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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Chemistry

2011 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN Including TIMELINES for up to 5 years

It is anticipated that this Plan would provide information on:

1. Aims of this National Committee

The primary aims of the NCC is to interact strongly with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) and the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), and to give advice to Government and related bodies when requested or appropriate.

The NCC aims to participate actively in the International Year of Chemistry 2011.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved. Eg engaging to a greater extent with the secondary and / or tertiary education sectors; promoting the benefits of your discipline to the Australian community; strengthening relationships with scientific societies; contributing to policy development; facilitating international engagement by Australian scientists.

In relation to the **International Year of Chemistry (IYC) 2011**, the NCC would like to sponsor a public lecture tour for a renowned scientist to present public lectures highlighting the benefit of chemical science to society and thereby improving the public understanding of chemistry. For example, the importance of health and wellbeing is generally well appreciated, but the crucial role that chemistry plays in this is not.

We apply for a lectureship with a budget of \$10,000, including airfares and accommodation for an international speaker to visit all capital cities in Australia.

The IYC is a unique opportunity to showcase chemistry. It will not recur.

The NCC needs to meet twice a year to discuss matters that require a committee response. For example, in 2010, responses to the ARC's ERA, to ACARA's K-10 Curriculum for Science, to the Parliamentary inquiry into Australia's International Research Effort, and to DIISR's Consultation paper on Australia's Research Workforce Needs. In addition, committee input in national and international conference planning is desirable.

The NCC plans to send a delegation of four to the IUPAC Assembly and Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July-August 2011. This is important for several reasons, including the IYC and the 100th anniversary of the establishment of IUPAC. Mary Garson, Brynn Hibbert, and Bob Loss are titular members of IUPAC; their costs will be paid primarily by IUPAC, but



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shortfalls may be submitted to the Academy. Curt Wentrup, Chair of the NCC, requests funding of \$3800 to attend this Assembly and Congress. The travel to San Juan cannot be done for less.

3. Plan of work/activities for up to 5 years including timelines

The NCC plans two committee meetings per year (usually in May and November) and attendance of IUPAC Congresses every two years (usually in July-August).

Members of the NCC are actively attending several national and international conferences every year (not involving Academy funding); therefore, there is no current need to organise our own conferences/symposia/workshops, but this may change in future years. The NCC will make submissions to the Australian Research Council on the 'Excellence in Research for Australia' and respond to Government and other enquiries whenever appropriate.

4. Proposed budget details (Please use the attached spreadsheet)

Attached

Note each National Committee is allocated:

- \$3,000 per annum to support committee meetings.
- Up to \$2,500 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.

Progress against these identified Work Plan activities will be reported on in the Chairs' annual reports to the Academy. Work Plans for 2010 can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms

Note: This plan will be published on the National Committee page of the Academy of Science website www.science.org.au/natcoms.

Please complete and return this form by 14 January 2011 to:

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