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The 28th Conference of the New Zealand Weed and Pest Control Society was held at the Angus Inn, Hastings from 5th-7th August, 1975. One hundred and twenty delegates attended the full conference and a further 60 attended for one or two days.

The conference was opened by Mr Tony Baines, Agricultural Adviser to the United Kingdom High Commission in Wellington. A record number of 64 papers were presented at the conference, 21 on weed control, 16 on insect control, 9 on new products and 18 on a variety of subjects from poisonous plants through aquatic weeds to biological control. In all 74 authors and co-authors contributed. The large number of papers, coupled with increased printing costs has strained the Society's finances.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the Wednesday afternoon of the conference and attended by 70 members.

Membership of the Society continued to fall this year and now stands at 289. If the Society is to survive a concerted membership drive is required.

Following an apparently enjoyable association while organising the 28th Conference the local organising committee formed themselves into the Hawkes Bay local branch of the New Zealand Weed and Pest Control Society. We are very pleased to welcome them and hope their initial enthusiasm, which took them into three field days, will continue with more successful functions. The Manawatu local branch has been active but the other branches, unfortunately, appear to be quiescent.

The Society has organised the re-printing of a revised edition of A. J. Healy's Identification of Weeds and Clover. This includes additional sections on Solanum species, Hypericums and Erodiums, and should soon be available.