

The SCAR Awards Scheme

1. SCAR Medals

SCAR awards medals at its biennial meetings. The medals are:-

(1) “The President’s Medal”, with silver finish, to be awarded for outstanding achievement in Antarctic science. The SCAR President will choose a candidate to receive the medal, and there will be one “President’s Medal” every 4 years, i.e. once in each SCAR Presidency.

The first President’s Medal was awarded to Dr. Peter Barrett (NZ) in Hobart (2006). The second was awarded to Dr Vladimir Kotlyakov (RUS) in St Petersburg (2008).

(2) “The SCAR Medal for Excellence in Antarctic Research”, with bronze finish, to be awarded at each biennial meeting, given suitable candidates.

The first such medal was awarded to Dr Paul Mayewski (USA) in Hobart (2006). The second was awarded to Dr Angelika Brandt (GER) in St Petersburg (2008).

(3) “The SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination”, with bronze finish, to be awarded at each biennial meeting, given suitable candidates.

The first such medal was awarded to Dr David Walton (UK) in Hobart (2006). The second was awarded to Dr Claude Lorius (FRA) in St Petersburg (2008).

Each medal will be accompanied by a one-page A4 citation on quality paper, as on previous occasions. Candidates are expected to provide a one-A4-page printed reply. Both the citation and reply will appear on the SCAR awards web page (<http://www.scar.org/awards/>).

For the Buenos Aires meeting (XXXI SCAR, 2010) it is anticipated that the presentations will be made during the SCAR Conference Banquet, where the citations and responses will be read. The President’s Medal will be presented in 2012.

Candidates may be nominated by SCAR Delegates, National Committees and SCAR scientists or by the wider scientific community; recommendations are made by an Awards Committee; and final selection is made by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Delegates (see Nominations Procedure, below).

Nominations Procedure

The award of the SCAR President’s Medal will be determined by the President.

The call for nominations for the other medals will be announced in the Antarctic Science Journal, on the SCAR web site, by Circular Letter (782), and on other appropriate web sites (COMNAP, ATS, ArcticInfo, and at national level).

It is essential that National Committees are diligent in nominating national candidates for awards.

The deadline for the receipt of nomination forms for the awards at XXXI SCAR will be 1 April 2010. They must be sent to Dr M Sparrow (mds68@cam.ac.uk).

Nominators should follow the nominations procedure (Annex I).

No candidate may be awarded more than one medal. No awardee will be eligible for any other SCAR medal at any time. Self-nomination is not an option.

A multidisciplinary Awards Committee will be appointed with the approval of the SCAR Executive Committee (EXCOM). The Awards Committee will select candidates for the two SCAR Medals from nominations received.

A transparent system will be used to rate and rank candidates as the basis for selection.

The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be passed to EXCOM well ahead of the EXCOM meeting associated with each SCAR biennial meeting, and any deliberations on the matter will take place by e-mail correspondence. EXCOM will make its final decision on the awards well in advance of the biennial meeting, so as to enable recipients to be alerted to the need to make plans to attend the biennial open Science Conference to receive their awards.

There are no formal criteria or age limits for determining the recipients of the two SCAR Medals. It is expected that the exceptional nature of the candidates' qualifications will justify the award.

Nomination details of unsuccessful candidates in a given year will be held for three years for possible consideration.

2. SCAR Certificates of Appreciation

On the recommendation of Standing Scientific Groups, Delegates, or EXCOM, "Certificates of Appreciation" may be awarded to people who have provided exceptional services to SCAR over long periods. These may include retiring officers of EXCOM. Recommendations should be made to the SCAR Secretariat prior to annual meetings of EXCOM.

3. SCAR Honorary Membership

SCAR also has the option of should bestowing Honorary Membership on particular individuals for outstanding contributions to SCAR. Nominations should be received by the Secretariat ahead of the biennial SCAR meeting. Awards are made by acclamation at the Delegates meeting. It has been common practice in the past for retiring Presidents to be made Honorary Members.

Annex I.

SCAR Medal Nomination Form

Part I. Cover Page

Nominator

Surname(s):

First name:

Title:

Institution, Department, Division:

Address:

Postal/ZIP Code:

Country:

Tel.:

Fax:

E-mail:

Nominee

Surname(s):

First name:

Title:

Institution, Department, Division:

Address:

Postal/ZIP Code:

Country:

Tel.:

Fax:

E-mail:

Part II. Nominee's Curriculum Vitae (No more than 2 pages)

1) Education, Training, Qualifications

Dates (from - to), Institution, Place, Degree(s)/Diploma(s) obtained

[Start from the most recent, and add the same data for each degree or stage.]

2) Professional Career History

Dates (from - to), Institution, Place, Activity, Post

[Start from the most recent, and add the same data for each post or position.]

3) Publications: Five recent seminal publications

4) Distinctions, Prizes, Awards, Honorary Degrees

5) Other Relevant Information (e.g., additional publications – no more than five)

6) Justification for Nomination: the nominator is to include a description (no more than 500 words) of the candidate's significant activities in Antarctic science or coordination.

7) Optional – the nominator may include an additional letter of support from a respected scientist (no more than one page, including background and contact details of the supporter).