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COUNCIL NEWS

VISIT TO HANSELL'S MASTERTON FACTORY

A joint factory visit (with the New Zealand Organisation for Quality Assurance) has been arranged for the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 February to Hansell's (Jungle Juice, Quench Fruit Extracts, Culinary Essences, etc.) factory in Opaki Road, Masterton. Several OR practitioners have joined in with the previous NZOQA visits (to GEC and ICI Tasman) and found them stimulating and informative - particularly for gaining an appreciation of real-life shop-floor conditions.

The visit starts at 2 p.m. and is expected to last until about 4 p.m. If there is enough support we will organise mass transport. Ring Tim Ball (727-855 Ext 72) to book your place,

BRANCH MEETINGS

Some difficulty has been experienced recently by Branches in finding good speakers to give talks.

One suggestion put forward was for Council to assist with the travel costs for good speakers. Thus if a good talk had been given at one Branch, Council agreed that assistance could be provided for the same talk to be given at other Branches. It will be basically up to the Branches to notify Council or other Branches of suitable speakers.

We hope that these arrangements may assist Branches in arranging full and interesting programmes for 1980.

Andrew Smith

IFORS CONFERENCE

International Federation of O.R. Societies' 9th International Conference on O.R. Theme: "O.R. in the Interest of International CO-operation". Hamburg, Germany July 1981.

Anyone who wants their paper considered as the prospective NZ contribution to the conference will have to submit an abstract to High Barr or myself at P.O. Box 904, Wellington by 1st May 1980. We will then notify you if your paper has been selected as the NZ contribution.

To give a paper yourself an abstract must be sent by 15th December 1980 to:

Hamburg Messe Und,
Congress GmbH,
Congress-Organisation,
Post Fach 302 360,
D-2000 Hamburg 36,
Fed. Rep. of Germany.

LOST

Who's ever heard of Mr D.F. Rendall? Maybe he just doesn't like the newsletter - the last one was returned unopened.

Last known address is 9 Coroglen Ave, Birkenhead, Auckland. If you know Mr Rendall please let me know. Also if you don't like the newsletter please don't send it back, I have quite enough of my own.

COMPETITION

Yes, the infamous O.R. Newsletter Competition for the best article is still on. Results will be in the next newsletter, so hurry in with your article. First prize \$25. Articles on any topic should be posted to:-

O.R. Newsletter Competitions,
Flat 6/62 Martin St,
Upper Hutt.

Branch News

WELLINGTON

Fifty people attended the Wellington Branch Annual General Meeting on October 10. Mr Ian Dick, Deputy Secretary of Energy (Planning) spoke on improved methods for forecasting electricity demand. The worth and accuracy of electricity forecasts have been the subject of recent controversy, but, as Mr Dick says, "You've got to have some kind of forecast," or as I would say, "You can't be right all the time".

He discussed the rationale behind the logistic, Gompertz and even Dick curves which he has fitted and tested on New Zealand data for GDP, electricity demand and price. To find a person in such a senior position finding time for research must surely be an encouragement to younger O.R. practitioners.

CANTERBURY

Kees de Kluyver has left the O.R. group at Canterbury to take up an associate professorship at Purdue. There he will be responsible for the organisation of the O.R. side of the M.B.A. program in the Krannert Graduate School.

Kees tells us he intends to remain a member of the Society. During his time here he has been Canterbury Branch Chairman and associate editor of N.Z.O.R. He organised, almost single-handedly, the 1978 conference at Canterbury and initiated the publication of conference "Proceedings" as a special issue of N.Z. O.R.

He will be returning to Canterbury briefly in June 1980 to finish up some of his projects here. His active contributions to the Society and to O.R. research in New Zealand will be missed, along with his undoubted musical talents and drinking ability!

Les Foulds will be shifting from Massey to Canterbury in 1980. This will restore the size of the O.R. group there to four. A fifth position at Canterbury is being advertised at the moment.

Don McNickle

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members.

Mr J.L. Bailey
Church College of New Zealand

Mr M.N.H. Berry
Container Terminals Ltd

Dr I.D. Coope
Math Dept, University of Canterbury

Mr M.J. Doherty,
Dept of Statistics

Mr M.D. Evans,
Dept of Statistics

Mr P.D. Gibson,
Student

Mr W.F. Gibson,
Dept of Statistics

Miss B. Holder,
Development Finance Corporation

Mr B. Kaiser, Dr P.E. La Roche,
Consultant AMD D.S.I.R.

Mr T.A. Moore, Low Chee Meng,
Student Nar Hwe Enterprises

Dr T.K. Sarkar, Mr D.J. O'Dea,
Information N.Z.I.E.R.
Science Dept

Vict Univ Ong Geok Hin,
Todd Motors Ltd

Mr F.T. Baird,
Student Sia Ming Pien,
Student

Mr A. Brodie,
AHI Metal Mr B.G. White,
Student

Mr D.J. Campbell,
Container Terminals

Miss S.I. McCulloch,
Ministry of Transport

Mr E.I. Rumball,
Def. Scientific Establishment

Mr P. Sibley,
Dept. Business Administration

Welcome also to 3 new Corporate Members

Applied Mathematics Division, D.S.I.R.

Air New Zealand

Dulux New Zealand Ltd