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## NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY FOR EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE & AGM

Implementing lessons learnt

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### Conference Website

<http://conference.nzsee.org.nz>

### Conference Location

Central Lecture Theatres  
University of Canterbury  
Christchurch  
New Zealand  
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## The Conference

The annual NZSEE technical conference gathers researchers and practitioners in the multi-disciplinary field of Earthquake Engineering. The theme of the 2012 conference is:

"Implementing lessons learnt"

The September 2010 Darfield and the February 2011 Christchurch earthquakes have re-emphasized the need for our society to be better prepared for the consequences when (not if) large natural disasters strike. We should have learnt our lessons, but they sadly came at the expense of 182 lives and more than 20 billion dollars. How many lessons do we still need? It is time to take some actions and develop a cohesive strategy to implement what we already know to improve our society. To contribute to this long term goal, this conference aims to advance implementation of the lessons learnt from past earthquakes into practice.

## Suggested Topics

- Earthquake Response and Recovery
- Strategies to Minimise Social and Economic Impacts of Earthquakes
- Improvements in Seismic Design Regulations
- Advances in Earthquake Engineering Practice
- Improving Seismic Performance of Ground and Structures
- Earthquake-Resilient Lifelines and Infrastructures

## Submit Abstracts:

- Online: <http://conference.nzsee.org.nz/>

Please enter a brief abstract of no more than 250 words.

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

- Best Student Paper & Presentation
- Best Research Paper
- Best Practice Paper
- Best Poster Paper

### KEY DATES:

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