



# THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

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## Presidents report September 2003

Greetings to you all from New Zealand, the future home of the world cup.

### **New Look for the Institute in New Zealand**

A danger besitting most organizations is resistance to change based either on self-satisfaction or a lazy conservatism. Professional institutions are particularly prone to this syndrome, and need to take a long hard look at themselves from time to time to make sure that they are delivering and representing their members.

In representing our members in New Zealand however one must also look at our representation and relationship of our parent body in the United Kingdom. A relationship, which recently had become strained as a result of, issues relating to our affiliation. However in saying that I am pleased to have had the opportunity to meet John Hopkins in Queenstown and discuss and resolve all outstanding issues.

As New Zealand's new President I have challenged by board to take a step back and look at the Institute in New Zealand, its membership and their needs and then two steps forward as we prepare a plan for the next 5 years to cover

- Membership growth through promotional opportunities and linkage with our educational arm
- Supporting education and training for all our members
- Further developing of our web-page as a communicational tool so that members around the country are able to log on and to what's happening, where meetings are and Institute business

### **International Presidents meeting**

In July we hosted the Presidents meeting prior to our annual conference. It had been six years since New Zealand hosted the inaugural meeting of the Presidents Committee in Dunedin.

Following the meeting guests and a number of senior Institute members attended a dinner held at Gantley's Restaurant, an historic stone building close to Queenstown. An enjoyable evening.

### **Annual Conference**

The Institutes annual conference was held on the 9-11 of July in Queenstown. Queenstown is located in the south island and a very popular ski resort. Our conference was attended by 350 delegates, their partners and our industry suppliers/sponsors. The conference was a great success and I invite you to join us at Wairaki in 2004. Information on our 2004 conference will be available on our website.

## **Educational Trust**

This year we received a very generous donation from the Webster family to set up an Educational Trust to assist members of the Institute of Quarrying with their educational advancement. The key criteria for this scholarship is to assist an individual gain qualifications were he or she does not have the financial support of their employer.

Each year up to five scholarships will be provided for in conjunction with our training provider EXITO.

## **Extractive Industry Training Organisation (EXITO)**

EXITO have announced a proposal for a quarry industry package supported by the IOQ to be introduced to secondary schools for 5th form students. This new initiative has already received favourable support.

Currently EXITO has 1850 trainees signed on with 1487 actively training. This shows well over 50% of our industry is actively training with trends over the last year showing a steady increase.

## **Jim Macdonald Memorial Award Lecture**

This memorial lecture is held biannually to mark the services of the late Jim Macdonald. "Mac" to anyone who knew him. The lectures are used to promote new ideas within the industry. This years lecture will be presented by Ian Rodgers, General Manager of Metso Minerals and will be on the development and history of the "BarMac".

## **Accident Statistics**

I am pleased to report that accidents in the surface extractive industries in New Zealand during the 2002 calendar year have shown a significant drop in the frequency rate (2.94 / 1 million man-hours to 2.15) as well as a slight drop in numbers from 21 to 19.

Regrettably, however there were 19 serious harm accidents and two fatalities in 2002.

In the three-year summary of accidents it is clear that manual handling and working with machinery needs to be given more attention.

## **Conclusion**

On behalf of our members in New Zealand we wish you a successful meeting and conference.

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