STATUS OF NATIONAL REPORTING TO SCAR

SCAR Members have traditionally provided hard copies of Annual Reports containing detailed description of all their activities undertaken in the Antarctic, and with a special emphasis on activities related to SCAR. The number of National Reports submitted to SCAR has decreased since 2000-2001. In addition some Members complained at having to write long reports to SCAR in addition to their own institutional Annual Reports. In response to recommendations made at the SCAR Delegates meeting in 2004, the SCAR Secretariat produced in 2005 a template for National Reporting to SCAR (see Annex 1) that was designed to reduce the amount of time needed for preparation of national Reports to SCAR. The template is meant to help the SCAR National Committees to focus on the vital part of each country’s contribution to Antarctic research, to provide an indication of the research being undertaken that is relevant to SCAR, and to provide an updated information and contact address for anyone requiring further information.

National Reports to SCAR, based on the new template, should be made available electronically as soon as the field season in the Antarctic is over. Electronic version of each Report is easily available to all other SCAR members via the SCAR website. However, hard copies of the Reports are also acceptable.

The template covers essential contact information on the National Committees, Delegates, and the scientists involved in any of the SCAR Standing Scientific Groups, Scientific Research Programmes, Action and Expert Groups, Data Management, existing data centres and databases. The template also calls for provision of an update on achievements and deliverables of each country’s research in the Antarctic. This information will help SCAR inform all of its Members about what the others are doing. It will also provide the Secretariat with the information it needs to bring public attention to the role Antarctic science plays in global research.

For the current status on the submissions of the Annual Reports to SCAR see the SCAR website at: http://www.scar.org/members/annualreports/. The submissions of the annual reports since 2000-2001 are presented in Figure 1.
Fig. 1. Submissions of the Annual Reports to SCAR, 2000-06.
**ANNEX 1. TEMPLATE OF AN ANNUAL REPORT TO SCAR.**

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**NATIONAL ANTARCTIC DATA CENTRE**

**SCAR DATABASE**

insert name of database for which your country has responsibility

**A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC HIGHLIGHTS:**