

High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP)

The High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP) has advised the Federal Government on the national program in experimental and theoretical high energy physics (HEP) research since its inception in 1967. The Panel is currently chartered by the Department of Energy (DOE) and reports directly to its Director of the Office of Science, under the guidelines established by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). In addition, since the Panel now has joint ownership since October 2000, the Panel reports not only to the Director of the Office of Science, but also to the Assistant Director, Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate, NSF. DOE and NSF continue to enhance their existing partnership in advancing HEP research and work together to support the ongoing U.S. leadership in this forefront research.

HEPAP's activities include: periodic reviews of the program and recommendation of any changes considered desirable on the basis of scientific and technological advances or other factors; advice on long-range plans, priorities, and strategies for the national high energy physics program; advice on recommended appropriate levels of funding to assure a world leadership position, and to help maintain appropriate balance between competing elements of the program.

In formulating HEPAP special attention is paid to obtaining a diverse membership with a balance of disciplines, interests, experiences, points of view, and geography. HEPAP operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Public Law 92-463; 92nd Congress, H.R. 4383; October 6, 1972) and all applicable FACA Amendments, Federal Regulations and Executive Orders.