

July 26, 2007--Today AURA announced the formation of a special Steering Committee to develop input for the 2010 Decadal Survey. Members of the Steering Committee include:

Juri Toomre—JILA Chair
Mike Shull—University of Colorado, Ex Officio
Doug Richstone—University of Michigan
Caty Pilachowski—Indiana University
Jason Prochaska—University of California, Lick Observatory
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Over the past year, AURA has discussed how the community might organize and develop input to the next Decadal Survey on matters relating to UV/OIR astronomy and facilities. Principal goals of the Steering Committee are to identify major scientific trends over the next decade, community needs, demographic and structural changes, a balance of possible investments that include major and moderate initiatives and infrastructure improvements, and enabling roles that AURA might play.

We will maintain a website for notifying the community of the activities of the Steering Committee and for receiving input. A charge for the Steering Committee is included [here](#).