

AUSCOPE EMAIL UPDATE NO.7 – OCTOBER 2010
AuScope Officially Launched

Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon. Kim Carr launched the AuScope Infrastructure Program at the Mural Hall at Parliament House on 29 September in front of more than 50 invited guests.

AuScope II Planning

Planning for future infrastructure requirements is well underway under the stewardship of Chair of the Steering Committee Professor Peter Flood. Very strong response has been received from across the Earth Science sector either through brief submissions or as presentations to the AuScope II Steering Committee. Members of the committee in consultation with research groups are currently developing a range of investment scenarios. This process will deliver options for further consideration and development as DIISR commence a formal National Research Infrastructure Road Mapping process over the next 12 to 18 months. AuScope expects to be well positioned for a future program through the efforts of the Steering Committee. An important issue for AuScope and the earth science community remains to keep abreast of the Road Mapping process in relation to the Australian Continent capability which AuScope currently facilitates.

Australian Geophysical Observing System (AGOS) Update

Work is in place to prepare the Commonwealth EIF Funding Agreement and AGOS Participant Agreements for execution during December for commencement in early January 2011.

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AuScope Launch

The launch of the AuScope Program and its achievements to date was held at Parliament House on the 29 September 2010. Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon. Kim Carr, officially opened the event with the AuScope Board Chair, Professor Linda Kristjanson providing an overview of the NCRIS AuScope infrastructure. More than 50 guests representing partners and associated organizations attended.

Professor Julian Cribb acted as MC for the event which showcased the AuScope Program as an integrated blend of hardware, data streams, software systems, and technical capability that is providing a world-leading infrastructure for the earth sciences in Australia.

The event was attended by representatives of many of AuScope's partners, other science organisations, including Anne-Marie Lansdown, Head of Division, Science and Infrastructure (DIISR) John Ryan, Chair National Research Infrastructure Council, Tony Peacock CEO of the CRC Association and Julia Evans General Manager, Research Infrastructure Branch (DIISR) as well as several Members of Parliament.

A **promotional film** showcasing the work of AuScope was shown at the event and is available along with copies of the speeches and media stories on the **AuScope website**.



Left to right: Professor Julian Cribb acted as MC for the event; The launch in the Mural Hall at Parliament House was well attended; Board Director, Professor John Trinder and Gary Johnson greet the Minister.



Left to right: AuScope Board Chair, Professor Linda Kristjanson; Senator, the Hon. Kim Carr, delivering his speech; The launch was attended by representatives from many of AuScope's partners.



Left to Right: Barry Drummond, Geoscience Australia, The Minister, Warwick Watkins, and Linda Kristjanson; Anne-Marie Lansdown, DIISR, Minister Kim Carr and AuScope CEO, Bob Haydon; AuScope components displayed their achievements using visual demonstrations.



Left to right: CSIRO's Jon Huntington explains the finer points of the AuScope NVCL program; Brian Kennett from ANU shows the Minister the AuScope's transects; Geoscience Australia's Gary Johnston running through AuScope's Geospatial Program.



Left to right: Steve Quenette, Monash, demonstrating the Simulation, Analysis and Modelling (SAM) applications; Brent McInnes Director, John De Laeter Center discussing the importance of the Earth Composition component; Linda Kristjanson, Minister Kim Carr, Warwick Watkins and Chris Pigram, CEO Geoscience Australia.

Conferences

AuScope has featured at **AESC, PESA-ASEG, SEISMIX 2010, MeRC eXPO and GeoComputing 2010**. AuScope will also feature at **eResearch Australasia 2010**.

This update will be issued every three months to the Australian geoscience research community, keeping you up to date with the latest developments and progress of each of the six AuScope infrastructure components. Please forward the update to anyone in the wider research community who would be interested in finding out more about the investment in earth science infrastructure in Australia.

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