

Concerning the six programs approved by the USNC/IBP:

Five program directors have accepted appointments and the sixth is now being invited to serve in that capacity.

One management proposal has been accepted and funded by a granting agency.

One management proposal is nearing completion and will be submitted in the near future.

Preliminary estimates for total funding of each approved integrated research program have been made and are shown under Appendix III. No research proposal for work under these integrated research programs has been submitted. Such proposals are in various stages of preparation.

Workshops Conducted and Planned

As described later, 27 IBP workshops have been conducted and 9 are planned for the near future. The pattern for these conferences, usually requiring 2 to 4 days, has been:

- Review the research underway on the subject.
- Describe research that should be undertaken.
- Identify investigators and facilities that should undertake the proposed work.
- Prepare outline proposals.
- Request appropriate participants in the workshop to complete proposals.

In the case of the integrated research programs, the latter two steps have required extensive coordination between principal investigators, internationally and nationally, and have involved large geographic areas. Therefore, the organizational effort has been extensive.

The integrated research programs developing for later consideration of the National Committee are of comparable scope. The development of these programs is contingent upon the willingness of scientists who participate in the workshops to enter into the coordinated efforts necessary in each program. Preplanning in each case, and increased awareness that this coordination is needed, cause most convenors to predict development of the additional integrated research programs.