

At the close of the workshop, Paul Finlay of Waitakere Consulting Engineers made a formal announcement about an upcoming Conference on the risks posed by the Alpine Fault. This will occur in the second half of 2010 or in early 2011.

The Conference will commence with a fieldtrip ex-Christchurch to the Alpine Fault at Inchbonnie (beyond the Arthur's Pass township) where recent research has been completed by GNS Science. This will be followed by at least two days of academic presentations and discussion about the Alpine Fault. Possible fieldtrips include a round trip to the 3 km long Round Top E/Q resonance explosion landslide at Kowhitirangi, and northwards to Kopara, Haupiri, and Waikiti Downs.

Paul welcomes expressions of interest to help with the organisation of the conference, to guide and assist in the field trips, and to present papers in the following general topic areas:

- » Earthquake preparation;
- » The earthquake;
- » The psychological and social implications;
- » Implications for infrastructure;
- » Civil Defence matters;
- » The geotechnical implications;
- » The structural implications; and,
- » Aspects of recovery.

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Recent Alpine Fault Excavation



Round Top E/Q Resonance Landslide

