

# Meeting Logistics

- Report on meeting to be sent to Survey HQ
  - Notes being taken
  - Audio recording made to assist note-takers
  - Please identify yourself when you first speak
- Lunch catered in courtyard ~noon!
  - Sandwich buffet
- Happy Hour in NOAO courtyard afterwards
  - Starts 3:30 or when we end (if after 3:30)

# Science Priorities

- What should be the top ranked priority for the ground based O/IR community in the coming decade?
  - What are the most compelling questions that must be attacked from the ground?
- What should be the top ranked Space Based priority for the coming decade?
  - What are the most compelling questions that must be attacked from space?
- What do you think are the most important criteria for making choices about activities to be recommended in the Astro2010 report?
  - Science output?
  - Space/Ground balance, capability balance (wavelength, resolution, field of view, etc)?
  - Open access?
  - Education?

# Science Priorities

- What is the role of activities such as technology development, theory, and laboratory experiments? And how much should they be weighted relative to full capability/infrastructure development?
- What about data analysis, data dissemination, data archiving, and database mining? What balance of resources should be devoted to these efforts for the next decade's missions or telescopes, relative to the work needed to push forward the projects themselves?
- What are the most important issues impacting the “State of the Profession” (e.g., jobs, job satisfaction, attraction of best talent, status of women and minorities)?
- Part of the charge to the survey committee is to recommend how the agencies should rebalance programs in light of changes in assumptions, scientific progress, or fiscal constraints. If you were writing the survey report, how would you address the inevitable changes in circumstances that can occur during the decade covered by the survey?
  - Use their best judgment?
  - Convene an expert committee?
  - Gather broad community input?

# Procedural Input

- Do you have any suggestions to improve either: 1) the information flow outward from the survey committee to the community; or 2) the opportunities for community input that are being provided (calls for white papers; town hall meetings like this one)?
- How can we generate maximal support for the survey process and maintain community solidarity behind the recommended program when it is completed?
- Can you suggest some ideas on how the US astronomy/astrophysics community can argue effectively for more funds when there are many other pressing scientific and other national needs?