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A VISION, A MISSION...AND A PURPOSE

At a recent meeting of our Chapter, members began to think more specifically about our purpose - as members why did we join the IAEM and as a Chapter what would we like to achieve? We reviewed the IAEM Vision and Mission, shown on our back page, and shared our thoughts on what we thought was missing and what we as students can bring to the IAEM. As a student chapter we, of course, adopt the IAEM vision and mission; however we now also have a purpose!

The University of Canterbury IEMSA is organised and will be operated for professional and educational purposes to benefit and support the IAEM and the Chapter members through the following:

- Raising awareness of emergency, hazards and disaster management issues and challenges
- Providing a focus on research and information sharing within emergency management and related fields
- Enabling and encouraging members to gain experience that will further their personal and professional development
- Fostering interest in the emergency management profession
- Providing networking opportunities and linking students and professionals in emergency management and related fields
- Enabling local interaction among IAEM members
- Creating and maintaining cross departmental links within and between Christchurch based tertiary education institutions
- Working to further the vision and mission of the IAEM through advocacy, communication and research

• **Chapter involvement with emergency management practitioners**

• **IAEM members come together**

CHAPTER ELECTION NEWS

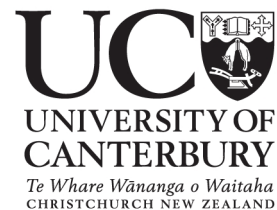
The Chapter held its first formal election for Officers at its meeting on Monday 9th June 2008.

The election was held in accordance with the recently adopted Chapter bylaws and the following members were elected:

- President – Amy Stephenson
- Vice-President – Scott Barnard
- Secretary – Angela Doherty
- Treasurer – Ali Bazgard

Short biographies and photos will soon be available on the Chapter webpage:

<http://www.oceania-iaem.com/chapters/uoc>



2008 IAEM AWARD TASK GROUP

Following on from last month's monthly report the Chapter has decided to pursue an application for the 2008 IAEM Awards Program. The application will be made for the Academic Recognition Award.

Chapter member Tom Wilson, studying his Ph.D. at the Natural Hazards Research Centre here at the University of Canterbury, is going to lead the project.

With an application deadline of 15th August the Chapter will work together to make the application. All members want to participate and have the chance to

give something back to those who have provided us with the educational opportunities that we enjoy.

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UC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As a Student Chapter of the IAEM, Chapter members decided that they would like to be involved with emergency management at the University of Canterbury. The University has an established team of emergency management staff, most of which also fulfill other roles within the University.

At a meeting on the 9th June the Chapter was lucky enough to be joined by Chris Hawker (UC Emergency Management Group Manager) and Jacqui Lyttle (UC Emergency Management Policy & Risk Manager) who are both also IAEM members from the Oceania region. This not only gave members a chance to discuss emergency management at the University but also to meet with other IAEM members.

The meeting was very successful, Chris and Jacqui gave members an overview of how emergency management is practiced at the University. They were also able to show us some examples of documents recently developed by the UC Emergency Management team including a flip-chart which will now be used across the university as an aid memoir during an emergency.

In line with furthering emergency preparedness at the University the UC Emergency Management team have also been running exercises to test and validate their plans and provide training for University staff. Chris and Jacqui were kind enough to invite Chapter members to be part of the next exercise being held on 4th July. The exercise, based around an earthquake scenario, is the first major exercise that many of those involved will have experienced, and the Chapter is happy to be involved. Chapter members will be volunteering as casualties for this exercise and may be involved as observers in future exercises.

The Chapter also plans to be involved in the UC Emergency Response Team, although details have not yet been discussed this should provide for further involvement, education and training of Chapter members in emergency management here at the University of Canterbury.

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UNIVERSITIES AND HAZARDS

On Monday 30th June at 4pm the Chapter invited Chris Hawker and Jacqui Lyttle to present in a special discussion session about universities and hazards.

The focus of the session was to briefly review what happened at California State University during and after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. This discussion was then used to help us reflect on the current planning activities and priorities at the University of Canterbury.

Chris and Jacqui showed the Chapter a DVD 'Aftershocks' made by California State University after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. The earthquake struck on 17th January with a magnitude of 6.7 and damaged much of the university campus.

The DVD produced some interesting discussion and questions about planning and preparedness at the University. Chris and Jacqui discussed the challenges to planning at the University and gave examples of what other universities are doing. One challenge that the group discussed was how the University would communicate with students and staff before (given a warning), during and after an event. With over 16,000 students and over 1,500 staff this presents a considerable challenge and there are various options that Chris and Jacqui are pursuing.

It was noted that California State University had access to many more resources than Canterbury would have, and the New Zealand Government advise people to be prepared to support themselves for three days. However in reality, for the University, this period would be much longer as the University may not be a priority with any earthquake likely to also cause damage in the city of Christchurch itself.

*Chris Hawker -
Group Manager,
UC Emergency
Management*

*Jacqui Lyttle -
Policy & Risk
Manager, UC
Emergency
Management*

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GSA

The Chapter is still pursuing a possible partnership with the Geological Society of America (GSA). The Chapter is based within the University of Canterbury Natural Hazards Research Centre and so, of course, many of our members have a background in geology.

Chapter member Monica Gowan, Studying her Ph.D. within the Department of Health Sciences in conjunction with the Natural Hazards Research Centre, is also a

member of the GSA. Monica will be taking the lead on the partnership and Chapter members will support her in investigating possible benefits that the partnership could offer to both organisations and how this can be achieved.

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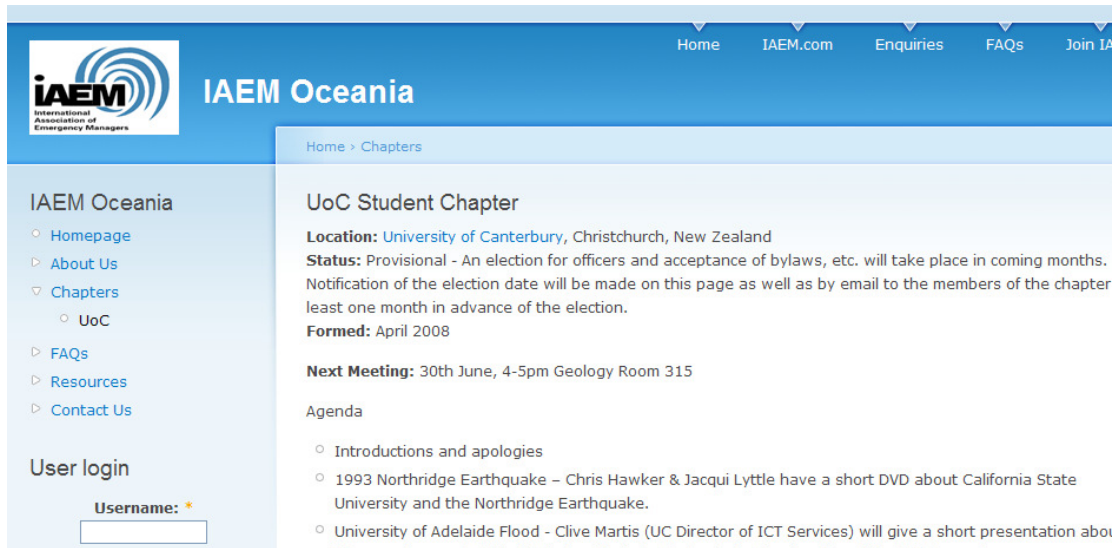
The Oceania Council have kindly agreed to provide the Chapter with some funding to get us started. Although details have not yet been discussed this will be a great help to the Chapter.

Official affiliation with the University of Canterbury Student's Association will be very valuable to the Chapter. It will provide publicity, access to new members and access to facilities and resources such as meeting rooms, media equipment and social venues.

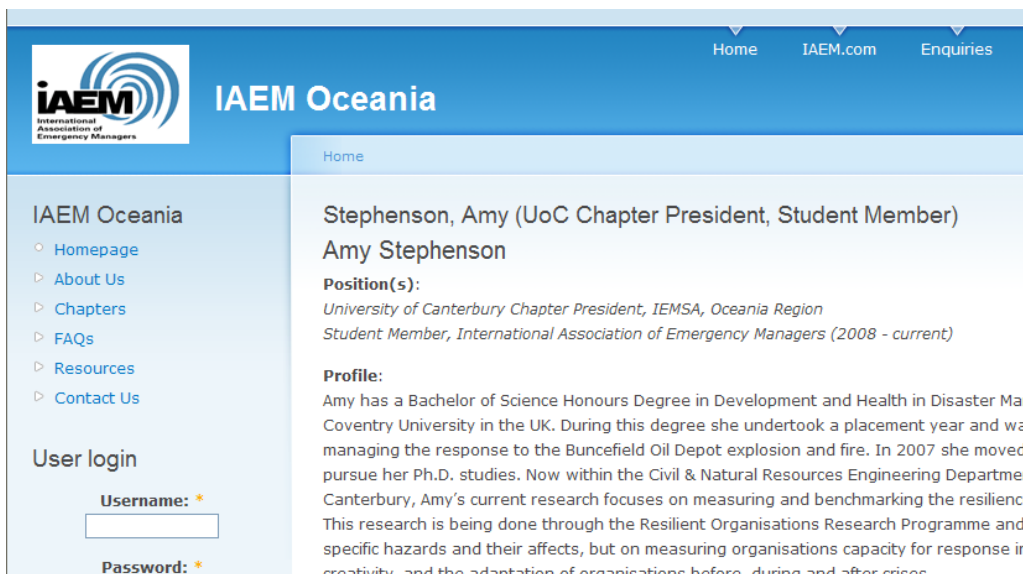
However in order to gain affiliation with our Student's Association we need to have a bank account and some funds to put into it. As students we are keen not to put unnecessary financial burden on our members and so the funds promised by the Oceania Council will help us a great deal.

CHAPTER WEBPAGE

Kristin Hoskin, Vice-President of the Oceania Council has been kindly working away on the Chapter webpage. As part of the Oceania site it contains information about the Chapter, upcoming meetings and events, agendas, minutes and notices.



This webpage is a very important resource for the Chapter and members are encouraged to check it regularly and to suggest content, articles, notices and photos that they would like to display. We are also looking into the possibility of providing links to student members theses and academic papers to further the mission, vision and purpose of the Chapter.



ON THE AGENDA...

- Future involvement with UC Emergency Management
- Links with other areas of the University or fields of academic study related to emergency management
- UC Emergency Exercise - 4th July 2008
- Initial feedback on the documents developed by the UC Emergency Management team
- The Chapters purpose - expansion and discussion of this to ensure that it continues evolve and is reflected in our activities throughout the year
- A social event at the 2nd Australasian Natural Hazards Conference being held in Wellington, New Zealand in late July
- Discussion of areas of emergency management which interest Chapter members
- Ideas for how, as a Chapter, we can further the vision and mission of the IAEM

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The University of Canterbury IEMSA is an incorporated Chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers.

IAEM VISION & MISSION

IAEM Vision

IAEM shall be recognized as a premier international organization of emergency management professionals.

IAEM Mission

The mission of IAEM is to serve its members by providing information, networking and professional opportunities, and to advance the emergency management profession.

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