

CONFERENCE DINNER

Candle light setting for the Conference Dinner!



"Trust Me" Mick Warne explaining how he didn't really deserve the Golden Goose Award



Scott Wilson sizing things up yet again while everyone tries to discreetly look the other way



Membership swelled prior to the conference due to the generous discounts offered to members for Workshop and Conference Registrations. The Dinner provided an excellent opportunity for those new members still settling into the society to get to know other members and the invited speakers.

AND SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIPS

Subscriptions for 2001-2002 are due by 30 June 2001 - based on past habits, some members think this really means June 2002!

Also, for Oz-resident members, remember you **DO** have to pay the GST. That is, total of \$66 for full members or \$27.50 students.

See also page 16 - and the membership form is on page 18

President's Report -

an extract from the minutes of the AGM, 15 February 2001

SPECIALIST ACTIVITIES

Apart from the regular ASE conference, ASE has been involved in:

- the workshop on the Water Quality Guidelines immediately after the last conference,
- the Biomarkers workshop in July 1999 in Christchurch,
- the Passive Samplers Workshop in November 1999,
- the AMSA conference held in July 2000 in Sydney,
- and the IUTOX conference to be held in Brisbane in July 2001.

POLICY ON FUNDING

During the last two years ASE has been approached by a number of organisations seeking sponsorship of conferences or workshops. We were dealing with these on a case-by-case basis but it became apparent that we would need a policy on this issue. The council therefore developed and approved the following policy.

Motion to the AGM to accept the following as the ASE Policy for Funding and Sponsorship:

ASE would not fund or sponsor other organisations to run their conferences. We would however, consider, on a case by case basis, financially supporting an Ecotoxicology Prize at such conferences. The value of the prize was to be less than the money awarded for the ASE prizes.

Motion was passed.

HONORARIUMS

As a number of the Council positions involve quite a bit of work, it was proposed that these positions be paid an annual honorarium. The following honorariums were approved by the Council subject to ratification by the members of ASE at the AGM.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

It was realised that we needed to have conferences organised further into the future. Therefore, a Strategic Planning Sub-Committee was established consisting of Doug Holdway (V-P), Annette Schifko (Sec) and Scott Wilson (NSW Rep). This group will report on possibilities for timing and location of future conferences at the AGM.

LANDCARE RESEARCH ICT-9 SATELLITE WORKSHOP

Landcare Research is hosting an ICT-9 satellite workshop: '**Integration of Toxicological Tools: Solution to Environmental Management**', 16-17 July 2001, Queenstown, New Zealand. For more information visit: www.landcare.cri.nz/conferences/toxicology