

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

National Committees for Science: ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL on 2006 activities

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR: Plant and Animal Sciences

CHAIR: TJ HIGGINS

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MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET ON:

19 July 2006
7 November 2006

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS ARE PROPOSED FOR 2007 (include date and place, if possible):

April 2007
September 2007

MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED WITH ICSU

IN 2006 THERE WAS A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF (include date and place):

N/A

IN 2007 THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF (include date and place):

29th IUBS in Washington DC (9-13 May 2007)

I RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE FOLLOWING VOTING AUSTRALIAN
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AUSTRALIAN OFFICE HOLDERS IN ICSU AND AFFILIATED BODIES

AUSTRALIANS WHO HELD OFFICE IN 2006 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
Dr Alan Bittles	IUBS	Member	

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE IN 2007:

PERSON	INTERNATIONAL BODY	POSITION	TERM OF OFFICE
Dr John Buckeridge	IUBS	President	2007-2010

ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE – Please include comments on progress achieved on projected activities identified in your 2006 Business Plan. 2006 Business plans can be viewed at www.science.org.au/natcoms

Go to <http://www.science.org.au/reports/2006anrep.pdf> pp17-27, to view the Chairs' Reports on 2005 activities.

I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN calendar year 2006 (200-250 words):

[Your Report, as presented here, will be published in April 2007, in the National Committees for Science section of the Academy's Annual Report for 2006-2007].

- Following a visit by Karin Metzloff from the European Plant Science Organisation, further discussions with Dr Neil Hamilton at the Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology cooperation (FEAST) identified several areas of potential collaboration with EU7.
- DEST accepted a submission from the committee on educational needs for the future.
- The Sino-Australian Symposium Report was presented to AusAID and can be viewed at www.science.org.au/events/grasslands/index.htm. A follow-up from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry resulted in a joint Australia/China project on stocking rates for the China Grasslands in Inner Mongolia.
- The committee nominated Professor Mark Westoby as a linking member on the Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS).
- The committee supported and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.
- The committee is seeking support for a Future Biological Map of Australia from relevant national committees.
- A draft policy statement on gene technology and genetically modified plants was completed.

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