

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NEW ZEALAND UNDERWATER INCIDENT AND ACCIDENT RECORDER

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Dear Editor

I wish to inform the members of the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society that I am the new Underwater Incident and Accident Recorder for New Zealand Underwater. New Zealand Underwater is a not-for-profit organisation which encourages and promotes safe and enjoyable participation in our underwater environment. I, and most of the committee members, give time freely in support of the organisation.

I welcome any suggestions from SPUMS members on what pro-active data would be valuable to try and start collecting from New Zealand divers, how we can best work together to share our information and collaborate where appropriate. I also intend to liaise closely with the hyperbaric oxygen units in New Zealand, Divers Alert Network, the British Sub-Aqua Club and the diver training agencies.

I will be pleased to provide the Journal with regular updates when appropriate and look forward to presenting a review of the relevant New Zealand data at the SPUMS 2002 Annual Scientific Meeting in Port Vila.

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### OZTEK 2002 IN SYDNEY - CALL FOR PAPERS

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Dear Editor

The Organisers for the OZTeK Australian Diving Technologies Conference and Rebreather Forum are pleased to announce that, following the demand from divers around Australia, dates have been set for the next OZTeK Conference, 20-22 September 2002 in Sydney. There will be an International Guest list of speakers that will attract

divers at all levels. OZTeK 2002 has already secured some great speakers and exciting presentations that will delve into areas not covered in the last two shows.

OZTeK2002 will be held at the Australian Technology Park near to the Central Railway Station and will focus on three main areas, Diving Technology in the 21st Century, Exploration and Women in Diving, all under the overall banner of "Extending the Limits in the 21st Century".

OZTeK is looking for Australian content and we are asking all Technical Divers, Hyperbaric Doctors and anyone in the region interested in presenting a Technically focused paper to contact us. OZTeK is about Australian Diving Technology, and as the 1999 and 2000 events showed, Australian and New Zealand are as active in equipment and scientific development and exploration as anywhere in the world. OZTeK2002 will be the diving event of 2002 to showcase these developments and all enquiries are welcome.

OZTeK has been very well supported in the past by local and international sponsors and attendees and many people have made themselves available as presenters. I would like to thank all those involved in OZTeK in the past and all who attended the last two shows will know what a sterling effort everyone put in to make OZTeK the success it was. Next year will be bigger and better than ever, and we intend to announce the first of our international speaker list very shortly.

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