

- * To the future of agricultural research.
- * To the future of the whole primary production industry.
- * To the future of New Zealand.

is to **stick to our objectives.**

To pool and exchange information concerning weeds, pests, diseases and their control and I encourage you, the members of the Society to continue contributing for the sake of the future prosperity of New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND WEED AND PEST CONTROL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

This year, 1989, is the first year the research Scholarship was available. The Scholarship is worth up to \$1,000, and replaces the Society Award.

The Scholarship is available to postgraduate students working in the field of plant protection and/or biology of weeds, insects, plant pathogens or other pest organisms.

The recipient of the 1989 Scholarship is Katrina McCallum. She was selected from 10 outstanding applicants. Katrina is an M.Sc student in the Department of Plant and Microbial Sciences at the University of Canterbury. Her research project is on the seed biology of nodding thistle and its interaction with biological control. As such, it covers the disciplines of both weed science and entomology and is a highly suitable topic for the Society's award. Katrina was awarded the full \$1,000.



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The 41st conference was held in Auckland in 1988. Fifty-seven full papers and 14 research notes provided a full programme for delegates. A keynote address (published in this Proceedings) on the future directions for weed research was given by Dr J.H. Combellack of the Keith Turnbull Institute, Australia. As well, a symposium entitled 'Agrochemicals — Curse or Cure' was held at which three speakers presented information and viewpoints on different aspects of pesticide use (one of these is also published in this Proceedings). The symposium was open to members of the public and provided a useful forum for an exchange of views.

Sales of 'A Guide to New Zealand Common Weeds in Colour' continue steadily. Stocks of this book are dwindling but plans are now underway for a new edition in 1992. Planning has also begun for a similar publication on insects.