

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT: XXVTH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FLUORIDE RESEARCH

The XXVth World Conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research will be held at Knox College in Dunedin, New Zealand, January 21-24, 2003. The meeting will be hosted by Dr Bruce Spittle and the Department of Psychological Medicine, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago.

Knox College opened in 1909 following the founding of the University of Otago in 1869. Situated on a harbour on the lower eastern coast of the South Island, Dunedin has retained some of its Victorian charm and is home to various forms of wildlife including the Yellow-Eyed Penguin, and the Royal Albatross. Fiordland, which was described in *National Geographic*, December 2000;66-85, is handily placed for pre or post conference touring.

In addition to the oral and poster presentations, planning is underway to hold a number of mini-symposia with key-note speakers during the conference. Whilst the holding of some of the mini-symposia will be dependent on the invited speakers obtaining funding for travel, the topics currently being planned for are:

- Mechanism of action of fluoride
- Fluoride and hip fractures
- Fluoride and dental caries: systemic and topical effects
- Fluoride and thyroid function
- Aluminofluoride complexes and G proteins
- Fluoride and environmental protection
- Amelioration of fluoride toxicity
- The ethics of fluoridation

It will be 50 years in 2003 since the founder of the ISFR, Dr George Waldbott, was asked by his wife in 1953 "What do you know about fluoridation?" as recorded in the opening sentence of *A Struggle With Titans* by GL Waldbott. This led to his curiosity about fluoride. It is thus perhaps timely to review the current status of fluoridation and the plan is to hold an evening debate on the status of fluoridation with members of the Society putting the case for and against it. It is understood that such members will be expressing their personal view on how they see the scientific evidence and that the Society takes no official position on fluoridation. In view of the current interest in fluoridation in New Zealand, the debate will be open to members of the public. Members of the Society who would like to participate in the debate are invited to indicate their interest to Bruce Spittle.

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Abstracts: Papers for oral or poster presentation are invited on fluoride research including the mini-symposium topics. The interests of the Society are the advancement of research and the dissemination of knowledge pertaining to the agricultural, analytical, biochemical, biological, chemical, clinical, dental, ecological, environmental, industrial, medical, metabolic, pharmacological, synergistic, and toxicological aspects of inorganic and organic fluorides or fluorine compounds. Conference participants planning to present orally (15 minutes) or by poster should submit, by October 1, 2002, a single-spaced typed abstract not exceeding 350 words in the text and 20 words in the title. The abstracts may be submitted as hard copy or by E-mail as an attachment in a Word document. Papers can only be accepted from those registered for the conference. Registration should accompany or precede the submission of abstracts.

Conference Venue: Knox College, University of Otago, Knox Street, Opho, Dunedin, New Zealand. Phone 64 3 4730109 Fax 64 3 4738560.



Knox College

Lodgings: Accommodation in single rooms and all meals will be provided at Knox College. A limited number (20) of interconnected single rooms are also available in which two single rooms are linked by a shared lounge. By hosting everyone at the same venue it hoped to optimize the opportunity for informal discussion. Bookings for accommodation should be made through the Conference Convenor, Bruce Spittle. The accommodation charge includes the total cost of the accommodation, including all meals from your time of arrival at any time on Tuesday January 21, 2003 until your departure after breakfast or morning tea on Saturday January 25, 2003.

Choosing a Port of Entry into New Zealand: New Zealand has International Airports at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Dunedin has only a restricted number of direct international flights and the more usual port of entry would be Auckland or Christchurch. Link flights, trains in the North Island, and buses to Dunedin are then available. Air New Zealand flight information is available at <http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz>

There is a considerable variation in the scenery throughout New Zealand which comprises two major islands named, without enormous originality, the North Island and the South Island. A third much smaller island, Stewart Island, is situated below the South Island. Dunedin, near the bottom of the South Island, is about a two hour flight from Auckland.

If time is available it might be of interest to arrive in Auckland and travel overland to Dunedin and using the ferry service between the North and South Islands which runs between Wellington and Picton. A week could be spent on such a journey.

The volcanic thermal area around Rotorua, in the centre of the North Island, may be worth a visit with its hot pools, geysers, boiling mud and Maori cultural activities such as the Tamaki Village tour where some of the traditional Maori activities and culture have been recreated as a tourist attraction. These include a traditional welcome to the village (marae), a demonstration of games, a concert and a shared meal cooked in a pit in the ground (hangi). Other attractions at Rotorua include the Waimanga Volcanic Valley thermal area, a sheep farming demonstration at the Agridome and trout at Rainbow Springs.

Several web pages are available giving information about travel choices. These include <http://www.thriftytours.co.nz> which has details of 48 touring options; <http://www.new-zealand.com> which has details of Newmans Holidays which are well established; <http://www.travelpass.co.nz> which has details of a travel pass; and <http://www.apptours.co.nz> which has details of escorted coach tours.

Transportation within Dunedin: If you are arriving by air, Dunedin Airport is situated about 25 km from the city centre. Transport from the airport to

Knox College, is best done by taking a shuttle (minivan with luggage trailer) from outside the airport terminal. Tell the driver you would like to go to Knox College and you will be delivered there in about 45 minutes. Shuttles are present to meet each flight.

The cost varies with the number of passengers, but if there are a minimum of four it is NZ \$10 (About US \$5, ¥ 500, £3, Euro 5, A \$8). Similarly for travelling from Knox College to the airport a shuttle may be ordered by phone the day before, and it will pick you up about an hour prior to your check in time. Bookings may be through the Conference Registration Desk. The available shuttles are listed in the Yellow Pages at the back of the Telephone Book for Otago, e.g. Dunedin Taxis Airport Shuttle, Phone 4776611 or Free phone 0800 505010.

If you are arriving by bus from Christchurch, you could ask the driver if you could be let off at a stop by the Gardens, which are at the bottom of the steep hill leading into Dunedin. Knox College is about 500 metres away and can be found by going up Opoho Road at the Gardens Corner and turning left into Knox Street. It can be readily seen with its red brick castle-like form nestled on the hillside to the left of Opoho Road opposite the Botanical Gardens. Taxis are available from the Gardens Corner to Knox College if required.

Social program: A full program will be available for spouses and guests involving visiting local attractions. They are also invited to the Welcome Function, the Otago Peninsula Wildlife Visit and the Banquet.

Banquet: A banquet to mark the end of the conference will be held on the evening of Friday, 24 January.

Further travel in the south: Queenstown and Te Anau are centres from which tours leave for Fiordland's Milford Sound. Both have ample accommodation available and can be reached by bus from Dunedin. A combined Track and Trail Tour is also available between Dunedin and Queenstown with travel partly by rail through the Taieri Gorge and by bus for the remainder of the journey. Day trips to Milford are available from Queenstown and Te Anau. Te Anau is also a starting point for tours to the West Arm of Lake Manapouri and Deep Cove.

Payment of the Accommodation Charge and Conference Registration Fee: Payment may be made by cheque, bank transfer, Visa or MasterCard. Cheques can be made out to the International Society for Fluoride Research and posted to Dr Bruce Spittle at the address below.

Because of the difficulties experienced by some members and subscribers in transferring money due to high bank charges we have arranged to receive

payments also by Visa and MasterCard through PayPal which enables money to be sent to anyone with an E-mail address in a secure way. It is necessary for you to first register with PayPal at <http://paypal.com/>. The recipient E-mail address to which the payment should be sent must be typed accurately and is spittle@es.co.nz. Bank transfers can be made to The Bank of New Zealand, New Lynn Branch, Cnr Todd and Totara Avenues, New Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand; phone 64 09 827 3065; fax 64 09 827 6806; website www.bnz.co.nz; Account name: International Society for Fluoride Research; Account number 02 0184 0333239 00; Swift BKNZNZ22A.

Further information: The third announcement will be published in the May 2002 issue of Fluoride. Inquiries can be made to Dr Bruce Spittle, Convenor, XXVth ISFR Conference, 727 Brighton Road, Ocean View, Dunedin 9051, New Zealand. E-mail: spittle@es.co.nz

This announcement with the registration form is available to download at: <http://www.fluoride-journal.com/>

Provisional Program		
Tuesday 21, January 2003	0900-1800	Arrival at Knox College
	1200-1800	Registration, Knox College
	1800-2100	Welcome Function
Wednesday 22, January	0900-1700	Scientific program
	1930-2130	Fluoridation debate
Thursday 23, January	0900-1200	Scientific program
	1300-1800	Otago Peninsula Wildlife Visit to Penguins and Albatrosses
Friday 24, January	0900-1600	Scientific program
	1600-1700	General business meeting
	1900-2200	Banquet, Knox College
Saturday 25, January	0900-1200	Departure from Knox College

Conference accommodation, registration, and banquet fees

	Early Bird Rate on or before Oct. 1, 2002	Standard Rate after Oct. 1, 2002
<i>Accommodation Fee*</i>		
Participants	United States \$ 200	United States \$ 220
Delegates	Japan ¥ 26,000	Japan ¥ 28,600
Spouses	£ 135	£ 148
Guests	Euro 225	Euro 250
Students	Australia \$ 380	Australia \$ 418
	New Zealand \$ 450	New Zealand \$ 494
<i>Conference registration fee</i>		
Participants	United States \$ 250	United States \$ 300
Delegates	Japan ¥ 32,500	Japan ¥ 39,000
	£ 170	£ 200
	Euro 280	Euro 340
	Australia \$ 475	Australia \$ 570
	New Zealand \$ 560	New Zealand \$ 675
Spouses	United States \$ 150	United States \$ 180
Guests	Japan ¥ 19,500	Japan ¥ 23,500
Students	£100	£ 120
	Euro 170	Euro 205
	Australia \$ 285	Australia \$ 340
	New Zealand \$ 340	New Zealand \$ 410
<i>Banquet fee</i>		
Participants	United States \$ 9	United States \$ 10
Delegates	Japan ¥ 1,200	Japan ¥ 1,320
Spouses	£ 6	£ 6.50
Guests	Euro 10	Euro 11
Students	Australia \$ 16	Australia \$ 18
	New Zealand \$ 20	New Zealand \$ 22
<i>Total fee for Accommodation, Registration, and Banquet</i>		
	Early Bird Rate on or before Oct. 1, 2002	Standard Rate after Oct. 1, 2002
Participants	United States \$ 459	United States \$ 530
Delegates	Japan ¥ 59,700	Japan ¥ 68,920
	£ 311	£ 354.50
	Euro 515	Euro 601
	Australia \$ 871	Australia \$ 1006
	New Zealand \$ 1030	New Zealand \$ 1191
Spouses	United States \$ 359	United States \$ 410
Guests	Japan ¥ 46,700	Japan ¥ 53,420
Students	£ 241	£ 274.50
	Euro 405	Euro 466
	Australia \$ 681	Australia \$ 776
	New Zealand \$ 810	New Zealand \$ 926

**Accommodation preferences: only a limited number of interconnected rooms are available; the fee per person is the same whether or not a single or linked room is used.*

REGISTRATION FOR XXVTH ISFR CONFERENCE

Knox College, Dunedin, New Zealand January 21-24, 2003

Names for Conference Program Book:

First person: _____

Second person: _____

Names for Conference Name Tags:

First person: _____

Second person: _____

Postal Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Registration type (please ✓):

First person: Participant Delegate Spouse Guest Student

Second person: Participant Delegate Spouse Guest Student

	<i>Please check ✓</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Accommodation preferences (only a limited number of linked rooms are available)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single room <input type="checkbox"/> Linked room	
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Fee for second person from table	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ <input type="checkbox"/> ¥ <input type="checkbox"/> £ <input type="checkbox"/> Euro	_____
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Method of payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Bank transfer	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa or MasterCard via PayPal	

Please download the Registration Form from our website or photocopy this page and send the completed form, details of special dietary needs, and cheque (if paying by cheque) to:

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