



# Australian Academy of Science

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Physics

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

1. Aims of this NC.

For the 2 year period from 2009-10 the committee has one focussed goal: to assemble a nationally co-ordinated strategic document entitled "Investing in the future of Physics". This document will provide a snapshot of where physics related research is currently at in Australia and the opportunities available in the future given both current and increased levels of funding. It will include important recent highlights of physics research, statistics of student numbers, publications and funding as well as a list of all current sub-disciplines and their proposed future activities. The aim is to make this report comprehensive and inclusive, providing a strategic document for lobbying for increased funding for all fundamental science.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- (i) In December 2008 we should find out if the ARC LASP application has been successful or not. However the NCP has gone ahead optimistically and started the process for nominating the Chairs and co-Chairs of the twenty-three different physics sub-disciplines to collate the information.
- (ii) The committee will then meet in February 2009 to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the subcommittees; appoint the designers/printers of report and meet to discuss format and set up a wiki site to provide feedback on the process.
- (iii) In March 2009 there will be a teleconference with National Committee and Chairs of sub-disciplines to review the report template and process and to distribute the final outline of the process/working group membership to the community. From April-December the working groups will collate the information. During the preparation of the final report the committee will also liaise with other National Committees of the Academy and bodies in fundamental science such as the AIP, FASTS, RACI, AMS etc.
- (iv) In August 2009 there will be a face to face meeting with the consultant and the Executive working group to update on the progress.

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2009 which will achieve the aims:

- a. A meeting will be held in Sydney in February in 2009 to appoint the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the sub-disciplines and execute the action plan for the decadel plan. Budget: \$2000.
- b. A further meeting will be held in August 2009 to discuss and collate the information from the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the sub-disciplines with the consultant. Budget: \$2000.