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Brochures, with attached registration forms, can be obtained by writing to the organizing Secretary, 49th ANZAAS Congress, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland. Australians can also obtain brochures from Trans-Australia Airlines. Most of the programmes for the 32 sections of the Congress have been completed and are included in a pre-Congress circular at present being printed. This will be distributed to all those who have registered and to those requesting a copy.

HISTORY: SECTION 26

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The Unheard Peoples The World We Have Founded The Imprint of Empire The Future of the Past

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Further information about the History section may be obtained from the secretary, Ms J.O. Bassett, History Department, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland.

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