



NEWSLETTER - No. 1

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Welcome to the first newsletter of the Australasian Fluid Mechanics Society. As expected, our first year has been a busy one with many things to iron out and organize at this initial stage. The AFMS was formally incorporated on October 14, 2008 and our interim website and membership drive began on 17 April, 2009. To date we have 80 paid members. We anticipate seeing this number grow substantially next year with the 17AFMC being held in Auckland. There will be a benefit in registration costs for AFMS members. However, I would also encourage you all to speak with your colleagues and students and encourage them to become members.

ACTIVITIES

In addition to the obvious duties involved in setting up a society, the Interim Executive Committee has been actively engaging with the Australian Research Council to ensure that Fluid Mechanics is better represented in the Australasian scientific and technical communities. In the past nine months there have been positive developments with now at least one fluid mechanic serving on the ARC's Engineering and Environmental Sciences panel (Ivan Marusic) and the Physics, Chemistry and Geosciences panel (Ross Griffiths). Such activities (in Australia and New Zealand) will remain a priority for the Society.

As noted above, an interim webpage was launched in April and we are working on a new and improved version. One of the next steps will be to load the details of all former AFMCs on the website. For starters, the content page of each conference will appear, and eventually we have an electronic version of the papers online – at least for 14AFMC onwards.

17AFMC

The 17th Australasian Fluid Mechanics Conference will be held 6-10 December 2010 in Auckland NZ, and the Chair of the Organizing committee is Professor Gordon Mallinson (University of Auckland). We look forward to seeing you there.

The Executive Committee is presently considering the timing of the 18AFMC and future meetings, and the preferred option at the moment is to move to a biennial schedule. This means the 18AFMC would take place in 2012 and we are seeking expressions of interest from groups wishing to host the meeting on behalf of the AFMS. While the final decision will be made/announced at the 17AFMC we ask that interested parties please contact the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Please also send any comments regarding the change to a biennial schedule, as member feedback and suggestions are crucial in this process.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS

With this newsletter we also give notice of the annual general meeting (AGM) to be held in February, 2010 at the University of Melbourne. As part of this process an election will be held for the Executive Committee positions. Voting will be carried out on a web-site or by mail before the AGM. These details will be confirmed shortly.

All members are invited to nominate themselves or another member (with that members consent) for the following 10 positions:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Ordinary Member (6 positions)

Please send nominations by email to Emma Mitchell (e.mitchell@unimelb.edu.au). The deadline for nominations is November 30, 2009.

Interim Executive Committee

Ivan Marusic (Chair)
Steve Armfield
Michael Borgas
Jim Denier
Ross Griffiths
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Tony Lucey
Richard Morgan
Roger Nokes
Anthony Roberts
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