

Zealand and in many instances was unnecessarily prolonged over several months for senior scientists and managers. The end result was a decline in science output at a time when New Zealand urgently needs new scientifically driven technologies to expand its economy.

3. Misfortune to members of the Society. Generally I do not like to single out individuals, but the manner in which Ian and Alison Popay have coped with Ian's crippling accident is a lesson in courage and perseverance to us all. Despite the pressure, they have coped not only with their personal situation, but Alison's heavy role as secretary and editor of this Society, work for which we can never thank her enough.

I would also like to thank our Treasurer, Lesley Stephens who has served us well over the past years who completes her term of office this year.

I have enjoyed my term as President and look forward to my continuing role on the Executive and service to this Society.

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The 44th Annual Conference was held at Tauranga, during August 13-15 at the Willow Park Hotel. There was a total of 71 papers presented with a keynote address on behalf of Dr A. West, MORST.

It was noted in the previous year's annual report that the scientific institutions were undergoing a major reorganisation during the current year. A similar situation occurred within the Society as not only did the name change to the NZ Plant Protection Society but also changed were the Secretary, Treasurer and to some extent the Editorial function, as well as the cyclical change of President.

This has been a testing year for the new Committee as they steer the society through these turbulent times. The expected change to the major science providers will have happened by the time of this conference. What the future will bring, apart from the immediate initial reductions of staff, is still of considerable concern to the Society and the New Zealand scientific community. This should make the Society more useful than ever before as a conduit for scientific and operational interactions. This is indicated by the fact that there have been more new members joining this past year than formal resignations, though there is still a considerable proportion of the membership who appear to be partially lapsed in their financial support.

The Committee will certainly play its part in maintaining the scientific and financial well-being of the Society.

NEW ZEALAND PLANT PROTECTION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

There were four applicants this year and the recipient chosen was **Timothy A. Jenkins** of the Biology Department of Canterbury University. Tim is working for his PhD with the thesis subject being "Fungal biological control of *Hieracium* species". After an initial three months at Canterbury, Tim will be based at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland for two years before returning to Canterbury to complete the work.

