

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

National Committees for Science: ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL on 2008 activities

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR: Plant and Animal Sciences

CHAIR: TJ Higgins

PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT: 1 January - 31 December, 2008

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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET ON

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23 May 2008

31 October 2008

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ARE PROPOSED FOR 2009 (include date and place, if possible):

May 2009 Canberra

October 2009 Canberra

MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED WITH ICSU

IN 2007 THERE WAS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IUBS in Washington DC (May):

IN 2009 THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IUBS in Cape Town, South Africa (November):

The next GENERAL ASSEMBLY of IUBS will be held in 2011

I RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING VOTING AUSTRALIAN

DELEGATION: (include title, name, address, telephone, email and fax number)

N/A

AUSTRALIAN OFFICE HOLDERS IN ICSU AND AFFILIATED BODIES

AUSTRALIANS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 2008 WERE:

(include all appointed/elected memberships of subsidiary bodies, standing committees, commissions etc. as well as appointments to Bureau/Executive positions in the governing body).

PERSON	INTERNATIONAL BODY	POSITION	TERM OF OFFICE
John Buckeridge	IUBS	President	2007-2009

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE IN 2009:

PERSON	INTERNATIONAL BODY	POSITION	TERM OF OFFICE
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N/A

ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE – Please include comments on progress achieved on projected activities identified in your 2008 Business Plan. 2008 Business plans can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms

Go to <http://www.science.org.au/reports/2008anrep.htm>, to view the Chairs' Reports on 2007 activities.

I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN calendar year 2008 (200-250 words):

The business of the Committee in 2008 was dominated by discussion about undergraduate and early post-graduate training of science students. Many disciplines are facing a major shortage of post-graduate students especially those with appropriate training and specific skills. An equally worrying situation was identified with respect to training of students needed for multidisciplinary projects.

The Committee worked on preparing a case for EXCOM seeking support for the development of a Future Biological Map of Australia.