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| **Committee:** | **National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science** |
| **Period covered:** | 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2023 |
| **Chair:** | Professor Joan Leach |
| **Version and date:** | January 2021 |

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| **Purpose** | 1. To connect the Academy to science and HPS/STS\* scholars in Australia and the region; 2. To link the Academy to Australian HPS/STS societies 3. To promote and advocate for the development of the discipline both to the public and within institutions 4. To link Australian HPS/STS to world efforts both in HPS/STS and in science, in particular through the membership of appropriate international organisations; 5. To link NCHPS with other Australian learned academies; 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. 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; 8. Promote interaction and communication within the Australian HPS/STS community through periodically organising focused workshops and amplifying existing activities across Australia and the region 9. To foster the early- and mid-career researcher community through mentorship and supporting activities   Support and provide advice into best practice around archives, libraries and other collections relating to the history of science in Australia  \*History and Philosophy of Science and Science and Technology Studies |
| **Description and objectives** | 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 committeeare 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.  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.  The committee is an important point of contact for 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 Australia as well as with regard to maintaining ongoing reviews of the state of the field, and efforts toward its continued growth. |

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|  | 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.  The NCHPS also contributes 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.  The NCHPS seeks to amplify the best initiatives and work in HPS/STS in Australia by supporting and periodically organising events for the community. |
| **Coverage** | The history, social studies and philosophy of science (including medicine, technology, engineering and environment), with particular attention to the history, philosophy, and sociology of science in Australia. |
| **Linked international organisation** | International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST) |
| **Key connected organisations** | **Links to other National Committees:** The National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science should link to any National Committee when it identifiesan interest that intersects the disciplines represented by the NCHPS.  **Australian and Regional Societies and Organisations:** 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 and New Zealand Society for the History of Medicine.  **International Organisations:** International Union of History and Philosophy of Science —  Division of History of Science and Technology and Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science.  Commission on Bibliography and Documentation. Division of History of Science and Technology Council  IsisCB |
| **Key outcomes** | 1. Approved committees structure and membership (annual); 2. 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); 3. Promote interaction and communication within the Australian HPS/STS community as well as the broader scientific community through focused workshops. 4. Engagement with relevant Australian and regional HPS/STS societies and organisations; through focused workshops and the maintenance of a regular newsletter 5. Engagement with relevant national committees on issues of common interest. 6. Engagement with IUHPST and other relevant international organisations; 7. Obtaining financial and other resources to assist in the delivery of its activities, including contributions to the Australian subscriptions to International Organisations. |
| **Indicative budget** | 2020-2021: Small projects can be supported by the Academy at the discretion of the National Committees secretariat team.  2021-2023: Budget TBA  Up to $2500 provided by AAS to support attendance at international meetings of IUHPST\*  \*no international travel is to be funded in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic |  |
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