

NUAP Concerns

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NUAP Exercise Science-Driven

- 7 high priority questions identified
- They form backbone of a coherent science strategy
- Resources and facilities prioritised for each
- Strong astrobiological component associated with non-Aurora research noted

Much Consultation of Community

- Close to 100 individual experts consulted non-publicly
- 3 public calls for electronic input
- Town meeting
- 310 responses to final (Oct) call for electronic input – statistical and narrative summaries in final (Nov) NUAP report

Major Discrepancies

- NUAP: Grants and Fellowships the very highest priority – STFC: cuts
- NUAP: Current in situ space plasma facilities high priority for 3 of 7 high priority questions – STFC: withdrawing support of them
- NUAP: High priority for N Hemisphere OIR access for 2 high priority questions – STFC: closes
- NUAP: Aurora/ExoMars lower middle priority for 1 high priority question – STFC: funds

Grant Awards Science-Based

- From NUAP document: “The science program can (and should) be broader based than the science program that UK facilities can address ...”
- I. E. - Grants should be awarded on the basis of the quality of the science and the feasibility of achieving it and not on what facilities STFC decides to fund

Why the Discrepancies?

- Why do such important discrepancies exist?
- How did PPAN use the NUAP document which took into account 1000s of hours of effort of those who responded to calls for input?
- What is the PPAN equivalent of the strategy that NUAP's 7 high priority questions define?