

## **Professor Timothy Naish awarded the 2014 Martha T Muse Prize for Science and Policy in Antarctica**

Professor Timothy Naish has been awarded the 2014 Muse Prize, for his outstanding research in understanding Antarctica's response to past and present climate change and the role of Antarctica's ice sheets in global sea-level change through time. He led the first season of the ambitious and highly successful Antarctic Drilling Programme (ANDRILL) where his international team pioneered the innovative drilling technology used to obtain sedimentary records of the past 13 million years, paving the way for further successful drilling in previously inaccessible ice-covered areas. As Chair of the ANDRILL Steering Committee, he continues to be actively involved in overseeing the programme, including securing funding for the next phase. More recently, he has played an influential role in the process of translating science into policy as a lead author on the Paleoclimate chapter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He is currently Director of the Antarctic Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, which continues to develop and has more than trebled its capacity under his direction.

The Prize Ceremony will be held at the SCAR Open Science Conference in Auckland in August.

*Background information:* The Martha T. Muse Prize for Science and Policy in Antarctica is a US\$ 100,000 unrestricted award presented to an individual in the fields of Antarctic science or policy that has demonstrated potential for sustained and significant contributions that will enhance the understanding and/or preservation of Antarctica. The Tinker Foundation's goal is to recognize excellence in Antarctic research by honouring someone in the early to mid-stages of his or her career. The Prize is inspired by Martha T. Muse's passion for Antarctica and is a legacy of the International Polar Year 2007-2008.

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