



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Astronomy

2009 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS

1. Aims of this NC

To act as a peak body for astronomy in Australia...

- promoting the national value and benefits of the astronomical sciences;
- facilitating community-wide strategic planning initiatives; and
- managing relations between Australian astronomers and the International Astronomical Union (IAU)/

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved

- Liaise with the IAU through its President, Executive and Commissions, and promote active Australian involvement in the IAU at all levels.
- Propose and encourage activities in Australia that will enhance the status of the astronomy discipline in collaboration with the Astronomical Society of Australia, Astronomy Australia Limited, and other professional and regional societies.
- Promote and encourage Australian participation in a range of relevant international forums, such as OECD Global Science Forums.
- Undertake decadal reviews of astronomy, and mid-term reviews as required.
- Support the planning for Australian involvement in current and future large-scale astronomical facilities.
- Liaise with the Academy's Executive Committee on astronomy-related matters.

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget) in 2009 to achieve the aims

a. National (Funding from Academy: Up to \$2,500 upon presentation of receipts/invoices, to support NC meetings/teleconferences).

- Monitor the implementation of the Astronomy Decadal Plan 2006-2015, especially those aspects managed by Astronomy Australia Limited.
- Encourage and facilitate development of implementation plans for other aspects of the Decadal Plan.
- Liaise with the Academy to identify appropriate astronomy resources as part of the Academy's science education activities.

b. International Scientific Union (Funding from Academy: Up to \$2,000 each for up to three approved voting delegates, upon presentation of a report and receipts/invoices, for attendance at the triennial/quadrennial General Assembly meetings of the corresponding International Union).

- Plan for and support Australian involvement in the IAU General Assembly to be held in Rio de Janeiro in August 2009.
- Provide advice on Australian participation in the International Year of Astronomy in 2009.



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BUDGET

As agreed in 2007, the NCA is in 2009 seeking the full cost of travel and accommodation (at competitive rates) for the meeting we hold in Canberra in December. The other NCA meeting will be held during the Astronomical Society of Australia's annual meeting in July.

Funding will be required for three voting delegates to attend the International Astronomical Union General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro in August 2009.

Please complete and return this form by 12 December 2008 to:

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