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Chairperson's comment

A new format for the NAEAC Annual Report this year sees a trimmed down version designed to go on-line rather than as hard copy. This is because much of the information regularly printed in the report was repetitive and already available in the NAEAC section on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) website. This report contains membership, fees paid and activities undertaken during 2014. The animal use statistics, traditionally included in the NAEAC Annual Report, will be published on the MPI website later in the year.

The committee has had a busy year with an extra meeting to review seven codes of ethical conduct, with six recommended for approval. We also held a very successful AEC workshop and made our usual visits to local animal ethics committees (AECs) – this time in the Wellington region – associated with the May meeting. We also kept up our liaison with similar committees, through both my membership of the National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee as well as a joint session with the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART) in August.

Membership of NAEAC involves a lot of hard work for people who are already busy, and I would like to express my appreciation for their unfailing generosity in ensuring the committee remains effective. Particular thanks to Dr Peter Larsen who acted as Deputy Chair for the year. And, as always, my profound gratitude to Linda Carsons and Paula Lemow who provide excellent advice and support, ensuring the efficient running of the committee.

Virginia Williams
Chair



Membership

Members	Expiry of Appointment
Dr Virginia M Williams BVSc, MACVSc, Dip Prof Ethics, Animal Welfare Consultant (Independent Chairperson)	31.10.15
Dr Karen Booth BSc BVSc CertVR MACVSc, Manager Regulatory Affairs, Zoetis New Zealand Ltd (nominated by Agcarm Inc)	31.10.16
Ms Therese (Terry) M Burrell BSc (Hons), Dip Tchg, Learning Area Leader, Science, Onslow College (nominated by the Ministry of Education)	31.10.15
Mr Stephen G Cairns BCom (VPM), Dip Grad, Strategic Development Manager, Arrow International (NZ) Ltd (nominated by Local Government New Zealand)	31.10.16
Professor Craig B Johnson BVSc PhD, Cert VA DVA DipECVA, Professor of Veterinary Neurophysiology, Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Massey University (nominated by the New Zealand Veterinary Association)	31.10.16
Dr Peter D Larsen BSc (Hons), PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery and Anaesthesia, University of Otago, Wellington (nominated by the Royal Society of New Zealand)	31.10.15
Mr Graeme A Nind MNZM JP (nominated by the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)	31.10.16
Dr Malcolm D Tingle BSc (Hons) PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Clinical Pharmacology, The University of Auckland (nominated by the Health Research Council of New Zealand)	31.10.16
Mr Bruce Warburton MSc, Scientist (nominated by Landcare Research New Zealand Ltd)	31.10.15

Dr Peter Larsen was elected Deputy Chairperson for 2014.

Fees

Government policy requires disclosure of fees paid to members of statutory boards and committees. The daily fee paid to committee members during 2014 was \$400 for members and \$550 for the chairperson.

Members are paid the fee for attending meetings, with an allowance for preparation time. Members are also reimbursed for travelling expenses. In addition, the chairperson and, on occasion, other members may be paid additional fees for representing the committee at other meetings or for carrying out significant extra work on the committee's behalf.

The table below lists the fees paid during 2014.

Member	Fees paid during 2014 (gross)
V Williams	\$14,575.00
K Booth ¹	\$0
T Burrell	\$4,600.00
S Cairns	\$2,400.00
C Johnson	\$5,600.00
P Larsen	\$2,000.00
G Nind	\$2,600.00
M Tingle	\$4,400.00
B Warburton ²	\$4,000.00

¹ Zoetis employees forgo acceptance of meeting fees in accordance with company policy to act as a good corporate citizen and materially assist public good operations where practicable.

² Fees are paid direct to the member's employer to recompense them for time lost from the member's primary employment

Codes of ethical conduct

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 requires code holders and their AECs to undergo periodic independent reviews. Reviews must take place within two years of code approval for new code holders, and prior to the expiry of the code for existing code holders who wish to renew their code approval. Approved codes expire after five years.

The table below outlines the applications processed and notifications made during 2013 and 2014.

	2014	2013
Approval of new code	7	8
Notification of arrangement to use existing code	50	25
Approval of amendments to code	1	0
Notification of minor amendments to code	0	1
Termination of notified arrangement to use existing code	1	8
Code suspended at request of code holder	0	0
Code revoked	0	0
Code expired and not renewed	0	2
Arrangement to use existing code lapsed	1	7

Approvals in force

The following table gives details of the number of approvals in force as at 31 December 2013 and 2014.

Number of:	2014	2013
Organisations using an approved code	119	113
Approvals in force ³	122	116
Organisations with a code ⁴	27	28
Animal ethics committees established ⁵	31	32
Organisations using another organisation's AEC	92	85

Approvals not made by AECs

The Animal Welfare Act 1999 precludes the use of non-human hominids for the purposes of research, testing and teaching (RTT) unless it is carried out with the approval of the Director-General of MPI and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the Director-General (section 85 of the Act). The Director-General approved no research or testing involving the use of non-human hominids in 2014.

³ One organisation has four approvals in force as it uses a different AEC for work in different locations.

⁴ One organisation's code has been suspended at the request of the code holder.

⁵ Two organisations each have three animal ethics committees to facilitate work carried out at more than one campus/location.

The Minister for Primary Industries may authorise research or testing without the approval of an AEC where the Minister is satisfied that such research or testing is necessary in the national interest. The Minister approved no research or testing in the national interest during the year.

Animal ethics committees

NAEAC sees its function of providing information and advice to AECs as important in promoting good decision-making. Apart from responding to requests for advice, activities in this area in 2014 included:

- AEC visits – Once a year, NAEAC visits AECs in a region of the country. In 2014, those visits were made in the Wellington region and included:
 - MSD Animal Health;
 - Victoria University;
 - The Malaghan Institute; and
 - Zealandia.

If possible, NAEAC members also attend AEC meetings in their area.

- AEC newsletters – Two newsletters from the Chair were sent out during 2014, including advice on issues that had been raised during the year.
- NAEAC workshop – This biennial workshop for AEC members, animal care staff and researchers was held in November, with 73 attendees. Twenty-two of 30 AECs were represented.

Issues for the year

- An extra meeting was held in October to review seven codes of ethical conduct submitted for approval to replace expiring codes.
- Animal Welfare Act 1999 review – the committee received regular updates on the progress of amendments to the animal welfare legislation.
- Research was initiated through the University of Otago's Wellington School of Medicine into how AECs make decisions.
- The committee met with ANZCCART members during the August meeting.
- Mini-tutorials held to expand members' understanding of issues arising from research, testing and teaching using animals included:
 - minimal anaesthesia for pain research;
 - psychoactive substances;
 - animal-based regulatory testing;
 - MPI animal welfare operating model.

NAEAC awards

- The 2014 NAEAC Three Rs award, sponsored by the Royal New Zealand SPCA, was presented to Professor David Mellor ONZM in recognition of his contribution to humane science in New Zealand and the practical application of the Three Rs.
- AEC Service Awards were presented to:
 - Professor John Miller for his outstanding contribution to the Victoria University AEC.
 - Colin Scurr for long term service to AgResearch Ltd's Invermay AEC, initially as a local authority nominee and later as an independent member.

Appendix 1

Organisations with an Approved Code of Ethical Conduct or with Notified Arrangements to Use an Approved Code

(As at 31 December 2014)

*Use another organisation's animal ethics committee

*Abacus Biotech Ltd
P O Box 5585
DUNEDIN 9058

AgResearch Ltd (3 AECs)
Ruakura Research Centre
Private Bag 3115
Waikato Mail Centre
HAMILTON 3240

*AgriHealth NZ Ltd
PO Box 46135
Herne Bay
AUCKLAND 1147

*Agvet NZ Ltd
702/9 Hopetoun Street
Freemans Bay
AUCKLAND 1011

*Airway Ltd
21A Ranui Road
Remuera
AUCKLAND 1050

Alleva Animal Health Ltd
PO Box 34032
Birkenhead
AUCKLAND 0746

*Aloe Vera N Z Ltd
PO Box 74106
Greenlane
AUCKLAND 1546

*Animal Breeding Services
(2007) Ltd
3680 State Highway 3
RD 2
HAMILTON 3282

*Animal Health Research Ltd
PO Box 39491
Howick
AUCKLAND 2145

*Aoraki Polytechnic
Private Bag 902
TIMARU 7940

*Argenta Manufacturing Ltd
P O Box 75340
Manurewa
AUCKLAND 2243

*Auckland University of
Technology
Private Bag 92006
Victoria Street West
AUCKLAND 1142

Auckland Zoological Park
Private Bag
Grey Lynn
AUCKLAND 1245

*Baker and Associates Ltd
PO Box 900
MASTERTON 5840

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic
Private Bag 12001
TAURANGA 3143

*Bayer New Zealand Ltd
P O Box 2825
Shortland Street
AUCKLAND 1140

*Biocell Corporation Ltd
PO Box 23610
Hunters Corner
AUCKLAND 2155

*Caledonian Holdings Ltd
PO Box 82
TAKANINI 2245

*Carne Technologies Ltd
PO Box 740
CAMBRIDGE 3450

*Cawthron Institute
Private Bag 2
Nelson Mail Centre
NELSON 7042

*Chapel Street Veterinary Centre
Ltd
209 Chapel Street
MASTERTON 5810

*Christchurch Polytechnic
Institute of Technology
P O Box 540
CHRISTCHURCH 8140

*Cognosco, Anexa Animal
Health
P O Box 21
MORRINSVILLE 3340

*Connovation Ltd
PO Box 58613
Botany
AUCKLAND 2163

*Cropmark Seeds Ltd
PO Box 16574
Hornby
CHRISTCHURCH 8441

*CRV Ltd
P O Box 176
Waikato Mail Centre
HAMILTON 3240

*CuroNZ Ltd
PO Box 8123
Symonds Street
AUCKLAND 1150

*Dairy Production Systems Ltd
P O Box 24132
Abels
HAMILTON 3253

*DairyNZ Ltd
Private Bag 3221
Waikato Mail Centre
HAMILTON 3240

*DCS Animal Health Studies Ltd
253 Taniwha Road
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TE KAUWHATA 3781

Department of Conservation
P O Box 10420
The Terrace
WELLINGTON 6143

Diatranz Otsuka Ltd
P O Box 23566
Hunters Corner
AUCKLAND 2155

*Duiris NZ Ltd
P O Box 959
Waikato Mail Centre
HAMILTON 3240

Eastern Institute of Technology
Private Bag 1201
Hawkes Bay Mail Centre
NAPIER 4142

*Elanco Animal Health
PO Box 259354
Botany
AUCKLAND 2163

*ES Plastics Ltd
PO Box 5682
Frankton
HAMILTON 3242

Estendart Ltd
P O Box 45
Palmerston North Central
PALMERSTON NORTH 4440

Eurofins AgroScience Services
NZ Ltd
PO Box 8734
HAVELOCK NORTH 4157

*FarmSense (NZ) Ltd
72 Pahiatua Street
Hokowhitu
PALMERSTON NORTH 4410

*FIL (New Zealand) Ltd
PO Box 4144
Mt Maunganui South
MT MAUNGANUI 3149

GE Healthcare Tauranga Ltd
P O Box 658
Seventh Avenue
TAURANGA 3140

*Grace, Neville
26 Williams Road
RD 4
PALMERSTON NORTH 4474

*Herdwash Ltd
PO Box 5509
MOUNT MAUNGANUI 3152

*Hillcrest High School
P O Box 11020
Hillcrest
HAMILTON 3251

*Institute of Environmental
Science and Research Ltd
P O Box 29181
Fendalton
CHRISTCHURCH 8540

*Jurox Pty Ltd
85 Gardiner Road
Rutherford
NSW 2320
AUSTRALIA

*Kahne Ltd
Level 3, Tower 2
205 Queen Street
Auckland Central
AUCKLAND 1010

*Karori Sanctuary Trust
P O Box 9267
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WELLINGTON 6141

*Knowles, Garry & Rohloff, Brent
TbFree New Zealand
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ALEXANDRA 9340

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LINCOLN 7640

*Lawrence, David
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*LIC Deer Ltd
270 Ardlussa Road
RD 6
GORE 9776

*Life Technologies NZ Ltd
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Penrose
AUCKLAND 1642

Lincoln University
P O Box 85084
Lincoln University
LINCOLN 7647

*Livestock Improvement Corporation Ltd Private Bag 3016 Waikato Mail Centre HAMILTON 3240	*MetriKlenz Ltd 112 North Makarewa Grove Bush Road RD 6 INVERCARGILL 9876	*Novartis New Zealand Ltd Private Bag 65904 Mairangi Bay AUCKLAND 0754
*Living Cell Technologies NZ Ltd P O Box 23566 Hunters Corner AUCKLAND 2155	* MPI Investigation and Diagnostic Centre P O Box 40742 UPPER HUTT 5140	*Oamaru Veterinary Centre 311 Thames Street OAMARU 7910
*LWT Animal Nutrition Ltd PO Box 119 FEILDING 4740	National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research Ltd P O Box 147 RUAKAKA 0151	*On-Farm Research Ltd P O Box 1142 HASTINGS 4156
*Malaghan Institute of Medical Research P O Box 7060 Newtown WELLINGTON 6242	*National Trade Academy P O Box 39069 Harewood CHRISTCHURCH 8545	*Oritain Global Ltd Invermay Agricultural Centre Private Bag 50034 MOSGIEL 9053
*Mason Consulting 317 Dunns Crossing Road RD 8 CHRISTCHURCH 7678	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Private Bag 19 Nelson Mail Centre NELSON 7042	*Otago Polytechnic Private Bag 1910 DUNEDIN 9054
Massey University Private Bag 11222 Manawatu Mail Centre PALMERSTON NORTH 4442	New Zealand Association of Science Educators PO Box 10122 The Terrace WELLINGTON 6143	*Ottman, Garry Game & Forest Foundation PO Box 3981 CHRISTCHURCH 8140
*Matamata Veterinary Services Ltd 26 Tainui Street MATAMATA 3400	*New Zealand National Fieldays Society Inc Private Bag 3015 Waikato Mail Centre HAMILTON 3240	*Parnell Corporate Services Pty Ltd 4/476 Gardeners Road Alexandria NSW 2015 AUSTRALIA
*Medical Plus New Zealand P O Box 73070 Auckland Airport AUCKLAND 2150	*New Zealand Institute for Plant & Food Research Ltd Private Bag 92169 Victoria Street West AUCKLAND 1142	*PGG Wrightson Consulting PO Box 42 DANNEVIRKE 4942
*Merrial NZ Ltd P O Box 76211 Manukau City AUCKLAND 2241	*New Zealand Leather and Shoe Research Association (Inc) P O Box 8094 Hokowhitu PALMERSTON NORTH 4446	*PGG Wrightson Seeds P O Box 69175 LINCOLN 7640
*Mesynthes Ltd PO Box 31311 LOWER HUTT 5040		*Pharmfirst Ltd 4 Wake Place RD 1 PALMERSTON NORTH 4471

PharmVet Solutions P O Box 302691 North Harbour AUCKLAND 0751	*Synlait Milk Ltd 1028 Heselton Road RD 13 RAKAIA 7783	University of Waikato Private Bag 3105 Waikato Mail Centre HAMILTON 3240
*PJM Scientific Pty Ltd P O Box 723 Five Dock NSW 2046 AUSTRALIA	*Techion Group Ltd PO Box 5057 Moray Place DUNEDIN 9058	Valley Animal Research Centre ¹ PO Box 2648 Stortford Lodge HASTINGS 4153
*Quantec Ltd PO Box 9466 Waikato Mail Centre HAMILTON 3240	*Totally Vets Ltd PO Box 423 TAUMARUNUI 3946	*Vet Nurse Plus PO Box 217106 Botany Junction AUCKLAND 2164
*SCEC Pty Ltd PO Box 211 Northbridge NSW 1560 AUSTRALIA	*Towers Consulting 27 Mansel Avenue Hillcrest HAMILTON 3216	*Vet Resource Ltd 316 Pokuru Road RD 5 TE AWAMUTU 3875
Schering-Plough Animal Health Ltd Private Bag 908 UPPER HUTT 5140	*Trinity Bioactives Ltd PO Box 29015 Ngaio WELLINGTON 6443	*Veterinary Enterprises Group PO Box 83 TE AWAMUTU 3840
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South Pacific Sera Ltd P O Box 2117 TIMARU 7941	University of Auckland Private Bag 92019 Victoria Street West AUCKLAND 1142	*VetPlus Solutions Ltd PO Box 1237 TAUPO 3351
Southern Institute of Technology Private Bag 90114 INVERCARGILL 9840	University of Canterbury Private Bag 4800 CHRISTCHURCH 8140	*VetSouth Ltd P O Box 12 WINTON 9741
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*West Coast Vets Ltd
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1 Code suspended at request of code holder