Ad hoc Science Review Panel membership  
And Terms of Reference  

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At its meeting on 8th July 2014 the SKA Board approved (SKA-BD-14-10b) the appointment of an ad hoc Science Review Panel (SRP). The remit of the SRP is to review the science priorities developed by the SKAO Science Team and provide advice on those priorities to the Director General. The SRP will then advise on the capability of options for re-baselining to deliver on the prioritised science.

The SRP will consist of representatives of the Science Working Groups (SWG) and nominees from Board members to ensure the correct skill mix and appropriate geographic representation.

The Board provided additional nominations, all of which have been accepted. The membership of the SRP is:

Chris Carilli (SRP Chairman)  
Isabella Prandoni (Continuum SWG)  
Melanie Johnston-Hollitt (Magnetism SWG)  
Melvin Hoare (Cradle of Life SWG)  
Tom Oosterloo (HI SWG)  
Roy Maartens (Cosmology SWG)  
Leon Koopmans (CD/EoR SWG)  
Michael Kramer (Pulsars SWG)  
Rob Fender (Transients SWG)

Naomi McClure-Griffiths  
Philip Best  
Wouter Vlemmings  
Xu Renxin  
Vicki Kaspi  
Heino Falcke  
Jayaram Chengalur

Appendix 1 provides the Terms of Reference of the SRP.

The first meeting of the SRP is a Videocon scheduled for 2nd September 2014; the next is a face-to-face meeting in December 2014.
Appendix 1: SRP Terms of Reference

The SKA Director-General will establish an *ad hoc* Science Review Panel (SRP) with the following terms of reference:

1. The committee will comprise one representative of each of the SKA Science Working Groups as well as an optional nominee from each of the full SKA member countries.
2. The members of the committee act as individual experts and do not represent any organisation or community.
3. The SRP will provide advice to the Director-General on:
   - The scientific priorities of the SKA1 as determined by the SKA Science Team
   - The ability of re-scope scenarios for SKA1 to adequately deliver on the defined scientific priorities
4. The members of the committee will advise in the interests of the broadest possible scientific scope and not as advocates for a particular area of scientific interest.
5. The SKA Director-General will appoint a Chair of the SRP.
6. The Director-General may request additional advice from the SRP.
7. The SRP will provide a written report to the Director-General following each meeting.

It is expected that the SRP will meet in September 2014 to discuss the scientific priorities and in December 2014 to discuss re-scope scenarios against the scientific priorities. The SRP activities are currently expected to be complete prior to March 2015.

The SKA Science Director and his team will provide support to the SRP.

Travel expenses for SRP members will be borne by the SKA Organisation. Panel members are requested to use the cheapest travel method available.