



## STFC Science Committees

- Council agreed in July 2011 to implement a number of changes to the STFC Science Committee structure
  - Based on advice and recommendations from Science Board on the effectiveness and efficiency of the existing advisory process
  - takes account of changes in the way the funding and priorities for the large facilities is determined, the creation of the UK Space Agency, and the continued need to operate efficiently
- It also agreed to seek advice through consultation on the future structure of Advisory Panels.

## STFC Science Committees

- Council agreed that Science Board, and the PPAN and PALS committees would be merged into a single advisory board.
- The new body will continue to be named Science Board and to report directly to Council.
- The terms of reference are on the STFC webpage

*Grants panels, PPRP etc. continue just as before, but now reporting to SB rather than to PPAN*

## Science Board membership 2011-12

- Tony Ryan, Sheffield (chair)
- Matt Griffin, Cardiff (deputy chair)
- Peter Butler, Liverpool
- Jon Butterworth, UCL
- Olwyn Byron, Glasgow
- Alison Davenport, Birmingham
- Martin Dove, QMUL
- Neville Greaves, Aberystwyth
- Alan Heavens, Edinburgh
- George Lafferty, Manchester
- Des McMorrow, UCL
- Bob Newport, Kent
- Steven Rose, Imperial
- Sheila Rowan, Glasgow
- Robert Warwick, Leicester
- Alfons Weber, Oxford/RAL



## STFC Science Board

- Council also agreed to establish a college of non-core experts so as to provide Science Board a wider breadth of knowledge to be called upon as required.
- Council agreed that Science Board will, on the basis of need, establish subgroups of both core and non-core members



## STFC Science Board

Science board met for the first time on 8 September and considered its mode of working and the work plan for 2011/12

Includes

- E-ELT
- SKA
- Island sites
- HiPER
- Preparing for a 2013 programme prioritisation
- ...



## Advisory Panels

- Our advisory structure also includes subject-specific Advisory Panels
- Council recognised the importance of these in providing strategic advice on the future priorities of individual aspects of the STFC programme, and in serving as a vital additional connection with our research communities
- Appropriate to make sure the number and structure of advisory panels is still optimal
- Council wanted wide consultation on the future structure of these panels before making any changes



## Consultation on Advisory Panels

- Comments are solicited on the following proposals:
- For the grant funded science programmes, advisory panels reporting to Science Board should be established in the following areas:
  - Astronomy
  - Nuclear Physics
  - Particle Physics
  - Particle Astrophysics



# Consultation on Advisory Panels

- For the facilities, comments are solicited on:
  - Whether the users groups offer sufficient opportunity for facility users to provide strategic input to STFC.
  - What changes would be needed to facilitate this input.
  - Whether there is still a need for the Photon and Neutron Advisory Panels.
- It is proposed that membership of all the advisory panels should be appointed based on recommendations of a sub-group comprising members of the Science Board and STFC executive following an open nomination process adhering to the Nolan Principles.





# Consultation on Advisory Panels

- In addition, comments are sought on:
  - The Advisory Panels' purpose and remit.
  - The optimum size of panels.
  - The balance between frequency of meeting, cost and effectiveness.
  - Interactions between the panels and community, and between the panels and the new Science Board
- Submissions should be emailed to [advisory.consultation@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:advisory.consultation@stfc.ac.uk) by 5.00pm BST Friday 14 October