

Dear SKA friends & colleagues

Please find below the latest industry-relevant news on SKA activities within Australia.

Please note that the inaugural SKA industry cluster event will take place on 5 December 2005 (item 1 below) and I hope that you will be able to attend. Please remember to RSVP to reserve your place!

Kind regards,
Carole

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SKA news for Australian industry: 9 November 2005

1. REMINDER Inaugural Cluster event: 'The SKA Industry Cluster Initiative – Australian Industry Capabilities & Project Opportunities'

Please see attached invite: this will be held at CSIRO ATNF HQ on Monday 5 December 2005. The event is open to all interested parties, but as numbers are limited, registration is required.

Please register ASAP if you have not done so already.

You may also like to note that following this workshop there will be a talk by Dr Jill Tarter, head of the SETI project: more details at

http://www.atnf.csiro.au/whats_on/index.html?action=showcolloquia&event_id=3368

Anyone who attends the industry briefing will be very welcome to stay on for Jill's talk and hear about detecting extra-terrestrial life and the development of the Allen Telescope Array.

2. Antennas design for the xNTD

Following the successful Antennas workshop on 15 September at CSIRO ATNF, copies of the presentations and other useful information on the xNTD antenna requirements are now available at http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/ska/industry_2/pw-antennas.html

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Carole Jackson, Colin (xNTD Project Leader – Colin.Jacka@csiro.au) and/or Mike Kesteven (xNTD Antenna development leader – Michael.Kesteven@csiro.au).

We hope you are enthused to prepare an initial expression of interest in proceeding with this project.

3. Australian SKA Planning Office (ASPO)

The 2nd ASPO newsletter is now available – please download from

http://www.atnf.csiro.au/news/index.html?action=showitem&news_id=1783

It contains updates on NTD, SKAMP, New Zealand, industry collaboration and Western Australian activities. Please feel free to distribute copies to colleagues who you think may be interested in Australian SKA developments.

4. WARS – bi-annual Workshop on the Applications of Radio Science

WARS is forum organized by the National Committee for Radio Science, for the presentation of current work in radio science, focusing on Australia (but not limited to), and for discussion to promote new work.

You are cordially invited to the next WARS in Leura, NSW, 15-17 February 2006. More information can be found at <http://www.ips.gov.au/IPSHosted/NCRS/wars.html>

Whilst the program isn't yet finalized, there is likely to be a session on both SKA R&D and Australian space related activities. The proceedings of the last meeting are a good guide of the breadth of the workshop. This is an opportunity to talk with a wide variety of practicing radio scientists in an informal environment.

For more information/registration contact Dr Phil Wilkinson, phil@ips.gov.au Deputy Director IPS Radio and Space Services and WARS convener.

5. IAU (International Astronomical Union) General Assembly, Prague 14-25 August 2006.

This is the largest meeting of the astronomical community, held every 3 years: the last one was in Sydney, enormously successful, attracting >2000 participants from Observatories world-wide and hosting an Astronomy Industry Day.

There are a number of opportunities for sponsorship and exhibitions for the meeting in Prague: We are seeking partners for the Australian SKA exhibition stands. If you are interested in participating or partnering/sponsoring the Australian SKA stand(s) please contact Carole Jackson for more information.

IAU GA website: www.astronomy2006.com

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