

# Scientific Structure

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Two primary types of scientific body are active in COSPAR: **Scientific Commissions** (SCs) and **Panels**. The rules governing these bodies are contained in the **COSPAR By-laws**. In certain cases, the **Bureau** or the Scientific Commissions set up Sub-Commissions or **Task Groups** to address specific topics of scientific interest to **Associates**. An advisory body, the **Committee on Industry Relations (CIR)** reports to and advises the President of COSPAR on how best to integrate the capabilities of industry into COSPAR's activities. COSPAR also issues scientific **roadmaps** on critical issues to encourage decision makers in the relevant fields to develop collaborative programs based on the best science available, as well as reports on the status of **international cooperation in space research**.