

MIST

MIST Business Meeting

20 April 2009

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Spring MIST @ NAM, April 2009

Agenda

1. Review agenda
2. Summary of MIST activities (MH)
3. MIST Charter (AK)
4. MIST Election 2009 (GA)
5. MIST science and the Research Councils (MH)
6. Future MIST activities (MH)
7. Format of Autumn MIST (MH)
8. AOB

Finish by 1350 – allow prompt start of next session

Recent MIST activities

- Meetings
 - Discussion on STFC/NERC split, 22 October
 - Autumn MIST, 28 November
- Web
 - New site running well
 - Still need to move to RAS server (from BAS)
- Inputs to consultations, etc
 - Wakeham
 - STFC panel nominations (Sep 2008)
 - STFC (Corporate) Strategy

MIST + Research Councils

- No formal outcome on STFC/NERC discussion
 - Will we hear after Budget (22nd)?
- STFC invited to brief this meeting
 - Suggested variety of issues (Science Vision, ILWS, CV + exploration, EI, NERC)
 - could not offer anyone due to pressure of work
 - will be present Thursday, community forum
- Prepare questions for Forum?
- What is state of links with NERC & EPSRC?
 - Proposals, Peer Review work

Future activities

- STFC Science Vision
 - How to input? Will STFC make a call for input?
 - Should we prepare something anyway?
 - Do we need a case for UK Solar/STP?
- Links with UKSP (& IoP Plasmas?)
 - Do we want to deepen this?
 - How to proceed? Do we need small working group?

Format of Autumn MIST

- New format tried in 2007 and 2008
 - Two keynote talks (30 mins)
 - Encourage related oral/poster talks
 - Accept all oral/poster talks
- Has tended to reduce opportunities for young scientists to talk
 - Less talks, priority to related talks
- How to reconcile these?

AOB

- Astronomy Forum
 - Do you have any contact?
- RAS Council Election
 - Please vote! Usual turnout is 15 to 20%
 - You can vote for four councillors from this list:

M. Anand	G	R. Erdelyi	G
K. Blundell	A	M. Hendry	A
E. Bunce	G	A.W. Hood	G
W.J. Chaplin	A	O. Lahav	A
D.L. Clements	A	J. McCue	A
R. Cordy	A	M.A. Thompson	A
C. Davis	G	J. Woodhouse	G