Activities of the SCAR Executive Committee
August 2002 – September 2004

At XXV ATCM in Warsaw, Poland, 10–20 September 2002, J Thiede attended the first two
days of the meeting and presented the SCAR Report to the ATCM. SCAR hosted a lunch for
SCAR members present at the meeting to which the members of the COMNAP Executive
Committee were invited.

R H Rutford, R Schlich, J López-Martínez and P D Clarkson represented the SCAR
Executive Committee at the award ceremonies in Oviedo, Spain, October 2002, to receive
the Prince of Asturias Prize for International Cooperation 2002. In addition to attending the
formal functions, several interviews were give to the Spanish and international news media.

On 9 and 10 February 2003, J Thiede and R Schlich, together with J Turner and P D
Clarkson, attended a meeting of the International Organizing Committee for XXVIII SCAR.
Discussions were held in Bremerhaven and a visit was made to the Congress Centre in
Bremen to view the facilities for the Open Science Conference.

The SCAR Delegation to XXVI ATCM, Madrid, Spain, 9–20 June 2003, was led by D W H
Walton in the absence of J Thiede. J López-Martínez attended the meeting as a member of
the Spanish Delegation. SCAR hosted a lunch for SCAR members present at the meeting to
which the members of the COMNAP Executive Committee were invited.

During 30 June to July 11, R Schlich represented SCAR at the 23rd Assembly of the IUGG, in
Sapporo, Japan.

The formal meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Brest, France, 11–15 July 2003,
in conjunction with the COMNAP XV meeting. All member of the Executive attended and
were joined by the Chief Officers or their representatives: A Capra (SSG Geosciences), S L
Chown (SSG Life Sciences), J Turner (SSG Physical Sciences) and M C Kennicutt II
(SC–ATS). The Executive also held a joint meeting with the COMNAP Executive
Committee on 11 July 2003. The reports of these meetings were published in SCAR Bulletin
no 154, July 2004.

The Executive Committee, minus C Howard-Williams, met in Cambridge, United Kingdom,
29 August 2003, for the specific purpose of interviewing three candidates for the post of
Executive Director of SCAR. Dr C P Summerhayes was appointed and he took up the post in
Cambridge full-time from 1 April 2004. The Executive Committee also discussed other
items of business.

C G Rapley chaired the 1st session of the IPY Planning Group, at ICSU headquarters in Paris,

J Thiede participated in the 36th meeting of the SCOR Executive Committee, in Moscow,
Russia, 5–18 September 2003, to make a presentation on SCAR and to continue discussions
on future relations between SCAR and SCOR.

C G Rapley chaired the 2nd session of the IPY Planning Group at ICSU headquarters in Paris,

On 20 and 21 January 2004, J Thiede, R Schlich, J López-Martínez and C Howard-Williams,
together with A Capra and J Turner, C P Summerhayes and P D Clarkson, met in
Bremerhaven, Germany, as the International Organizing Committee for XXVIII SCAR. The
opportunity was taken to hold an Executive Committee meeting to discuss other matters of
business, particularly with respect to SCAR representation and activities at the forthcoming XXVII ATCM in Cape Town, South Africa. C. Rapley was present by video conference for the discussion of the IPY.


Between 31 March and 3 April 2004, at Reid Hall, in Paris, France, C G Rapley chaired the 1st IPY Discussion Forum and the 3rd IPY Planning Group meeting.

J Thiede and C G Rapley participated in the IPY Planning Group meeting.


At XXVII ATCM in Cape Town, South Africa, 24 May – 4 June 2004, J Thiede attended the first two days of the meeting and presented the SCAR Report to the ATCM. SCAR hosted a lunch for SCAR members present at the meeting to which the members of the COMNAP Executive Committee were invited.

On 27 May 2004, C G Rapley and R Schlich made presentations on the IPY Planning Process (CGR), and on SCAR in the IPY (RS), to the IPY Session of the AGU-EGU meeting in Nice, France.

At the first week of XXVIII SCAR, the Open Science Conference, in Bremen, Germany, 25–31 July 2004, the full Executive Committee met on Sunday 25 July 2004. The Chief Officers attended the latter part of the meeting. The Executive Committee held a joint meeting with the COMNAP Executive Committee on Thursday 29 July 2004. A further meeting of the Executive Committee and the Chief Officers was held on Friday 30 July 2004.

Between 3 and 16 September 2004, at Reid Hall, in Paris, France, C G Rapley chaired the 2nd IPY Discussion Forum and the 4th IPY Planning Group meeting.

Away from the different meetings recorded above, the members of the Executive Committee have been in regular communication by e-mail, advising and guiding the Secretariat on a wide variety of matters. In particular, R H Rutford has completed the revision of the SCAR Constitution, the SCAR Rules of Procedure, and the Rules of Procedure for SCAR Subsidiary Groups to take into account the implementation of the SCAR Review and the new structure and operation of SCAR. The Executive Committee has also assisted the Executive Director with detailed comment on the draft of the First Long-Term Strategic Plan for SCAR.

In summary, the past two years have been a very active time for the Executive Committee.

P D Clarkson
Executive Secretary