



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE **National Committee for History & Philosophy of Science**

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

1. Aims of this National Committee

- To promote research and teaching in Australia in the history, philosophy, and social studies of science, technology, and medicine (abbreviated HPS/STS henceforth).
- To facilitate linkages between Australian scholars working in this field and those in other countries, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To further the public awareness of science in Australia.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved

- To continue to work closely with the Australasian Association for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science (AAHPSSS), the Australia and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine (ANZSHM), and university teaching departments, and to foster further connections with relevant international HPS/STS groups.
- To contribute to national discussions and policymaking relating to research and teaching of HPS/STS in tertiary education.
- To promote student interest in the field via student essay prizes (in the history of Australian science and Australian environmental history), administered by the National Committee on behalf of the National Museum of Australia.
- To maintain close links with the two Divisions of the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS) and their various working commissions.
- To maintain and develop networks within the Asia-Pacific region.
- To support the "World History of Science On-line" project based in Australia of the Division of History of Science, Technology and Medicine of the IUHPS.
- To facilitate visits to Australia by prominent international scholars in the field particularly for publicly-accessible presentations on topics of interest.

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

2011: Finalize plans for lecture series focused on the history of science in Australia for Academy's 60th anniversary in 2014; submission of detailed proposal and budget to the Academy will occur by end of 2011.

January 2011: Hold a face-to-face meeting of the Committee in Canberra (conduct business by email in the interim)

Early to mid-2011: Run student paper prize competition

Winter 2011: Send a delegate to the IUHPS, Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science meeting in Nancy, France (19-26 July)

Late 2011: Conduct workshop focused on the state of the discipline, with a scholarly volume to result

Early to mid-2012: Run student paper prize competition(s)

Early to mid-2012: Convene one face-to-face meeting of the Committee and conduct other business by email in interim.