



# Australian Academy of Science

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## **NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Radio Science**

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

#### **1. Aims of the National Committee for Radio Science**

The National Committee for Radio Science (NCRS) is a committee of the Australian Academy of Science. Its aims are to

- Enhance the dissemination of information and collaboration across the multidisciplinary subject of radio science,
- Propose and encourage radio science activities in Australia, jointly with other bodies or independently,
- Liaise with the International Union of Radio Science (URSI) and other appropriate national and international bodies and societies,
- Ensure the maximum participation by Australian scientists in relevant activities of URSI, and keep URSI informed at appropriate times of Australian opinions and plans in the discipline of radio science, and
- Develop the ability and recognition to enable it to act as the peak body for Australian radio science.

#### **2. Strategies to Enable these Aims to be Achieved**

- Run the biennial Workshop on Applications of Radio Science (WARS) Conferences (National role),
- Support URSI by managing the Australian delegation and input to the General Assembly and to other meetings of URSI Commissions (International Role),
- Maintain and enhance the NCRS web site as a repository of data on the radio science community and its activities in Australia, and as a means of communication among that community,
- Strengthen links with other organisations and societies in Australia with radio science and radio science related interests, and
- Improve the visibility of radio science among various stakeholders within Australia.

#### **3. Plan of Work/Activities in 2009 which will achieve the Aims**

##### *National*

- Renew the NCRS web site, make enduring arrangements for its hosting and maintenance and update the list of radio scientists and radio science activities in Australia.
- Establish the Christiansen prize for a young scientist to give a keynote speech at the biennial WARS meeting, providing funding for travel to support this endeavour (Request to Academy of order \$1500)
- Organise a meeting of major national conference organisers in areas relating to radio science with a view to identifying better ways of collaborating and/or



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coordinating the several national meetings to improve attendance and mutual engagement.

- Prepare for the WARS 2010 conference, intended to be held in Canberra in the week 8 to 12 February. Based on the outcomes of the coordination meeting, identify key committee members and organisers.
- Improve regularity of NCRS meetings using teleconference and other means, with face-to-face meeting brought forward to October 2009 as part of WARS preparation schedule (Request to Academy for \$2500 to support October meeting).

## *International Scientific Union*

- Rejuvenate membership of URSI Commissions – particularly linking with other Australian organisations where relevant to the commission discipline area.
- Encourage Australian scientists to contribute to the Radio Science Bulletin, and ensure that Australian radio science activities are regularly reported to URSI through this means.
- Consolidate membership of CODATA through AAS National Committee on Scientific Data.
- Fill NCRS vacant positions with Australian scientists who are engaged with URSI activities.

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