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MANAGEMENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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BUSY BEES

This has been a busy month for Chapter members, so busy in fact that the Chapter has not been able to meet but this has not stopped us!

Several of our members contributed significantly to the Natural Hazards Management Conference which was held in Wellington at the end of July. Members organised and ran workshops, made presentations and arranged a social event for Chapter members to meet and socialise with other IAEM members from the Oceania region.

The Presidents of the student chapters also recently had a teleconference which provided the Chapter with some good ideas which will be discussed fully at meetings in August.

Chapter members also participated as casualties in an exercise organised by the University of Canterbury Emergency Management team. The exercise was well received and members enjoyed putting the University search and rescue team through their paces! During meetings in August the Chapter will also be updated about the debrief from this exercise and will discuss any issues that it highlighted.

Our application for the 2008 IAEM Award Program has also come along way, we are now almost ready to submit our application and are looking forward to getting the results. Chapter members have continued to work hard on this project, prioritising it and progressing it despite university and research deadlines.

The Chapter is also stepping closer to gaining our full charter with 5 meetings held so far and many projects underway.

- Chapter finances
- Open lecture at the University of Canterbury Engineering School, all welcome

AFFILIATION WITH THE UCSA

Affiliation with the University of Canterbury Student's Association would provide many benefits to the Chapter and its members such as access to resources and the ability to reach a wider audience of potential members.

However the affiliation is not without its challenges. In order to qualify, and among other things, the Chapter needs to have 20 members, a bank account and a certain amount of funds. Despite this the Chapter would like to gain affiliation and is working towards these goals. So far our Treasurer, Ali Bazgard and Vice-president Scott Barnard with the support of Oceania Council Vice-President Kristin Hoskin have been doing a great job. They have managed to negotiate the tricky New Zealand Inland Revenue system and our Chapter now has the necessary financial registration. The next big challenge will be to double our membership!

CHAPTER FINANCES

The efforts described above are just one side of the Chapters financial challenge.

For the other side the Oceania Council have come to our rescue! It is often difficult for new groups to raise funds for their activities and as a student chapter we were reluctant to charge our members extra dues each year. To this end the Oceania Council have promised us a small amount of funding to get us started. This will help the Chapter to set up a financial system and think about how we will move further towards our goals and purpose.

OPEN LECTURE - LESSONS LEARNT FROM DISASTERS: PLANNING FOR RECOVERY

All members are also welcome to attend an open lecture, 'Lessons Learnt from Disasters *Planning for Recovery*' by Jim Schwab on 12th August at 5pm. The lecture has been organised by the Resilient Organisations Research Programme and is being held at the University of Canterbury Engineering School in Room E5.

Jim is a visiting CAENZ fellow and a Senior Research Associate and Manager of the Hazards Planning Research Centre of the American Planning Association. He has 20 years experience in advising on natural hazard planning. Recently Jim has been leading workshops on post-Hurricane Katrina recovery planning with planners in Louisiana, USA. Jim has a wealth of international experience in countries as diverse as Taiwan and Nicaragua working to address all manner of natural hazards.

ON THE AGENDA...

- Updating and amending Chapter Bylaws
- Fundraising ideas and opportunities
- Presidents teleconference—discussion
- Raising awareness around campus
- The 2nd Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference
- Lessons from the 4th July UC Emergency Management exercise
- UCSA Affiliation
- Ways to increase membership
- Future movie nights
- IAEM 2008 Academic Recognition Award
- CEM Information Sessions
- Working with UC Emergency Management

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