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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for The Mechanical Sciences

2008 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS

1. Aims of this NC.

- To provide inputs to national policy making from the perspective of Mechanical Sciences.
- To foster activities such as conferences, workshops and specialist courses within the Mechanical Sciences
- Articulate and disseminate the value added by the Mechanical Sciences, particularly within the framework of the National Research Priorities.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- Liaise with existing groups within specialised discipline areas in an attempt to provide a comprehensive and coherent view of the contribution of the Mechanical Sciences in Australia.
- Actively encourage the participation by Australian scientists, in particular post-graduate students and early career researchers, in the international congresses of IUTAM and IFTOMM, and where appropriate hosting such meetings in Australia.

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2008 which will achieve the aims:

a. National

At this stage I anticipate holding one face-to-face meeting of the committee in 2008 and a number of teleconferences. Support for the travel of each member of the NC to Canberra will be required. A draft agenda for this meeting follows (opinion on these matters will be canvassed from both current and past members of the NC and the agenda will be fleshed out based upon this feedback):

- *General discussion of the future role of this committee*
- *How can the committee best engage with the community it represents*
- *What role should the committee play in promoting the work of scientists work in “the mechanical scientists” and how should this best be accomplished.*
- *What support is required for the committee to accomplish this and where can such support be obtained.*
- *Setting the work plan for 2008/2009.*

b. International Scientific Union



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Attendance by Professor Tuck and Associate Professor Denier at IUTAM General Assembly to be held in Adelaide. Both Australian members of the GA are from Adelaide and so travel funds will not be required from the Academy.