

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RADIO SCIENCE - NCRS

WORK PLAN - 2005

1 Aims of the NCRS.

The National Committee for Radio Science (NCRS) is a committee of the Australian Academy of Science. The aims of the Committee are to:

- Enhance cross-fertilisation across the multi-disciplinary subject of radio science;
- Propose and encourage activities in Australia, either jointly with other bodies or separately;
- Liaise with URSI, the International Union of Radio Science, and other appropriate national and international bodies and societies;
- Ensure the maximum participation by Australian scientists in relevant activities of URSI and keep URSI informed at appropriate times of Australian opinions and plans.

2 Strategies to allow these aims to be achieved.

- Run the biennial WARS Conferences (National role).
- Support URSI by managing the Australian delegation and input (International role)
- Maintain and enhance the NCRS website and e-mail list as effective vehicles for communication with the Australian radio science community.
- Develop stronger links to other organisations in Australia with radio science interests.

3 Plan of work/activities in 2005 which will achieve the aims:

3.1 National

- Encourage Young Scientists to apply for the URSI Young Scientist awards.
- Update and extend the web-based directory of Australian radio science.
- Continue to advertise radio science oriented meetings etc through the NCRS webpage and mailing list.
- Co-ordinate the Australian scientists attending the URSI General Assembly, New Delhi, October 23-29, 2005.

3.2 International Scientific Union

- Provide the URSI Radio Science Bulletin with brief summaries of the NCRS activities.
- Encourage participation in URSI activities by other countries in the local region (S. E. Asia);
 - encourage membership of URSI,
 - support regional meetings, for instance the 2004 Asia-Pacific Radio Science Conference proposed to be held in China.
 - Attend the URSI General Assembly
- Reinforce contacts between National Commission delegates and the URSI Commissions.

4 Budget

A request is made for \$5,000 to cover minor expenses related to the forthcoming URSI General Assembly. These funds are to support the travel expenses of successful candidates for the URSI Young Scientist awards.

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