

New Zealand South Section 2004 Report

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PART A - SECTION SUMMARY

A.1 Executive Summary

Technical Program

Our combined technical program with IEE and IPENZ for 2004 had a wide range of speakers and visits, with the majority being organised by the IEEE. The 2004 Chairman, Dr Simon Round, extends his thanks to all of the organisers for each of the evening meetings. Another full program has been already planned for 2005.

Region 10 Meeting

Last year the 2004 Chairman, Dr Simon Round, attended the Region 10 meeting held in Penang at the beginning of October. The main discussion was on the IEEE placing more emphasis on the recruitment and retention of members.

Awards & Sponsorship

The NZ South Section Centennial Prize was awarded in three parts; one each for students in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Computer Science and Software Engineering at University of Canterbury, and one for students at Massey University.

A number of grants were made to postgraduate student members for overseas conference travel.

Membership

Student membership continues to increase. This is mainly due to the work of the Student Branch and the subsidy by our Section of the student's first half-year membership dues.

A.2 Financial Report

The high New Zealand dollar has created a need for tighter budget control.

PART B - ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

B.1 Membership Development Programs

The Section established a GOLD Affinity Group in 2004 for those recent graduates residing in and around Christchurch.

B.2 Professional and Continuing Education Activities

The Section continues into 2005 with a strong technical activities programme. The Section hosted a number of Distinguished Lecturer visitors.

B.3 Recognized Educational Programs

B.4 Students Activities

The Student Branch at University of Canterbury is well established, with an enthusiastic committee. This Branch enjoys a strong relationship with both the Section and the host University departments.

Discussion around the possible establishment of student branches at both Massey and Victoria Universities continue.

B.5 E-mail and Newsletter Activities, Home Page

10 Newsletter issues, these were also circulated by email

Section Web Page: <http://www.ieee.org/nzs>

Student Branch Web Page: <http://www.elec.canterbury.ac.nz/ieee/ieee.html>

B.6 Awards

B.7 Chapter Activities

PES and ComSoc Chapters continue to be active.

PART C - GOALS AND PLANS

C.1 Goals

- Celebrate 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the NZ South Section.
- Improve the retention rate of student members and provide a mentoring role to the Student Branch
- Continue to press for the establishment of Student Branches at North Island universities.
- Continue to promote GOLD membership

C.2 Detailed Implementation Plans

Still to be determined, since we have just had our first committee meeting for the year as January/February is summer vacation time in New Zealand. Also majority of the members of the executive committee are new to this role and we developing our plans.

C.3 Budget

The 2005 budget was set at our March committee meeting. The level of income from rebates will be less this year due to the increasing New Zealand dollar compared to the US dollar.

PART D - OTHERS

D.1 Relationship with National Societies

Joint events with the local groups of IEE and Institute of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) continue.

National society agreement with IPENZ (see NZ Council Report for details) signed in 2004.

D.2 Special Events

Visit by IEEE Presidential Delegation later in 2005 will be used to highlight our 25th Anniversary celebrations.

D.3 Problems to be Anticipated

None expected