

New Staff



Geoffrey Herd – April 2006

Geoff Herd is a registered medical laboratory scientist who has joined the IANZ Medical Testing and Radiology programme. Geoff has extensive experience in medical laboratory sciences with specialist qualifications in Haematology and Transfusion Science. He holds a post-graduate Diploma in Health Service Management from Massey University and Master of Applied Science in Medical Science from RMIT University in Melbourne.



Gwenda Lawrence – March 2006

Gwenda has more than twenty years experience in Medical Laboratory Science, specialising in cytology, working in both the UK and NZ. Before joining the IANZ Medical Testing and Radiology programme, she was manager of the cytology department at LabPlus, Auckland City Hospital. She has participated in several advisory groups for the National Cervical Screening Programme in recent years and has extensive experience in teaching cytology at all levels from BMLS students to medical laboratory scientists and anatomical pathology registrars. She has also been a technical expert for IANZ.



David Sidwell – February 2006

David joins the Inspection Body programme of IANZ after returning to New Zealand from a two year 'O.E' in the UK where he was employed by a manufacturer of Spectroscopic Reference Materials. David's qualifications include a BSc in Geology and a Diploma of Quality Assurance. He brings previous experience in research chemistry, the steel industry and management system auditing to his new role.



Michael Vercoe – March 2006

Michael joined the IANZ Chemical/Biology/Dairy programme March this year. He has a BSc (Microbiology) from the University of Canterbury, as well as post graduate diplomas in both Science and Laboratory Technology. Michael has over fifteen years experience working in laboratories, with a decade spent within the Dairy Industry, working for Meadowfresh Foods and Mainland Products. During this time he was involved mainly in the microbiological sphere, including a large portion of work with ultra heat-treated products, but also has some experience in chemical laboratories. Michael has been both an IANZ Signatory and a Key Technical Person in the Dairy programme. His last five years in the industry were spent as a Laboratory Manager.



Dian Wilkinson – January 2006

Dian is the new PA to the Chief Executive, replacing Rhonda Fitchew who retired at the end of 2005. Dian has nearly twenty years experience as a PA for Nestlé New Zealand, Television NZ, United Dairy Foods Limited and, most recently, Industrial Research Limited.

Carolyn Osborne – January 2006

Carolyn joined the IANZ Inspection Body programme in January this year. She is a graduate of the Auckland University of Technology where she gained a BSc (Applied) and the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology where she completed a NZCS. She worked for eleven years as a medical microbiologist then for four and a half years as a food microbiologist for the meat industry. Most recently Carolyn worked for ten years as a research associate determining solutions for the production of safe seafood for the New Zealand Seafood Industry and the New Zealand consumer.