FELLOWSHIP REPORT ON 2008-2009 APPLICATIONS

May 31 was the deadline for applications for the SCAR Fellowships for 2008-2009. The review board comprised the three SSG COs, Toni Meloni from the EXCOM, Pete Convey (EBA co-chair) and Kathleen Conlan (SSG-LS).

In total there were 19 applicants. To prevent any one of the evaluation team having to take on a large burden, the tasks were divided up as follows:

1. Maurizio Candidi took all 4 SSG-PS proposals;
2. Alessandro Capra took all 3 SSG-GS proposals;
3. Ad Huiskes took all 12 LS proposals;
4. Toni Meloni took the GS and PS proposals;
5. Pete Convey and Kathleen Conlan between them took all the LS proposals;
6. Mike Sparrow coordinated the results

This ensured two reviews for all proposals.

Marks were based on:

(i) High quality;
(ii) Relevance to SCAR’s SRPs;
(iii) The work will help to build the capacity of those who need it most;
(iv) The study is largely self-contained, rather than being part of a bigger project in which the applicant is a collaborator;
(v) The study can be effected in the set time and could lead to a publication;
(vi) The study helps someone from a country that is relatively financially stressed.

Evaluators scored proposals as: "A+" excellent; "A" good; "A-" not bad; or "B" reject.

Evaluators ranked their top 4 choices (1 = top; then 2, 3, 4), and marked as ‘S’ all others for which they were responsible.

The Executive Officer converted the alphabetical scores to numerical (A+ = 1, A=2; A- - 3; B=5), then summed the alphabetical and rating scores to give a combined score that was averaged according to the number of evaluators. This gave the scores and rankings the table below. Only the top 6 candidates are shown.

For general information, more than half of the candidates were women.

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For more information, see the table above.
The budget available is $30,000, though it would be good to fund the top three (total cost $37,760), which would also give one fellowship to each of the three SSGs. One option would be to fully fund Verducci ($8,000) and offer partial funding to Clavano and Namsaraev ($11,000 each).

Only two candidates applied for the 6CI fellowships and discussion with the 6CI partners resulted in them wishing to support one of the applicants (Ramon Hegedus from Hungary) fully ($10,000). Ramon was not in the top six candidates identified by the reviewers.