

AURA Plans for next Decadal Survey 2007 Annual Meeting Roundtable Discussion

- The next survey needs a better means of mission/project cost assessment, including risk, technology readiness. Although our expertise and contributions are primarily in science evaluation, AURA institutions and centers may be able to help in some cost assessment.
- AURA members support broader community involvement (for buy-in) in the next survey, as was done during the 1990 (Bahcall Committee) review. AURA can help by sponsoring workshops on future UVOIR projects.
- Re-prioritization of uncompleted missions/projects is probably inevitable. However, AURA will push to have ATST considered outside this process, as it is already under consideration in the MREFC queue.
- The Decadal Process needs to find a way to make the public-private partnerships work, especially for major capital funding but also for operations support.