

# International Council for Science

The International Council for Science (ICSU) is a non-government organisation with a global membership that provides a forum for discussing policy and international science issues. Its membership includes 113 national scientific bodies and 29 international scientific unions.

The core activities of this extensive network are:

- planning and coordinating interdisciplinary research to address major issues of relevance in science and society
- actively advocating for freedom in the conduct of science, promoting equitable access to scientific data and information and facilitating science education and capacity building
- acting as a focus for the exchange of ideas, the communication of scientific information and the development of scientific standards
- supporting more than 600 scientific conferences, congresses and symposia worldwide each year as well as the production of a wide range of newsletters, handbooks, learned journals and proceedings.

The Council also helps create international and regional networks of scientists with similar interests and maintains close working relationships with a number of inter- and non-government organisations, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World. Because of its broad and diverse membership, the Council increasingly is called upon to speak on behalf of the global scientific community and to act as an adviser on matters ranging from ethics to the environment.

## International scientific meetings held in Australia at the invitation of the Academy

The Academy, as the adhering body on behalf of Australia to the Council, often is asked to endorse bids to host international scientific meetings in Australia. The Academy has issued a set of guidelines on bids for international conferences. These are available at: [www.science.org.au/internat/guidelines.htm](http://www.science.org.au/internat/guidelines.htm)

At the initiative of the Academy and on behalf of the Australian research community, the following international meetings will be held in Australia:

**International Union for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics General Assembly**

Adelaide, 24–30 August 2008

**International Union of Psychological Science General Assembly**

Melbourne, 11–16 July 2010

**25th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics**

Melbourne, 27 June–8 July 2011

**International Botanical Congress**

Melbourne, 24–30 July 2011

**International Geological Congress**

Brisbane, 5–15 August 2012

**International Union for Pure and Applied Biophysics Congress**

Brisbane, 2014

Further information  
about ICSU is available  
at: [www.icsu.org](http://www.icsu.org)

## Delegates

The Academy appoints delegates to the business meetings of ICSU's bodies, after advice from the National Committees. Delegates for 2007 are listed here.

<b>Global Scientific Challenges: Perspectives from Young Scientists</b> 4–6 April, Lindau, Germany	Dr Andrew Hill Dr Cath Suter
<b>International Union of Biological Sciences</b> 9–13 May, Washington DC, USA	Professor Alan Bittles Professor John Buckridge
<b>The International Federation of Mechanism and Machine Theory</b> 17–21 June, Besançon, France	Associate Professor Ross McAree
<b>International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics</b> 2–13 July, Perugia, Italy	Dr Tom Beer
International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior	Professor Ian Jackson
International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy	Professor Iver Cairns
International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior	Professor Jocelyn McPhie
International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences	Professor Robert Vincent FAA
International Association of Hydrological Sciences	Associate Professor Steward Franks
International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans	Dr John Middleton
International Association of Geodesy	Professor Will Featherstone
Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics General Council meeting	Professor Brian Fraser
<b>International Congress of Toxicology</b> 15–19 July, Montreal, Canada	Professor Michael Moore Associate Professor Paul Wright
<b>International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry</b> 4–12 August, Turin, Italy	Professor Chris Easton FAA Professor Mary Garson Dr Brynn Hibbert
<b>International Union of Immunological Societies</b> August 21–25, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Professor Nick King Professor Christopher Parish
<b>International Union of History and Philosophy of Science</b> Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science 9–15 August, Beijing, China	Professor Huw Price Dr Kevin Korb
<b>International Union for Pure and Applied Biophysics</b> General Assembly 4 February, Long Beach, California	Professor Cris dos Remedios Associate Professor Brett Hambly

## Other international meetings

<b>InterAcademy Panel</b> 25–26 September, Canberra, Australia	Professor Kurt Lambeck FAA Professor Jenny Graves FAA
<b>ICSU Regional Office for Asia and Pacific Consultation on science plans</b> 21–22 November, Chiang Mai, Thailand	Professor Jenny Graves FAA
<b>Federation of Asian Scientific Academies and Societies Council Meeting</b> 27–29 November, Bangkok, Thailand	Professor Kurt Lambeck FAA
<b>InterAcademy Panel</b> 30–31 January, Netherlands	Professor Kurt Lambeck FAA