Call for Papers
9th Australian Space Science Conference
28th September – 1st October 2009
SYDNEY, NSW Australia

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit an abstract for the 9th Australian Space Science Conference (ASSC), to be held in Sydney. This will be the third ASSC jointly sponsored and organised by the National Committee for Space Science (NCSS) and the National Space Society of Australia (NSSA). The ASSC is intended to be the primary annual meeting for Australian research relating to space science. It welcomes space scientists, engineers, educators, and workers in Industry and Government.

This year’s ASSC will run in conjunction with the NCSS’s workshop on implementing Australia’s first Decadal Plan for Space Science, currently being developed. This one-day workshop will discuss the Plan and Government's responses, better link the scientific community and associated stakeholders in Government and industry, and start implementing the Plan's recommendations.

The scope of the conference covers fundamental and applied research that applies to space technologies, and includes the following:

- **Space science**, including space and atmospheric physics, Earth observation and remote sensing from/of space, planetary sciences, astrobiology and life sciences, and space-based astronomy and astrophysics.
- **Space engineering**, including communications, navigation, space operations, propulsion and spacecraft design, testing, and implementation.
- **Space industry**
- **Government, international relations and law**
- **Education and outreach**

For the abstract and paper guidelines and online submission go to URL www.assc.nssa.com.au

**Key Dates**
- Opening date for ASSC abstracts: 6 April 2009
- Closing date for ASSC abstracts: 12 July 2009
- Registration opens: 12 July 2009
- Acceptance of ASSC abstracts: 26 July 2009
- Closing date for full written ASSC papers: 3 November 2009

Please make the conference known to your colleagues. We hope that you will attend. You may email asscconference@nssa.com.au for more information.

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