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Convenors' Report

In the last issue of the newsletter we outlined some the activities we have planned for ASA for the year. Well, now we can give you an update on the progress that is being made.

Last time we talked about registering ASA as the New Zealand chapter of the IAIA. That process is almost finished, the task is taking a little longer than we had anticipated. One of the requirements for registration has been to provide an up-to-date membership list. Providing that information has been interesting for the Core Group. While the Association continues to attract new and interesting members, it has also, unfortunately, lost members — we suspect because they have lost contact without meaning to. So we are in the process of following people up, and reminding them to pay outstanding fees if necessary. By the way, that's a reminder to everyone that they should now have paid up for 1996. Use the form at the end of the newsletter if you haven't done so already.

That leads us to another task for the year — to attract new members and gather back past members to the fold. The Association provides a good platform for like-minded people to keep in contact and share ideas, experiences and concerns. Many people in ASA have a strong commitment to Maori and community development — we want to encourage more people interested, and/or working, in these areas to join us. Members of the Association also have a strong commitment to integrated approaches to planning and management, whether at the project or policy level. Integrated planning and management requires a wide range of people to work together.

We want people working in community development, project development and management, planning, engineering, social assessment, economic assessment, policy development and local government to join ASA — our yearly conference provides one of the few opportunities for such a mix of people to meet together

and explore common interests. We will do our best to encourage a wider range of people to join — if you can help, please do.

We will be going to the IAIA conference in Portugal in June and will continue the process of applying to have an IAIA conference in New Zealand in 1999. The conference provides an opportunity for people in New Zealand to make professional contact with professional groups working in impact assessment, environmental planning and management in other parts of the world.

Planning for the 1996 ASA conference is well under way. As the advertisement later in this newsletter says, the conference will be in October (18-20) at Flock House, Bulls. The theme is: Social Assessment, Social Policy and Community Development — making the links. As usual, there will be an excellent mix of work and fun. Flock House has a range of cheap and more expensive accommodation, a large indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, squash courts, a beach nearby, fresh air and plenty of room. Make sure you can come. We'll tell you more in the next newsletter.

If you have any ideas about where you think we should be putting in our effort please let us know. We want your input and ideas. Cheers for now.

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