**Scientific and technical advisory panel.**

**Purposes:**

The Science and Technical Advisory Panels (STAPs) are established to provide independent, expert advice and guidance on scientific, technical and policy matters related to ESS’s Science Directorate. The panel aims to ensure the highest standards of scientific and technical integrity, fostering innovation and facilitating the achievements of strategic goals.

**Charge:**

* Comment on the information provided during the STAP common sessions.
* Comment on the progress of the instrument construction projects.
* Comment on the readiness of ESS software to support the user programme including controlling the instruments and enabling data reduction and analysis.
* Comment on the provision of appropriate sample environments for the instruments.
* Advice the Science Directorate strategy towards first science and the user community.
* Advice on the progress towards selection of instruments 16-22 on science relating to your special interest.