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## **NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for Brain and Mind**

### **2009 BUSINESS PLAN or WORK PLAN, including TIMELINES AND PROPOSED BUDGETS**

**Note:** This plan will be published on the National Committee page of the Academy of Science website [www.science.org.au/natcoms](http://www.science.org.au/natcoms).

It is anticipated that this Plan (approx one page) would provide information on:

1. Aims of this National Committee.
  - Maximise the engagement of Australian brain and mind science with the international scientific community;
  - Propose and encourage scientific activities in Australia, either jointly or separately
  - Facilitate the coordination of technical facilities for research in brain and mind sciences across Australia
  
2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved. Eg engaging to a greater extent with the secondary and / or tertiary education sectors; promoting the benefits of your discipline to the Australian community; strengthening relationships with scientific societies; contributing to policy development; facilitating international engagement by Australian scientists
  - Liaise with appropriate national and international bodies and societies;
  - Collect and disseminate information about all Australian research on brain and mind science
  - Seek to increase awareness within the Academy of the science of brain and mind and its achievements
  - Seek to increase public awareness about what brain imaging can and can't tell us about mental activities.
  
3. Plan of work/activities (and proposed budget details) in 2009 which will achieve the aims:
  - a. National (Funding from Academy: Up to \$2,500 upon presentation of receipts/invoices, to support NC meetings/teleconferences). Please include draft agenda items.

Meeting to be held in late January, probably in Canberra, with three major agenda items:

\* Finalise a list of national and international Corresponding Societies appropriate to the NCBM's interests, and decide which would be most appropriate for affiliation with the NCBM



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- Determine how to finalize the creation of a web directory for information exchange between brain imaging centres in Australasia
- Initiate discussion which would lead to the composition and distribution of a media release/position paper intended to explain in nontechnical terms what functional neuroimaging of the brain is, and what it can and can't reveal about mental activities. Sensationalized material providing highly misleading information about this appears very frequently in the popular media.

**Please complete and return this form by 12 December 2008 to:**

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