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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Antarctic Research

2009 Work Plan

1. Aims of this National Committee.

Foster Antarctic science in Australia and serve as an effective link between Australian scientists and overseas scientists working on Antarctic issues. It has responsibility to

- Liaise with the ICSU Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and keep SCAR informed of Australian activities and plans.
- Promote, support, and where appropriate, coordinate active Australian involvement in the planning, implementation and management of international programs within SCAR.
- Work to ensure that research programs of Australian national importance are supported within the SCAR sub-committees and at the Delegates meeting.
- Promulgate the national value and benefits of Antarctic and Southern Ocean science.
- Provide, as required, independent, in-depth and expert review of the national Antarctic scientific program.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- Provide a forum for input into deliberations of the Antarctic Science Advisory Committee (ASAC), which provides advice on Antarctic matters to the Minister of the Environment. This is especially important for university personnel and others of the Antarctic scientific community who are outside Government agencies.
- Involve Australian Antarctic researchers in the programs of SCAR and other relevant international bodies.
- Forge links between the National Committee and broadly based national scientific societies.
- Promote and build multi-disciplinary links within the national Antarctic program.

3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2009 which will achieve the aims:

- Work with other organisations and agencies to publicise and promote the International Polar Year. This includes developing links to other I*Y programs with significant Australian involvement, including the International Heliosphere Year (IHY) and the Electronic Geophysical Year (eGY).
- Work with the Academy to identify appropriate resources on Antarctic science as part of the Academy's science education activities.
- Work to ensure that Australia retains a leading role in SCAR committees



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Budget

\$2,500 Australian travel for non-government employed members to attend NCAR meeting. Agenda to include items on: Australian involvement in Antarctic research and links to ASAC; involvement in IPY and subsequent outreach activities; Review of membership of SCAR committees and make nominations; Involvement of NCAR in education and outreach.