



Australian Academy of Science

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES FOR SCIENCE National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science

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

1. Aims of this National Committee:
 - To promote research and teaching in Australia in the history, philosophy, and social studies of science, technology, and medicine.
 - To facilitate linkages between Australian scholars working in this field and those in other countries: particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.
 - To further the public awareness of science in Australia.

2. Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved:
 - To work closely with the Australasian Association for History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science (AAHPSSS), Science and Technology Studies (STS) networks, the Australia and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine (ANZSHM), and university teaching departments.
 - To contribute to national discussions and policymaking relating to research and teaching in tertiary education.
 - To promote student interest in the field via student essay prizes (in alternate years in the history of Australian science and Australian environmental history), administered by the National Committee on behalf of the National Museum of Australia.
 - To maintain close links with the two Divisions of the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science (IUHPS) and their various working commissions.
 - To maintain and develop networks within the Asia-Pacific region
 - To support the “World History of Science On-line” project being developed by the Division of History of Science and Technology, IUHPS.

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

The majority of National Committee business as outlined above will be performed via email correspondence among Committee members. In addition, we anticipate one meeting in conjunction with the AAHPSSS conference, which is scheduled for July 2009 in Brisbane (otherwise, a separate meeting or teleconference will be arranged), with a budget of up to \$2500 upon presentation of receipts/invoices.

Send three delegates to the International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science, Division of the History of Science and Technology (DHST), 26-31 July, in Budapest, Hungary.



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To consider establishing a postgraduate student prize for the best paper in Science and Technology Studies, and to seek a co-sponsor.

To prepare a proposal for consideration by the Academy's Council for a project on the History of Australian Science, for its 60th Anniversary in 2014.