

THIRD 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. Programme details and the registration form are available in *Fluoride* 2002;35:5-11 and at <http://www.fluoride-journal.com>

A number of mini-symposia are planned for the conference subject to the keynote speakers obtaining funding for travel. The topics planned are:

- Mechanism of action of fluoride
- Effects of fluoride on bone, collagen, and cartilage.
- 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

At present confirmation of attendance as keynote speakers has been received from Paul Connett, New York, USA, (Mechanism of action of fluoride), Anna Strunecká, Prague, Czech Republic, (Aluminofluoride complexes and G proteins), Niloufer Chinoy, Ahmedabad, India, (Amelioration of fluoride toxicity) and Mark Diesendorf, Sydney, Australia (The ethics of fluoridation).

In addition to the information about touring and travel options given in the Second Announcement those attending the conference are welcome to join a pre-conference tour of the southern part of New Zealand from Monday January 13, 2003 until Tuesday January 21, 2003. The tour will follow the Southern Scenic Route and the New Zealand's Otago Goldfields Heritage Trail, further details of which are available at:

- <http://www.southernscenicroute.co.nz>
- <http://www.nzsouth.co.nz/goldfields>
- <http://www.aaguides.co.nz>

The cost of the tour which includes travel, accommodation, meals and admission to attractions is:

Pre-conference tour fee	Early Bird Rate on or before Oct. 1, 2002	Standard Rate After Oct 1, 2002
Participants	United States \$ 860	United States \$ 945
Delegates	Japan ¥ 111,500	Japan ¥ 122,650
Spouses	Britain £ 580	Britain £ 635
Guests	Euro 970	Euro 1065
Students	Australia \$ 1630	Australia \$ 1790
	New Zealand \$ 1930	New Zealand \$ 2120

The provisional tour programme is:

- Monday January 13, 2003. Assemble in Dunedin. Accommodation: Dunedin.
- Tuesday January 14, 2003. Travel on the Southern Scenic Route. Bush and beach walks in the Catlins area. Accommodation: Catlins area.
- Wednesday January 15, 2003. Travel on the Southern Scenic Route. Visit one of the world's finest fossil forests at Curio Bay. Visit the 'live' Tuatara dis-



Pre-conference tour guide, Bruce Spittle, sitting on an estimated 160 million year old petrified tree stump from the Middle Jurassic Period at Curio Bay, NZ. Although he is holding a sun hat, the changeable nature of the weather means that a balaclava, raincoat, and gloves could easily be required.

play. The tuatara is something of a living dinosaur and the Southland Museum and Art Gallery's 'Tuatarium' is home to over 50 live tuatara ranging from baby tuatara to those over 100 years old. Accommodation: Invercargill area.

- Thursday January 16, 2003. Travel on the Southern Scenic Route. Visit to the World Heritage Area display at the Tuatapere Bushman's Museum and walk through the podocarp forest in the Tuatapere Domain. Lake Te Anau cruise and Te Anau Glowworm Caves visit with nature guide. Accommodation: Te Anau area.
- Friday January 17, 2003. Lake Manapouri cruise, visit to Manapouri Power Station where a second tailrace tunnel was recently completed, coach over

Wilmot Pass, and 3-hour cruise of Doubtful Sound. Accommodation: Te Anau area.

- Saturday January 18, 2003. Visit to Eglington Valley and a 2-hour cruise on Milford Sound. Accommodation: Te Anau area.
- Sunday January 19, 2003. Lake Wakatipu cruise, on TSS Earnslaw, to Walter Peak Station with sheep shearing and sheep dog demonstration. Accommodation: Queenstown area.
- Monday January 20, 2003. Visit Arrowtown, the Clyde Dam Power Station, and the historic gold mining towns of St. Bathans and Naseby. Accommodation: Naseby area.
- Tuesday January 21, 2003. Travel via the Pigroot road to Palmerston. Visit the museum at Waikouaiti, the site of an early whaling station. Arrive in the afternoon at Knox College for the XXVth ISFR Conference.

General information: We are expecting the weather to be hot and sunny on every day of the tour. However, as all four seasons can be experienced during one day in Southern New Zealand it would be advisable to bring warm clothing that can cope with rain, wind, and cold. The rainfall at Milford Sound is over 6200 mm (244 inches) a year. Comfortable walking shoes would not go amiss. Secure storage facilities for luggage not needed on the pre-conference tour will be available at Knox College. Laundry facilities will be accessible on returning to the College.

Payment of the Pre-conference tour 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 email address in a secure way. It is necessary for you to first register with PayPal at <http://paypal.com/>. The recipient email 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 fourth announcement will be published in the August 2002 issue of *Fluoride*. Direct inquiries to Dr Bruce Spittle, Convenor, XXVth ISFR Conference, 727 Brighton Road, Ocean View, Dunedin 9051, New Zealand. E-mail: spittle@es.co.nz