

Advisory Committee on International Matters

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The ACIM will compile responses to any material received from the above-listed organisations requiring a response from the Academy. Summaries of every response will be provided to Council for their information. As required, advice from Council will be sought prior to any formal response being issued.

Meetings of the ACIM

The ACIM would be expected to meet at least twice a year, normally by teleconference. It may be appropriate for the ACIM to meet at the time of the biennial Meetings of Chairs of National Committees.

Membership

Chair

The Chair of the ACIM is held *ex officio* by the Foreign Secretary of the Academy.

Ordinary Members

Nominations for members are provided by the current membership when a vacancy arises and recommended to the Executive Committee of the Academy for endorsement.

The discipline, geography, gender and age distribution of the Committee should be considered when selecting new members. Members must be Fellows of the Academy.

Members serve a term of four years and may be re-elected for one further term. This allows the outgoing or incoming Foreign Secretary to serve on the Committee as an Ordinary Member in addition to their term as Chair.

Meetings of the International Council for Science (ICSU)

General Assemblies of the International Council for Science (ICSU) are held every three years. The Academy, as the Adhering body for Australia, may nominate one voting delegate to attend the General Assembly.

The ACIM will identify and nominate a delegate to the Executive Committee of the Academy for endorsement.

The delegate must attend the meeting of the governing body and vote on relevant items on the agenda and will provide, within one month of the meeting, a written report to the Council of the Academy.