

## ANNUAL REPORT 1992-1993

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The 45th Annual Conference was held in Wellington with 57 papers and 12 research notes contributed and an official opening by the Hon. Mr J. Falloon, Minister of Agriculture.

The past year has been one of consolidation and development of new initiatives by the Executive to meet the changed operational environment that now exists. The responsibilities of Editor, Secretary and Treasurer have now been rationalised and established to provide greater internal and interactive efficiencies. The Committee members have also been called upon to develop new initiatives and the first of these is the one day symposium being held just prior to the 1993 Annual Conference. Other longer term initiatives are at the planning stage.

Listed membership at this time last year was 286 members, 9 life members and 13 overseas members. The corresponding figures are respectively 286, 9 and 16, showing that total membership has not changed significantly despite the changed environment and extensive purging of the membership list. Indeed there are probably a greater proportion of paying members now than last year! It has also been pleasing to retain similar levels of commercial sponsorship.

Society publications continue to be an active area of operations, with a further reprint of "Weeds in Colour" but at the same time several titles on the Society's list becoming exhausted and not further reprinting intended. It is intended to publish the proceedings of the symposium.

Finally I would like to thank the membership for their cooperation, assistance and interaction over the past year. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction to see the Society continuing to thrive scientifically and financially.

### NEW ZEALAND PLANT PROTECTION SOCIETY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

There were four applicants this year and the recipient chosen was **Meridith Longley** of the Biochemistry Department of Otago University. Meridith is working for her MSc with the subject being "Genetic modification of *Bacillus popilliae*" which is a pathogen of New Zealand grass grub.

