DEADLINES:
Registration and payment of deposit: 31st March 2009

The 23rd New Zealand Fungal Foray, to be held jointly with the Australasian Mycological Society Conference from 10th – 16th May, will be held at the El Rancho Christian Camp close to Waikanae on the Kapiti Coast. The foray will begin Sunday evening 10th May and end on Saturday morning 16th May. Arrival time is after 6pm this year to avoid an overlap with the previous group. More information about El Rancho can be found at http://www.elrancho.co.nz/ERconference.htm#elmconf.

The Kapiti Coast has much to offer — more information can be found at http://www.kapiti.org.nz/ and http://www.tourism.net.nz/region/wellington/wellington---kapiti-coast/.

The foray programme will involve daily collecting, identification, and provision of display tables of the day's finds, followed in the evening by informal talks.

Wednesday 13th May will be set aside for the joint Mycology Colloquium and Australasian Mycological Society Conference, where participants can present talks or posters on any aspect of mycology. Length of presentations will generally be 15-20 minutes including questions, but this will be confirmed closer to the time when we know how many speakers there are. The Colloquium/Conference will be held at Elm Hall at El Rancho with details to be advised closer to the date. Lunch will be provided at this venue. Interested participants are invited to submit a title and abstract with their registration form or email it to David Orlovich (david.orlovich@botany.otago.ac.nz) by 31st March 2009.

Accommodation:
El Rancho is a well-equipped, comfortable camp but towels and linen (sheets, blankets, and pillow cases), are not supplied, so you will need to bring your own. We have booked 40 beds with twin share rooms. Please enrol early so that you do not miss out. Additional accommodation may be made available at the camp if required but may be at a different cost and comfort level.

If you wish to book alternative accommodation such as motels or bed and breakfast instead of the regular accommodation, please arrange this privately. For more information see the following website:


Meals:
Breakfast and dinner will be catered at the camp and packed lunches will be provided.

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs (vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free etc). The camp will endeavour to fulfil special meal requirements but these should be advised in advance.

Transportation:
For overseas participants, please correspond with us so that we can advise internal travel options.
The nearest airport is Wellington, which has flights to and from all major NZ cities each day and international flights to Australia and the Pacific. Waikanae is about 60 km from Wellington.

**Costs:**

The cost will be approximately NZ$80 per person per day for those staying in the regular accommodation. The exact cost will be advised at a later date. This includes accommodation and meals but not the cost of getting to the venue, or privately organised accommodation upgrades.

Colloquium day: For fungal foray participants, the cost of the Colloquium day is covered in the fees. If attending the Colloquium day only, a charge of $35 will be levied to cover costs.

**Student Subsidies:**

We are happy to subsidise students wishing to attend the foray. The subsidy will be for the cost of accommodation but does not include transportation or meals. Please apply early.

**Registration:**

Please register for the foray by completing the registration form, which can be downloaded from the FUNNZ website (http://www.funnz.org.nz/) and return it by 31 March 2009.

All participants, please send the registration form to: Paula Wilkie, Landcare Research, Private Bag 92170, Auckland, New Zealand. New Zealand participants should also include a deposit of NZ$60 (cheques payable to 'Fungal Network of New Zealand'). To avoid currency conversion difficulties, international participants (incl. Australian) need not send a deposit with the registration form.

Although receipts will be written out, they will not be posted to you unless you specifically request it. An email will give you confirmation of your registration.

You will receive a receipt when you pay at the foray.

Paula Wilkie
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**Registration for membership of the Fungal Network of New Zealand.**

Membership of this organisation provides a 10% discount on the cost of the Fungal Foray.

The cost of membership is $15 for waged and $10 for unwaged.

The FUNNZ website is now up and running and will carry information about upcoming and previous mycological events (http://www.funnz.org.nz/).

We encourage anyone who has interesting comments – reports – “fungi finds” to contribute to this website to send it to Petra White (white.p@xtra.co.nz). Contributions to the FUNNZ website will be accepted throughout the year.
Registration Form: 23rd New Zealand Fungal Foray and AMS Conference

Waikanae, New Zealand, Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th May 2009

Name: .................................................................................................................................
Address: ...............................................................................................................................
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Tel: ......................................................................................................................... Fax: ..........................................................
Email: ....................................................................................................................................
Number attending: ..........................................................

Please indicate which of the following statements is applicable, and complete details:

♦ I will be attending the full Foray (10 - 16 May) and require regular accommodation and all meals.

♦ I will be attending part of the Foray only and require regular accommodation and meals for the following days: .............................................................................................................

♦ Number of nights accommodation = .................................................................

♦ I will make alternative accommodation arrangements but require meals for the following days: (Please indicate relevant days and meals required). .................................................................

♦ I have particular food requirements (vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free, etc): ..............................

♦ I will be attending the Mycology Colloquium/AMS Conference Day Yes / No

♦ I would like to present a talk/slide show/poster at the Mycology/AMS Colloquium Yes / No

♦ If yes, title: ..............................................................................................................................

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Please send your abstract electronically to david.orlovich@botany.otago.ac.nz

♦ I will join the Fungal Network of New Zealand ($15 waged, $10 unwaged) and receive a 10% discount on the cost of the fungal foray

Student assistance: A small number of grants towards accommodation costs are available for students in New Zealand. More information is available from Paula Wilkie (address below).

Please send the completed form (and New Zealand participants please send a deposit of NZ$60: cheques payable to 'Fungal Network of New Zealand') by 31st March 2009 to: Paula Wilkie, Landcare Research, Private Bag 92170, Auckland, New Zealand.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND FORWARD THIS MESSAGE
TO ANYONE YOU THINK MAY BE INTERESTED
Copies of this form are available from http://www.funnz.org.nz/forays.htm