The SCAR 50th Anniversary Book Draft
Executive Summary

**Title:** The SCAR 50th Anniversary Book Draft - "Science in the snow"

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**Introduction/ Background:** In Hobart at XXIX SCAR Delegates decided that to celebrate 50 years of international scientific collaboration it would be valuable for a history of SCAR to be written. Michael Stoddart originally agreed to provide the lead but then had to withdraw due to work commitments. David Walton and Peter Clarkson agreed to undertake the necessary research and write the volume. Since then Colin Summerhayes has also become involved and provided an extra chapter as well as much useful comment.

**Recommendations/Actions and Justification:** The draft of the volume is now almost complete and we are searching for suitable illustrations. Offers of suitable illustrations from Delegates would be most welcome, especially for periods before 1990/ Photos can be of SCAR meetings, SCAR excursions or notable individuals. The draft is being sent to a wide variety of senior SCAR members, past and present, for critical comment including Past Presidents and the Executive. For many sections we have been aided by input from individuals. The book cannot be a complete history of everything that SCAR has ever done but does aim to cover all the major activities including its relationships with other international organisations and its interactions with the Antarctic Treaty. Nevertheless the decision on what has been finally included is that of the authors. Publication is intended to be October 2010.

**Expected Benefits/Outcomes:** Delegates are requested to agree to publication on the basis that the book will provide a valuable reference on SCAR’s many activities, celebrate the objectives of the organisation and is priced to recover all the SCAR investment.

**Budget Implications:** Use of $14,000 funds agreed for this project