Participants of a workshop held in New Zealand in May 2003 visited the Waipaoa Focus area and discussed the existing data base and major questions to develop a comprehensive research plan. Forty scientists participated, including geomorphologists, geologists, oceanographers, geochemists, and hydrologists. Roughly half were from the United States and the other half were from New Zealand.

Workshop participants concluded that a major increase in our understanding of the linkages between the various components of the margin system will most likely be accomplished through coordinated observational and modeling activities. An overarching goal of this program is to provide quantitative explanations and predictions of the effects of environmental perturbations on surface changes and preserved sedimentary strata of continental margins. The ability to model changes in the Waipaoa Sedimentary System (WSS) during the Late Quaternary is key to the success of this component of the MARGINS S2S program.

The workshop presentations and working group reports, which outline MARGINS S2S research opportunities in the WSS, are on a living workshop Web site (http://www.vims.edu/margins/workshop.html). A final report was also published in Eos (see reference below).

### Publications and Presentations