



**Draft Programme for the Launch of the HiPER Project  
6<sup>th</sup> October 2008  
Science Museum, SW7 2DD, London, UK**

13.00 Registration and Tea/Coffee  
(Science Museum, Wellcome Wing entrance)

**Plenary Talks**

- 13.30 Introduction – **Prof Mike Dunne** (STFC, UK)
- 13.40 Welcome – The UK perspective; Investing in science –  
**Ian Pearson MP (Minister of State for Science and Innovation)**
- 13.55 Research Infrastructures in the European Research Area –  
**Robert-Jan Smits** (European Commission)
- 14.10 Perspective from the Czech Republic – **Prof Vlastimil Ruzicka**,  
Czech Vice Minister
- 14.25 Shaping the future with PETAL and HiPER- **Dr Didier Besnard**  
(CEA, on behalf of the *Haut Commissaire*)
- 14.35 HiPER – PETAL: *What is the project?* – **Prof Mike Dunne**
- 15.05 *What is the Science?* – **Dr Michael Tatarakis** (TEI Crete)
- 15.35 HiPER: *Energy applications* (film)
- 15.50 Fusion: Part of a bigger story – **Prof Steve Cowley** (UKAEA)
- 16.10 The HiPER partnership – **Prof Wolfgang Sandner** (MBI Berlin)
- 16.25 Signing Ceremony
- 16.35 Closing Remarks – **Prof John Wood** (Imperial College London)
- 16:45 End

**Evening Reception**

- 19.00 Reception – Energy Gallery, Science Museum (main entrance)
- 20.00 Dinner  
(after-dinner speech from **Professor John Beddington**  
CMG, FRS; Chief Scientific Advisor to the UK Government)