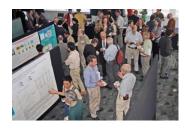
Earthquake Forecasting focus of Wellington NZ Conference

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Over 80 earthquake experts from around the world including from India, Japan, China, Europe, the United States of America, were in Wellington last week to discuss how and why earthquake activity changes over time.

The event, called the *Evison Symposium on Seismogenesis and Earthquake Forecasting*, was held in memory of the late Professor Emeritus of Geophysics, Frank Evison, of Victoria University of Wellington and his earthquake forecasting work.





The conference was sponsored by Earthquake Engineering New Zealand business cluster members GNS Science, the New Zealand Earthquake Commission (EQC) and Victoria University of Wellington.

"A range of innovative earthquake forecast risk modelling tools have been successfully developed in New Zealand that have international application," said GNS Science International Services Manager Hazards Noel Trustrum.





"Close collaborative partnerships with other leading organisations and individuals from around the world greatly helps the development process of forecasting risk modelling tools as well as making it easier for their use in other countries."

"These are readily able to be adapted and used in different locations internationally as part of community risk preparedness projects whether these projects are at country, regional or local level," he said.

More information on the conference can be found at: http://www.gns.cri.nz/evisonsymposium/

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