



# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE EDITORS

The OLD ...

This is my last Newsletter as editor. The new editor will be Patrick Gargiulo. I hope that members will support Patrick in his efforts to provide members of news of what is going on in the Society — the job of Newsletter editor is sometimes a thankless task but is made easier if members come forward with items of interest to other members.

I apologize for delays in publication in recent months but because of my other commitments I have been unable to meet the required deadlines.

Many thanks to all those people who have helped me during my term as Editor.

KEVIN HALL

... AND THE NEW

As new editor I hope to make the Newsletter more regular even if this makes it more unreadable. It is planned to bring the Newsletter out early every month.

To do this I will need your help and ideas. Letters to the Editor, Articles, Book Reviews or just plain criticism will all be gladly accepted.

PATRICK GARGIULO



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1978

This year's Annual Conference will be held on Thursday May 18th and Friday May 19th at the University of Christchurch. This year's conference is being held in conjunction with the First Australasian Mathematics Convention.

Paper deadlines: Abstracts by February 15, Final typed manuscripts by April 1.

Cost: \$25 for members \$30 for non members payable by April 1. Late registration fee of \$5 will be charged after this date.

For further information write to:

Conference Organising Committee,  
Annual O.R. Conference 1978,  
Economics Dept.,  
University of Canterbury,  
Christchurch.

## IAOR

### BACK COPIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Because of continually reducing subscriptions to IAOR in recent years over ordering has resulted in the society holding back copies of some issues. Including the last year Vol. 17 (1977).

Members interested in purchasing these copies should direct enquiries to the secretary.

Volume 17 is available at \$2.50 a copy (\$10 for set of 4) and previous years' copies at \$2 each.

Members are reminded again of the value of the Abstracts summary of O.R. papers and that requests for subscription should be addressed to:

The Secretary (IAOR),  
Box 904,  
WELLINGTON.

The subscription price for 1978 remains at \$10.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Inappropriate juxtaposition of nomenclature leads both to misunderstanding among laymen and uncertain reception by other professional bodies.

## STARTING SALARIES FOR GRADUATES IN OR

Council is carrying out a survey of starting salaries for graduates in O.R., and would like to hear from new graduates about starting salaries and offers made. We hope to publicise aggregate information on current starting salaries as a guide to graduates and employers. More specifically, we hope to make a case to the State Services Commission, partly based on this survey, for the upgrading of the current status of Operational Research in parts of the Public Service. All replies will be treated as confidential. Please write to: Starting Salary Survey, c/o The Secretary, Operational Research Society of New Zealand, Box 904, Wellington, or fill in the form below.

### SURVEY OF STARTING SALARIES

To: Starting Salary Survey  
c/o The Secretary,  
OR Society of New Zealand,  
Box 904, Wellington.

I started work as an OR analyst/related position on (date).....  
for (Dept or firm)..... My qualifications were  
(degree, type of pass).....  
Commencing salary was \$.....

Yours sincerely,

# NEWS OF MEMBERS

Lindsay Packer, a recent graduate from Imperial College, London, has joined the OR group at Applied Mathematics Division, D.S.I.R., in Wellington.

Dr Don McNickle, has joined the University of Canterbury Economics Department, as a lecturer in Operations Research. Don's interests include stochastic processes, networks and queueing theory.

## MIKE COX

After 2½ years with B.P. Chemicals in London Mike came out to Godzone to join A.M.D. at D.S.I.R. as an O.R. Scientist.

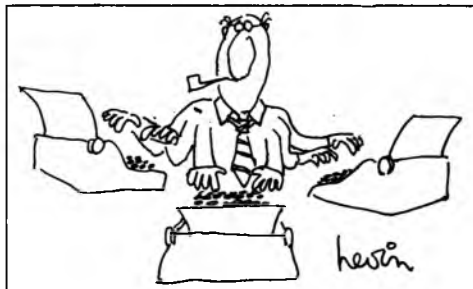
After 14 months with the D.S.I.R. Mike decided to go back to B.P. this time as the O.R. Officer for B.P.N.Z.

## RUSSELL FINNERTY

Having been replaced by Mike Cox, Russell was promoted to Planning Officer within B.P.N.Z.

Unfortunately this means O.R. has lost a very able practitioner, however I'm sure Russell will make use of his O.R. knowledge in his new position.

Editors note: big name headings are not solely reserved for non-government employees...but it helps!



**Deadlines !**

## NATIONWIDE REGISTER OF O.R. PROJECTS

Two replies were received to the Questionnaire.

John Scott

## CONFERENCE NOTICES

Fourth Australian Transport Research Forum will be held in Perth 24th-26th May.

For further information write to:

Gary Bettison,  
Office of the Director General of Transport,  
Exchange House,  
68 St. George's Tce,  
PERTH 6000.

International Conference on Systems Modelling in developing Countries – 8-11 May, BANGKOK.

Enquiries to:

Dr M.N. Sharif,  
Conference Secretary (SMDC),  
Asian Institute of Technology,  
P.O. Box 2754,  
Bangkok,  
THAILAND.

## QUOTE OF LAST MONTH

Suburbia is where a developer bulldozers out all the trees and then names the streets after them.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHEMATICS

A second edition of the brochure "Employment Opportunities in Mathematics", first published in August 1976 by the NZ Maths Society, is now available from:

John Scott,  
Accountancy Dept.,  
Victoria University,  
Private Bag,  
WELLINGTON.

# COUNCIL NEWS

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the A.G.M. the following subscription rates were set for 1978:

Membership	\$ 12.50
(less \$1.50 if paid early and less \$1.50 if member distant from a branch)	
Student Membership	\$ 5.00
Corporate Membership	\$ 45.00
Corporate Sponsorship	\$100.00

Bills will be forwarded during this month.

Subcommittee Convenors for this year are

Education	John Scott
International Affairs	Andrew Smith
Membership	Bill Foster
Publications	Kevin Hall

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the 14th Annual General Meeting the following were elected to council.

President	Hugh Barr
Vice President	Kevin Hall
Hon. Secretary	John Collins
Hon. Treasurer	Bruce Benseman
Council Members	John Scott Bill Foster Patrick Gargiulo Andrew Smith Murry Bordignon

## NEWS FROM BRANCHES

There is no news from the branches.

## NEXT MONTH

- *Who or what belongs to the O.R. Society?*
- *NZORS Journal Vol 6 No 1 (a book review)*

All this and more will be in your mail box sometime in March.  
All copy should be in the hands of the editor by 28 FEB 1978.