Bids to Host the
SCAR 2020 Open Science Conference
and the XXXV SCAR Delegates Meeting

Executive Summary

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Important Issues or Factors:
Since 2004, SCAR has been holding an Open Science Conference together with its Biennial Delegates Meeting. The 2018 meetings will be held in conjunction with the Arctic Science Summit Week and the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) in Davos, Switzerland. It has been tradition, when possible, that the COMNAP Annual General Meeting is also held with the SCAR meetings. For 2016 and 2018 the meetings were not held jointly as COMNAP rules require their meetings to be hosted in COMNAP member countries and Malaysia (2016) and Switzerland (2018) are not currently members of COMNAP.

Australia has submitted a bid to host the 2020 meetings in Hobart. Australia is a member of both SCAR and COMNAP, thus the bid includes hosting both meetings. Australia also graciously hosted the 2006 SCAR meetings in Hobart.

SCAR has received a letter of interest for the 2022 meetings from India.

Recommendations/Actions and Justification:
The Delegates are asked to consider the bid from Australia for hosting the 2020 meetings.

Budget Implications:
SCAR funds are usually provided to some degree for these meetings.
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Dear Dr Baeseman

PROPOSAL FOR AUSTRALIA TO HOST THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR) OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE (OSC) IN HOBART IN AUGUST 2020

I wish to advise you that Australia intends to bid to host the SCAR OSC and related events, including the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2020.

Our proposed venue for the SCAR OSC and most related events will be the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, with the COMNAP AGM to be held at the headquarters of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources (CCAMLR), which is a short walk from the Hotel. Both venues have breakout rooms that are suitable for side events. Social events will be held at various locations on the Hobart waterfront and possibly at the internationally-renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) which is a short ferry ride from Hobart’s waterfront.

The 2006 SCAR OSC and associated events were held in Hobart, but since that time the city has progressed significantly as an Antarctic hub, and also as a centre for cultural and tourist activities. Since 2006, Hobart has become an important hub for aviation across Eastern Antarctica through the Antarctic Airlink to Wilkins aerodrome near Casey Station. The Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) was established in 2010 and is now located in a spectacular new building on the Hobart waterfront, which is also home to the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre (ACE CRC). Hobart is now the home to hundreds of Antarctic and Southern Ocean scientists, and there will be many opportunities for collaborative visits, and for scientists to organise specialised workshops and meetings on either side of the OSC in collaboration with Australian partners.
Australia has long been an active contributor to Antarctic research and to SCAR-facilitated science across all of the organization’s strategic areas of interest. International collaboration is central to Australia’s approach, reflected by a wide array of science and logistic collaborations with partners from around the globe. In April 2016, the Australian Government announced a new 20 year Antarctic Strategic Plan, which provides enhanced funding for Antarctic science and operations, with a focus on ice core drilling, inland traverse, and scoping of expanded aviation services. In April 2016, the Australian Government also signed a contract for a new, state of the art icebreaker to be delivered in 2020. This powerful and capable research and operational vessel will be completed in time for the SCAR OSC and will be the location for some of the conference’s social activities.

Since the conference was last here in 2006, so much about Tasmania has changed. There is no doubt that the 2011 opening of MONA (Museum of Old and New Art); Australia’s largest privately owned museum has played a major role in the growing worldwide interest in Australia’s beautiful island state. The increased interest from around the globe, and significant surge in visitor numbers to Tasmania has led to a heightened sense of pride among tourism operators and locals alike. Tasmania has welcomed the challenge and is delivering with a number of significant, new and exciting products on the market.

Offsite venues such as Princes Wharf No.1, Macquarie Wharf No.2 and Brooke Street Pier, all walking distance from the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, provide fantastic new locations for social events. A number of new hotels are scheduled for completion in 2017-2018, offering more choice for. For those wishing to holiday in Tasmania pre- or post-conference, Saffire Freycinet, on Tasmania’s East Coast was recently named the World’s Best Boutique Hotel and the Tamar Valley in the state’s north was recently awarded the people’s choice Best Food Region by Australian Traveller Magazine.

Tasmania’s increase in popularity has been backed by winning awards both nationally and internationally including recently being named in the world’s “Top 10 Regions in the World to Visit in 2015” in Lonely Planet’s Best in Travel 2015 publication. The island offers some of the world’s cleanest air, purest water, finest produce and most breathtaking scenery. I have attached a short document outlining Australia’s proposal for hosting the SCAR OSC, COMNAP AGM and other associated events. I will bring a more detailed prospectus and short video to the SCAR Delegate’s meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

I hope that this proposal gains the approval of SCAR Delegates, and that there will be an opportunity for Hobart, Australia’s Antarctic Gateway, to host a terrific event in 2020.

Yours sincerely

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XXXVI SCAR Delegates Meeting and Open Science Conference

Hobart, Tasmania, 2020
TASMANIA

Tasmania, the island of inspiration invites the SCAR Delegates to consider Tasmania as the host destination for the 2020 SCAR Delegates Meeting and Open Science Conference.

Tasmania is a destination that will energise, inspire, challenge, focus and connect; a place where it is easy to engage with the rejuvenating island lifestyle. Attendees will be able to discover ancient wilderness and amazing wildlife; savour superb seafood, fresh local produce and wonderful cool climate wines. Tasmania is the perfect meeting place. It offers some of the finest meeting facilities in one of the world’s most stunning environments, so readily accessible from interstate or overseas. As an attendee experience, Tasmania offers a relaxed pace of life that reflects a unique island lifestyle, a genuine warm welcome and an exciting safe environment to explore. After the conference day ends, Tasmania tantalises the visitor with exciting, unique and enjoyable social programs.

Please take the time to view a short vignette which will give you a 3 minute update on what has been happening in Tasmania since the conference was last hosted here.

Hobart, Australia’s East Antarctic Gateway is the ideal region for your conference.

In the following pages, you will find suggestions tailored specifically for this event.
HOBART, GATEWAY TO EAST ANTARCTICA

Hobart, Tasmania’s capital city is a blend of heritage and lifestyle, spectacular scenery and vibrant culture. Hobart is a cosmopolitan city linked to mountain, river and sea, it is spinnakers on the water and fish punts at the docks, coffee under the sun umbrellas at Salamanca and an occasional frosting of snow on Mount Wellington.

Hobart is a contemporary convention city, with all the facilities you would expect from a large city and is the gateway to southern Tasmania. With conference venues to suit all conference sizes and budgets from 10 to 1100 Attendees, the city also offers a range of accommodation options from hostel to five-star hotels. A diverse range of venues, access to living history, unique food and wine experiences, and the credibility gained through hosting successful conventions.

Hobart is the leading gateway city for the East Antarctic region, which extends from the Ross Sea to Dronning Maud Land. It is a major world centre for Antarctic and Southern Ocean scientific research: home to the Australian Antarctic Division, the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre and the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies and CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research. These institutions employ hundreds of researchers undertaking globally-significant work in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. The hosting of the SCAR OSC and related events in Hobart will provide an opportunity for visiting and Hobart-based scientists to organise further specialised workshops and meetings on either side of the main event.

Along with the Australian national Antarctic program, Hobart is the home port for Antarctic resupply voyages undertaken to Dumont d’Urville Station by the French Antarctic program as conducted by the Institut Polaire Français Paul–Emile Victor. It is also frequently visited by vessels from the Korean, US and Chinese Antarctic programs and by a number of other Southern Ocean research vessels.

Hobart’s role as a centre of operations has expanded significantly since 2006, it has become a major aviation gateway to Eastern Antarctica. The Australian Antarctic Program’s Airlink operates A319 Airbus and Royal Australian Airforce C17A Globemaster flights between the Hobart Airport and Wilkins aerodrome in Antarctica, which itself serves a hub for connecting aviation services operated by Australia and other nations across a large part of the continent. The Australian Government’s 20 Year Antarctic Strategic Plan, announced in April 2016, provides for further work towards year-round aviation access to Eastern Antarctica, as well as investing in significantly upscaling Australia’s ice core drilling capabilities and supporting inland traverse operations.

The Port of Hobart, which is within walking distance to our proposed venue for the Conference, is also undergoing a significant redevelopment, with the opening in 2013 of a world class Cargo and Biosecurity Centre for Australian Antarctic program operations. The number of Antarctic vessels visiting Hobart each summer has been steadily increasing over recent years and the Port is responding to this international Antarctic demand.

From early in 2020, the Port of Hobart will provide a permanent home for the new state of the art Australian icebreaker, one of the largest, most powerful and most capable vessels ever to support Antarctic science and operations. We plan to make tours and other events on the vessel an important part of Conference activities. Hobart is also the home to the RV Investigator, a new, highly capable national marine research vessel which works around Australia and in the Southern Ocean. Depending on its schedule, this vessel might also be berthed in Hobart during part or all of the OSC.

Adjacent to the Port, work will be nearing completion on a world class facility which will accommodate Antarctic related research support and tourism activities.
PROPOSED DATES

The event(s) will be held in August, preferably starting on a Friday or Saturday.

Wintertime in Tasmania is alive and vibrant - offering attendees a unique experience. What you may not know, is that while it may be cold, Tasmania has many crisp, clear blue winter skies during winter that are perfect for sightseeing and enjoying outdoor activities. Indeed Tasmania’s natural rugged beauty is at its best during wintertime.

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) will comprise of representatives from local institutions involved in SCAR, the AAD, Antarctic Tasmania and the local Antarctic sector. The LOC will hire the services of a Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) to manage the OSC including abstracts. The following PCOs are all based in Hobart, Tasmania. Leishman Associates were the conference organisers hired for the 2006 Hobart conference.

Conference Design
Conference Design Pty Ltd is a conference management company specialising in the management of conferences, scientific meetings, and international symposia. We work in partnership with associations, societies, corporate organisations and governments across all sectors, from health to education to agriculture.

Leishman Associates
At Leishman Associates, we encompass all aspects of project management for your event. We have specialist staff members dedicated to making sure your event or conference is successful, trouble-free, and memorable.

Lifestyle Concierge Tasmania
Lifestyle Concierge Tasmania is a professional destination and event manager, specialising in all things Tasmanian. Creating bespoke experiences for your delegates and partners, in line with your budget, brief and needs. We join all the dots together to bring your Tasmanian program to life and ensure a seamless experience and lasting memory for your clients and delegates. We thrive on challenges; tricky brief and out of the box thinking is what we do best!
COSTS
The Australian Antarctic Division and the Tasmanian Government will jointly meet any costs that are not covered by attendee registration fees, including the costs of the COMNAP AGM and the SCAR Delegates Meeting.

PROPOSED PROGRAM

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HOBART CONFERENCE VENUES

Hobart has conference venues to suit all meeting sizes and budgets. The following venues have been proposed to host the SCAR OSC and related events.

**Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart**
240 rooms | 4.5 star
The Hotel Grand Chancellors Federation Concert Hall and Convention Centre takes pride of place on Hobart’s waterfront. The venue features a tiered auditorium for 1100 people, exhibition hall for 110 booths and another eight versatile meeting and function rooms. For groups from 10 to 1100, the Federation Concert Hall and Convention Centre offers all the amenities you would expect of a modern, world class venue.

**Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) Secretariat**
CCAMLR has no accommodation onsite but many accommodation options within close walking distance. The home of CCAMLR, which was once an old school, dates back to 1842. CCAMLR hosts more than 250 international delegates at its annual general meeting as well as various other meetings and seminars. A number of conference rooms are available for use along with communal spaces for breaks.

ACCOMMODATION HOBART

Hobart offers a range of accommodation options to suit every attendees taste and budget. These include everything from boutique 5 star hotels, self-contained apartments, modern three and four star hotels, comfortable motels, colonial cottages, guest houses, cabins and caravan parks.

The following is a snapshot of existing accommodation venues located a short distance from the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart and CCAMLR. Hobart also has 3 new exciting hotels currently under construction, opening in 2017; Crowne Plaza, Vibe Hotel and Macq01 Hotel, all within walking distance to the proposed venues.

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HOBART OFFSITE VENUES

Tasmania is lucky to have some of the world’s cleanest air and purest drinking water. Unpolluted coastal seas and rich, fertile soils enables Tasmania to produce the finest foods. World class chefs are passionate about this produce, ensuring guests are treated to an extraordinary experience, Tasmania on a plate. To compliment Tasmania’s superb food, the state also produces world class and award winning cool climate wine, whiskey, beer and cider.

Hobart has many spectacular offsite dining venues including wineries, waterfront restaurants and function centres, historic houses and unique venues with a difference.
The following venues have been proposed to host social events held within the 12 day event.

Princes Wharf Shed 1 (PW1) – SCAR Conference Dinner
Princes Wharf is ideally suited for a large variety of corporate events, conferences and exhibitions. The venue is ideal for meetings, conferences, training session, exhibitions, trade shows, product launches and more. The venue has amazing waterfront views of the Derwent River and Salamanca Place, offers a choice of caterers and is only a short walk from many Hobart accommodation venues. Princes Wharf 1 can cater for up to 1500 guests.

Macquarie Wharf 2 (Mac 2) – SCAR Icebreaker
Overlooking the iconic Hobart waterfront precinct, the venue is right on the doorstep of Salamanca Place and The Henry Jones complex and is just two minutes’ walk from the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Macquarie Wharf No.2 Cruise Terminal is the perfect waterfront event space and is equipped to cater for up to 1000 guests.

MONA The Museum of Old and New Art – COMNAP Dinner and/or SCAR Icebreaker/ SCAR Delegates’ banquet
When the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) opened in January 2011, the Tasmanian conference industry was able to offer a completely different conference destination. The 9 hectare site, including 3.5 hectare vineyard, is just 15 minutes’ drive from the Hobart, or a 30 minute MR1 Mona Ferry cruise up the Derwent River. It offer the Ether Building Function Centre, Moorilla Winery and cellar door, Wine Bar, Moo Brew Microbrewery, The Source Restaurant, eight contemporary pavilions, a 63 seat cinema, and of course Australia’s largest private gallery, the Museum of Old and New Art.

Frogmore Creek - SCAR Icebreaker/ SCAR Delegates’ banquet
Frogmore Creek Wines is a multi-award winning vineyard restaurant, function centre and cellar door, just east of Hobart.
It oozes quality at every turn: the food, the wines, the view and the ambience. With a private meeting room for 22 and function facilities to cater for up to 300 cocktail style or 150 seated dinner, Frogmore Creek Wines offers a flexible and friendly function venue.

Glen Albyn Estate- SCAR Icebreaker/ SCAR Delegates’ banquet
An exceptional new boutique venue providing a spectacular setting on 15 acres overlooking the Derwent River only 15 minutes from the CBD. Apart from the amazing views this private property has a number of water features including a walk on water pool; a pool covered with glass with fibre optic mood lighting. Stunning Tasmanian cuisine, impeccable service and an in-house theming department will further ensure that a truly special Tasmanian experience will not be forgotten.

Peppermint Bay & Peppermint Bay Cruise - SCAR Icebreaker/ SCAR Delegates’ banquet
Peppermint Bay at Woodbridge and the Peppermint Bay Cruise are the result of a vision to link Hobart’s stunning waterways with a world-class destination in the rich and beautiful southern region. Peppermint Bay has been painstakingly designed to capture the spectacular panorama of the surrounding landscape and water’s edge vista. The purpose built restaurant and contemporary function facility, state of the art catamaran, acres of superbly landscaped gardens and village green can be configured to host any occasion and group size.
ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Outdoor & Adventure Activities

**Salamanca Place & Salamanca Market**
Salamanca Place is one of Tasmania’s best known landmarks, along with Cradle Mountain, Mount Wellington, Port Arthur, Freycinet and Strahan. Salamanca is the home to dozens of shops, cafes, restaurants, bars, art galleries and the world famous Salamanca Market. Held every Saturday throughout the year the Salamanca Market brings Salamanca Place to life. With over 300 stall holders, showcasing fresh gourmet produce, original handmade Tasmanian pieces of woodwork, jewellery, glassware, ceramics and fashion pieces, the Salamanca Market is a celebration of Tasmania’s unique culture, creative artisans, talented musicians and diverse producers.

**Mount Wellington Descent**
Visit the stunning Mount Wellington, known to Tasmanian as ‘The Mountain’. Depart Hobart’s Brooke St Pier and drive 21km by minibus to the summit of Mount Wellington. Rising to the height of 1270 metres, Mount Wellington is a spectacular backdrop for the city of Hobart. Take in the views of the distant mountain ranges of the southwest to the sprawling city of Hobart below, from the observation deck located at the summit of the mountain. Attendees will then descend down the mountain on mountain bikes, watching the subalpine terrain gradually being replaced by a magnificent forest, completing the journey back on the Hobart waterfront. Mount Wellington is also accessible via car and the Red Decker Coach Company also offers a shuttle bus service to the summit.

Wilderness Activities

**Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary**
Bonorong is not a zoo. They are a wildlife sanctuary specialising in the care and rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife while giving you an up close and personal experience. Bonorong has one of the largest mobs of friendly, free ranging kangaroos and wallabies; you can meet them all by hand feeding them.

**Pennicott Wilderness Journeys**
Pennicott Wilderness Journeys is Tasmania’s leading ecotourism operator. Founded in 1999, the multi award winning company operates Bruny Island Cruises, Tasman Island Cruises, Bruny Island Traveller and Tasmanian Seafood Seduction, showcasing Tasmania’s unforgettable wilderness. Pennicott Wilderness Journeys can tailor a tour to suit your needs.
Food & Wine Experiences

**Tasmanian Whisky Tours**
Tasmanian Whisky Tours gives you the opportunity to visit 3-4 distilleries in a single day, to taste up to ten Tasmanian single malt whiskies, to meet the whisky makers and to go behind the scenes of the distillation process. All while being guided and driven through spectacular Tasmanian landscapes from the Derwent Valley to the Central Highlands to the Tasman Peninsula. Seven of the nine distilleries are in Southern Tasmanian and on each tour you will have the opportunity to visit the estates, tour the distilleries and enjoy an inclusive picnic lunch of seasonal local Tasmanian produce.

**Bangor Wine and Oyster Shed**
The Bangor Wine & Oyster Shed is a new venue on a 15,000 acre working farm. The ‘shed’ overlooks the vineyard and clear waters of the Tasman Peninsular. The venue has been carefully designed to reflect the character and warmth of a traditional Tasmanian farm building. Specialising in wine and oysters, the menu also features abalone, Tasmanian seafood’s, cheeses, beef dishes from Bangor raised beef.

**Barilla Bay Oyster Farm**
Barilla Bay Oysters are grown and harvested in Australia’s premium shellfish growing environment and the delicate taste and texture of Barilla Bay Oysters reflect the natural quality of the water in which they are grown. Located only 5 minutes away from the Hobart airport, and on the way to the Tasman Peninsula, enjoy a personalised Oyster Farm Tour and delicious lunch at Barilla Bay.

**Lark Distillery**
Lark Distillery was the first licensed distillery in Tasmania since 1839. It was established in 1992 to produce Australian malt whiskey, rich in character with a big finish using Tasmanian ingredients. Join the Lark team at the cellar door, located on the Hobart waterfront for an exploration of the world of single malt whiskey or enter a world of peat smoke and passion on a whiskey tour. Whiskey tours are tailored to allow for varying time availability; tours are available in one and two day packages.

Art & Cultural Experiences

**MONA - The Museum of Old and New Art**
Immerse yourself in and ‘Adult Disneyland’! Spend either a half or a full day visiting the Mona galleries. Mona is not just an art gallery! You can enjoy a winery tour and tasting of Moorilla Wines, enjoy a flight of the Moo Brew Beers in the Mona Wine Bar, treat yourself to a degustation lunch or dinner at The Source Restaurant or a casual bite at the Mona Café. For the true Mona experience guests are encouraged to arrive via the MR1 Mona Ferry which departs from Brooke St Pier on the Hobart waterfront and departs at several times throughout the day.

**Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG)**
The second oldest museum in Australia, TMAG has its origins in the collection of the country’s oldest scientific collection- the Royal Society of Tasmania which was established in 1843. TMAG redevelopment which includes more than 2000 square metres of new public and exhibition spaces, a centralised visitor hub and new courtyard café.

History Experiences

**Port Arthur Historic Site**
The Port Arthur experience is unforgettable. Just a one and half hour drive from Hobart, a visit to Port Arthur Historic Site is Tasmania’s iconic cultural heritage experience. The Port Arthur Historic Site has more than 30 buildings, ruins, and restored period homes dating from the prisons establishment in 1830 until its closure in 1877. During this time around 12,500 convicts served sentences. Onsite visitors can experience guided walks, harbour cruises, access to the museum and the interpretation gallery and for those brave enough they can visit the Isle of the Dead or join the evening Ghost Tour.
ONGOING ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT
Business Events Tasmania will continue to work closely with you, the LOC and the conference organiser during the planning stage, to offer free advice, referrals to local operators and free promotional brochures, photos and videos to use during all stages of the marketing.

Tasmania welcomes the opportunity to host XXXVI SCAR Delegates Meeting and Open Science Conference in 2020