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## Circular 769

### The SCAR Awards for 2008

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Dear Colleagues

This Letter is the call for nominations for the SCAR Medals to be awarded at the XXX SCAR meeting in St Petersburg, Russia, in July 2008. National Committees, Delegates and members of the SCAR science community are invited to nominate candidates for -

“The SCAR Medal for Excellence in Antarctic Research”, and  
“The SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination”.

In addition, the SCAR President will select the candidate for the “President’s Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Antarctic Science”, which is awarded once in each SCAR Presidency.

The awards will be made during the opening ceremony of the open science conference, on July 8, 2008.

The SCAR Awards Scheme was launched at the XXIX SCAR Meeting, in Hobart, July 2006, where medals were awarded to Dr. Peter Barrett (NZ) for outstanding achievement in Antarctic science, to Dr. Paul Mayewski (USA) for excellence in Antarctic research, and to Dr David Walton (UK) for international scientific coordination. The first of the three medals has a silver finish, while the other two have a bronze finish.

There are no formal criteria for determining the recipients of the two SCAR Medals, other than that the candidates must have made exceptional contributions and be internationally acknowledged. For these awards there are no age limits. Self-nomination is not an option. No candidate may be awarded more than one medal at one SCAR Meeting. No awardee will be eligible for any other SCAR medal at any time.

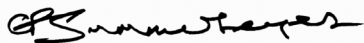
The Awards Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will comprise two Vice-Presidents and the three Chief Officers of

the Standing Scientific Groups, aided by the Executive Director. The decisions of the Awards Committee will be passed to the Executive Committee for final approval. The decisions of the Awards Committee will be accepted unless the Executive Committee specifically votes against any of the decisions. The deliberations of the Executive Committee will take place by correspondence well in advance of the Open Science Conference at which the awards will be presented, so as to enable recipients to be alerted to the need to make plans to attend the Conference to receive their awards.

In addition to awarding medals, SCAR will continue the practice of electing Honorary Members for outstanding contributions to SCAR by acclamation at the Delegates meeting. Where appropriate the Delegates may also award individuals with a Certificate of Appreciation for long and distinguished service.

Please send nominations for the awards (with a 1-page A4 justification) to the Executive Director at [cps32@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cps32@cam.ac.uk) no later than **1 February 2008**.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Colin Summerhayes  
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