

National Committee for Mathematical Sciences

2006 business plan or work plan, including timelines and proposed budgets

- 1) The aims of the National Committee for Mathematical Sciences are:
 - To ensure representation of the Australian Mathematical Sciences on appropriate international bodies
 - To coordinate national activities in Mathematical Sciences and to liaise with the Professional Societies and the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute.
 - To assist with gathering data on the level of activity and international competitiveness of the Mathematical Sciences in Australia
 - Promoting the importance of the Mathematical Sciences in Australia
 - Involvement in issues at a national level, concerning secondary and tertiary mathematics education.

- 2) The major activity in 2006 will be the National Review of Mathematical Sciences. Key dates for this are the tour of Australia by the review panel in February with the final report due for completion by the end of June. I intend to have a meeting of the National Committee around April to discuss progress on the review and will ask for funding to support this in January of 2006.

Also the International Congress of Mathematicians will be held in Madrid in August 2006. Our delegation of 3 people to the International Mathematical Union meeting prior to the ICM will include Professor Ian Sloan who is President of the International Council for Industrial and Applied mathematics and Professor Alf van der Poorten who is a member of the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication of the IMU. I will apply for funds to support this delegation next year.