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Events at Victoria

Earthquakes, volcanoes and the deforming Earth

Tuesday 15 September, 6pm

Inaugural lecture by Professor Martha Savage, Professor of Geophysics. [More](#)

Scrapheap Software: from Lego Blocks to iPhone Mashups

Wednesday 16 September, 6pm

Public lecture in Palmerston North by Professor James Noble. [More](#)

Strategic management during times of an economic downturn

Tuesday 22 September, 5.30pm

This lecture is part of a seminar series celebrating 25 years of the Victoria MBA programme. Bruce Emerson, Chief Executive of NZ Bus Limited will discuss business priorities and key success factors in maintaining financial stability. [More](#)

More events at Victoria University. [More](#)

More news at Victoria University. [More](#)

Dear Ann

Welcome to the September *Life after Vic* e-newsletter. A special welcome to our new graduates - welcome to the Victoria University alumni community!

Keeping in touch

If you know of family or friends living overseas, please encourage them to maintain up-to-date contact details so they're able to receive notices and invitations. Alumni can update their own details through the online registry *Life after Vic*. Why not check your details are correct right now?

We also have an active Victoria University Alumni Facebook group and a Linked In group. These groups are both great ways to keep up to date with alumni news or to catch up with old friends. Search for 'Victoria University of Wellington Alumni' from both of these links.

Award for turning wool into gold

A Victoria University scientist has won a prestigious innovation award for turning pure New Zealand Merino wool into gold. [More](#)

Photo L to R: PhD research student Kerstin Burridge, Professor Jim Johnston and PhD research student Fern Kelly



Victoria academics receive grant to consider future tourism

A future tourism experience could involve visiting New Zealand national parks via hologram, or experiencing local food or wine using molecules from a memory bank. [More](#)

Victoria PhD student wins Young Scientist of the Year

A Victoria University PhD student has been named the 2009 MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year for his research removing toxic pollutants from vehicle emissions. [More](#)



Title finally bestowed on "reluctant" knight

Professor Paul Callaghan may have been awarded a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (PCNZM) in 2006 but the title of 'Sir' didn't come with it. [More](#)



2009 Alumni Appeal

The 2009 Alumni Appeal was launched last month, going out to 15,000 alumni over 40 in New Zealand and overseas, with a separate appeal planned for alumni in the United States. The response has been very positive and we thank

all those alumni who have contributed. It is not too late to make a donation, either by [emailing us](#) for a brochure or donating [online](#).

12 month USA work and travel visa for students to continue

The USA is a notoriously difficult country to get a work visa for, unless you are a full-time student or recent graduate. The 12 month J-1 visa allows current students and recent graduates who hold a valid New Zealand or Australian passport to work in virtually any job anywhere in the US. Visit the [International Exchange Programs \(IEP\)](#) website for more details.