

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science</b>
<b>Period covered:</b>	1 January 2015 – 31 December 2017
<b>Chair:</b>	Professor Joan Leach
<b>Version and date:</b>	Final – 11 August 2016

<b>Purpose</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To connect the Academy to science and HPS/STS* scholars as well as scientists in Australia;</li> <li>2. To link the Academy to Australian HPS/STS societies in order to work together to promote the development of the discipline;</li> <li>3. To link Australian HPS/STS to world efforts both in HPS/STS and in science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations;</li> <li>4. To link NCHPS with other Australian learned academies;</li> <li>5. To ensure that Australia has a voice and a role in the global development of the disciplines;</li> <li>6. To provide strategic science policy advice, to the Academy, as input to Academy science policy statements, and (with the approval of the Executive Committee of Council) to the Australian Government and Australian organisations.</li> <li>7. Biennially, in conjunction with the National Museum of Australia, award the Mike Smith Student Prize for the History of Australian Science or Australian Environmental History;</li> <li>8. Promote interaction and communication within the Australian HPS/STS community through periodically organising focused workshops.</li> </ol>
<b>Description and objectives</b>	<p>The National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science (NCHPS) is a committee of the Council of the Australian Academy of Science. The broad aims of the committee is to foster history and philosophy of science / science and technology studies (HPS/STS) in Australia, to link the Academy to Australian HPS/STS researchers and to serve as a link between Australian and overseas HPS/STS researchers, primarily through the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science.</p> <p>The committee membership is composed of active scholars in the field and represents various teaching programs and research centres in Australia, promoting a spirit of co-operation essential for maintaining communication within the HPS/STS community. In 2012 the committee organised a workshop on the state of the discipline in Australia and intends to hold similar meetings periodically.</p> <p>The committee is an important point of contact those engaged in recording, analysing, and publicising excellence in past and present Australian science, and making these results accessible to those in Australia and beyond. The NCHPS is active in its contributions to governmental and policy debates in</p>

	<p>Australia as well as with regard to maintaining ongoing reviews of the state of the field, and efforts toward its continued growth.</p> <p>The NCHPS, together and with support from the National Museum of Australia, award the Mike Smith Student Prize for the History of Australian Science or Australian Environmental History. The award is presented to an exceptional student essay focusing on any aspect of the history of Australian science (including medicine and technology) or Australian environmental history.</p> <p>The NCHPS also contribute expertise to the panel for the Moran Award for Research in History of Australian Science. The award is won by a postgraduate researcher or other researcher to support access to archives that record the history of science in Australia, and can be used towards travel and accommodation costs.</p>
<b>Coverage</b>	<p>The history, sociology and philosophy of science (including medicine, biomedicine, and technology), with particular attention to the history, philosophy, and sociology of science in Australia.</p>
<b>Linked international organisation</b>	<p>International Union for History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS)</p>
<b>Key connected organisations</b>	<p><b>Links to other National Committees:</b> The National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science should link to any National Committee when it identifies an interest in the history of that discipline of science as it is practiced in Australia.</p> <p><b>Australian and Regional Societies and Organisations:</b> Australasian Association for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science; Australian Historical Association; Australasian Association of Philosophy; Asia-Pacific Science, Technology, and Society Network; the Pacific Circle Commission; and the Australian Society for the History of Medicine.</p> <p><b>International Organisations:</b> International Union of History and Philosophy of Science — Division of History of Science and Technology and Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science.</p>

**Terms of Reference for National Committees**

<b>Key outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved committees structure and membership (annual);</li> <li>2. Approved annual report (annual);</li> <li>3. In conjunction with the National Museum of Australia, administer and award the Mike Smith Student Prize for the History of Australian Science or Australian Environmental History (biennial);</li> <li>4. Promote interaction and communication within the Australian HPS/STS community as well as the broader scientific community through focused workshops.</li> <li>5. Engagement with relevant Australian and regional HPS/STS societies and organisations;</li> <li>6. Engagement with relevant national committees on issues of common interest.</li> <li>7. Engagement with IUHPS and other relevant international organisations;</li> <li>8. Obtaining financial and other resources to assist in the delivery of its activities, including contributions to the Australian subscriptions to International Organisations.</li> </ol>
<b>Indicative budget</b>	\$3000 per annum for meetings provided by AAS and up to \$2500 provided by AAS to support attendance at international meetings of IUHPS (2016).
<b>Approved and date</b>	Sec A & B, 11 August 2016