

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR RADIO SCIENCE - NCRS

WORK PLAN - 2006

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 2006 which will achieve the aims:

3.1 National

- 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.
- Run the WARS 2006 Conference in February 2006, and publish the proceedings form this conference on the Web.
- Commence planning for holding the Asia-Pacific Radio Science Conference (AP-RASC) in Perth, 2007 (www.ap-rasc07.org).

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,
 - plan running of the AP-RASC Meeting in Perth, 2007.
- Continue to reinforce contacts between National Commission delegates and the URSI Commissions.

4 Budget

A request is made for \$2,000 to cover minor expenses related to the forthcoming National Committee for Radio Science meeting to be held in Leura, February 2006 prior to the WARS 2006 Conference..

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