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THE TWELFTH NEW ZEALAND SCIENCE CONGRESS

The 12th New Zealand Science Congress will be held at Massey University, Palmerston North, from 31 January to 4 February, 1972. The Congress is being organized around the theme "The Cost of Growth" which the Manawatu Branch of the Royal Society, who are organizing the Congress, consider a very relevant topic for New Zealand scientists to discuss at present. The Congress Organizing Committee is pursuing a policy which is aimed at communication between scientists and the public. It is hoped that a consequence of the Congress will be a reduction of the ever-increasing gulfs between the sciences, and between scientists and other groups in society. To achieve the aims of the Congress, the papers will be presented under three groupings. An intra-disciplinary group will run on one afternoon and three mornings to provide a forum for scientists to hear papers of a fairly specialized nature. The inter-disciplinary sessions, containing papers presented for scientists of other disciplines, will cover three afternoon sessions. To encourage participation of the non-scientist, two evening public symposia will be held in Palmerston North City, to hear papers and discussion on "The Cost of Growth" and "The Cost of Stagnation". The papers to be presented during the daytime sessions will be grouped under the following headings within the theme: (a) The growth and development of science in New Zealand; (b) the growth and use of natural resources; and (c) growth and its impact on society.

About 80 scientific groups and bodies are currently on the mailing list of the organizing committee, but there may be some who wish to receive information and are not yet doing so. To rectify this, interested bodies should send their name and address to: Dr T. J. Brown, Secretary, 12th N.Z. Science Congress, c/o Public Relations Office, Massey University, Palmerston North.