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New Weed Education website

Auckland Bot. Soc. Newsletter

Landcare Research New Zealand has developed a new Weed Education Website:

<http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/education/weeds>

The website includes information, resources and learning activities on weed ecology and control, aimed at teachers, students, community groups and weed control practitioners. Any feedback or questions about the website can be emailed to Margaret Stanley: stanleym@landcareresearch.co.nz

Botanical Society of Otago: <http://www.botany.otago.ac.nz/bs/>

Our web site now contains trip details, membership forms, contact details and links to other websites of Botanical interest. Check it out to see the new picture and other changes David Orlovich has made, with updates on trips and activities.

Request from Germany for invasive plant display material

Kia ora!

...Last year I was asked to give two lectures again about New Zealand flora at University for the Botanical Society of Berlin and Brandenburg in January. There were already three lectures before that, about coastal and bush vegetation and in January one about alpine plants and vegetation (Do you remember our excursion to the Old man Range?) and one about ferns of NZ only. So I was kept very busy with preparations of these lectures during December and early January. It was hard work (with little Konrad around) but most of all it was fun

and I have learned a lot of new things by reading and looking at my stuff I brought from NZ. With this new knowledge I would very much like to go out in NZ nature again and have a deeper look at NZ-plants. It's a shame that NZ is so far away. Late last year I was asked to help with an exhibition about invasive plants and animals not only in Germany. This exhibition will be in 2004 in the Botanical Garden of the city of Potsdam. Because NZ is one of the most threatened areas on earth by invaders, they asked me to search for material about this topic. I have some good photos (*Ulex*) and a very few articles from Newspapers. But I am really missing something good to exhibit that people look at and say "Oh....". I still remember this very impressive advertisement about Gorse poison which ended "...more money - more dead gorse." Do you know what I mean?

My idea was to show something like this on a video to let people know what dimensions this problem can get. So my question to you is: Could you do me the favour to copy this advertisement or something comparable or even better on a videotape if you can catch it? Of course I will pay you for the cost of tape and sending costs. And could you please keep your eyes and ears open for any material about NZ-Invaders, which is it is possible to be sent and exhibited in Germany?

Tschüß!!! By by!!
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Note: This is a shortened and part- edited letter to the editor from Friederike, who was an enthusiastic member while she was in Dunedin. I haven't been able to tape the advertisement she's asking for, so I hope others can help her with relevant material, especially as BSO is now an official supporter of the Botanical Garden of Potsdam's 2004 international exhibition of invasive plants.

News

Plaudits for BSO Patron

Peter Bannister gave a plenary lecture (*My 40 years as a physiological ecologist*) at the Combio '03 conference in Melbourne and was presented with the NZ Society of Plant Physiologists **Outstanding Physiologist** Medal for 2003. Peter flew to Auckland on 13 November to again be presented with his impressive medal at a Royal Society dinner where recipients from other affiliated societies also received their awards.

Promotions for BSO President and members.

Congratulations to David Orlovich and Janice Lord who have recently been promoted to Senior Lecturer and to Paul Guy and Catriona Hurd who will be Associate Professors from 1 Feb.