch, it is not clear what the actual increase will be due to the rapidly changing exchange rate at the moment. The presentations at the conference were varied and interesting, I did not think that a presentation on fire resisting doors could be so interesting, but Board Member HG Tay from the Malaysia Branch certainly managed to hold attention.

Best wishes to the Taranaki and Canterbury Groups for the promotional activities they are undertaking.

On behalf of all members I extend our deepest sympathy to our Executive Director, Peter Menzies and

his family on the sudden death a son and brother in the United States.

Branch Council Elections;

There were three nominations received for the vacant positions on Branch Council. As these nominations fill the number of vacancies, no election is required. The successful appointees are;

Graeme Quensell, (re-elected), Duane Harding-Browne and Daryn Glasgow. These positions are effective from the start of our next financial year, 1 January 2008. Congratulations are offered to these members on their election to Branch Council.

2007 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Wellington Convention Centre.

A Note from the Conference Committee

On behalf of the Wellington CDEM Group and the NZ Branch of the Institution of Fire Engineers, we introduce a unique conference encapsulating the cultural and creative qualities of Wellington. The conference theme 'Keeping Pace: Technology & Modern Emergency Management' truly reflects the innovative nature of our capital and New Zealand. The varied conference programme sets out to inform and challenge whilst entertain and inspire.

International speakers have been chosen to allow us to judge our own methods against others with an opportunity to exchange ideas whilst not forgetting the experience and valuable resources that we have in New Zealand. Our Weta workshop brings a flavor of Wellington... and the unexpected.

We hope you take the opportunity to be part of a remarkable conference and enjoy the Wellington experience.

Regards, Wellington CDEM Group & IFE Committee

PROGRAMME.

Thursday, 4 October 2007 8:30am - 5:15pm Morning

Opening & Welcome – Kerry Prendergast (Mayor of Wellington City)

Keynote Addresses; Leadership in Emergency Management – Rick Barker (Minister of CDEM) & John Hamilton (Director MCDEM)

The Demand Analyser (translating emergency management plans into logistics and supply chain plans) – John Pournmoor (3M)

Conference Streams available

GIS in action: The incursion Response System – Clifton King (MAF)

Ten years on: A review of the take up of the lifeline lessons learnt from Northbridge and Kobe Earthquakes – Dave Brunsten (Kestrel Group) and Peter Leslie (PAE)

Changing the Way We Do Business – Stefan Svensson (Swedish Fire Service)

Its our Fault – Rus Van Dissen (GNS Science)
Critical Flow Rates for Compartment Fire Attack – Shan Raffel (Queensland Fire & Rescue, President IFE Australia)

Afternoon

Keynote Addresses;

Best Practices in the use of GIS for Emergency Management – Rus Johnson (ESRI Homeland Security Manager – Public Safety)

Psychological preparedness for serious risks – Dr John McClure. (Victoria University Wellington)

The decision to decide: Discussion on Tunnel Fire Safety – Shane Wright, (Director Community Safety - Melbourne Fire & Emergency Services Board)

Conference Streams available

Mobility: Patrol Car as a Police Station – Rohan Mendis (CIO NZ Police)

Earthquake & Tsunami in the Solomon's Islands:

Challenges and successes for the UNDAC Team – Sarah Stuart-Black (MCDEM)

Business Continuity Management – Peter Halliwell (Air NZ)

Evening 6:30pm onwards

Cocktail Function hosted by Mayor Wayne Guppy (Chair of the Wellington CDEM Group)

Conference Dinner at Wellington Town Hall

Friday, 5 October 2007 9:00am - 4:00pm

Morning

Opening Remarks – John Graham (Chief Fire Officer, Wellington, NZFS)

Keynote addresses:

WETA Workshops. Morgan Bernard (Weta Workshops)

Climate Change & Emergency Management – Dr Warren Gray (MfE)

GIS Technology used as a Counter Terrorism Tool – Jim Blackwell (NZSAS, NZDF)

Conference Streams available

UK New Dimensions – Adrian Brown (NZFS Doughty Scholarship)

Communicating during disasters: Web based Technologies – Robert Hagan-Pratt (ALCATEL-LUCENT)

Connecting with Households, before & during disasters – Marshall Hyland, (Porirua City Council) and Ross Whitcher (Communities Online)

Afternoon

Keynote address:

Role of Technology in Emergency Management – Mike Hall (Chief Executive / National Commander NZFS)

Conference Streams available

NZFS SMART suite of tools – Malcolm MacFarlane (NZFS)

Terrorism & its effects on NZ – Jon White (Asst. Commissioner of Police)

The application of weather and observation technology for emergency response – Robert Hamilton (MetService)

Recovery: The built environment and technology for land use planning – Julia Becker and Wendy Saunders (GNS Science)

Habitability Management: The challenge during & after disasters – David Middleton (EQC)

Conference Close; Brian Davey (IFE NZ Branch President).

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