

13 to 25 July 2012, Portland, Oregon  
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## *Antarctic Science and Policy Advice in a Changing World*

The XXXII SCAR biennial meetings and Open Science Conference will emphasize the Committee's dual role in facilitating scientific research and providing advice to policy makers.

A draft list of scientific sessions developed by the International Scientific Organizing Committee is open for review and comment at the Conference website <http://scar2012.geol.pdx.edu/>. Please email your comments to [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org) by 15 September 2011. Plenary sessions will focus on high level overarching themes of interest to the majority of attendees:

1. *Antarctic Conservation Challenges in a Century of Change*  
led by N Gilbert
2. *Past, Present and Future Climate Evolution*  
led by J Turner and N Bertler
3. *Evolution and Biodiversity in Antarctica*  
led by J Gutt

Keynote addresses will include the *Weyprecht Lecture*, the *Antarctic Science Lecture*, the 2012 *Martha T. Muse Prize* winner, and the thematic *Policy Advice in a Changing World*.

Portland State University and the Local Organizing Committee of the XXXII SCAR and XXIV COMNAP meetings look forward to welcoming the international Antarctic community to Portland, Oregon.

### *Schedule of Events, July 2012*

13–14	subsidiary groups and workshops
15, 20	SCAR Standing Scientific Groups
15	COMNAP Symposium (open)
16–20	COMNAP Annual General Meeting
16–19	SCAR Open Science Conference
23–25	SCAR Delegates Meeting

### *Anticipated Registration Fees*

early	425 USD
regular	475
late	525
student	FREE <i>first 200 accepted abstracts</i>
	175 <i>thereafter</i>
accompanying	60

SCAR abstract submission open 1 October 2011.



**COMNAP**

The study of Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and their role in the Earth system, has never been more important than it is today. The region is experiencing changes that are global in scope, making it a rich laboratory for transformational research, important in its own right and impossible to achieve elsewhere on the planet. The **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research** is an interdisciplinary committee of the International Council for Science, charged with initiating, developing, and coordinating international scientific research in the Antarctic region. The **Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs** is an international association of the National Antarctic Programs from 28 Antarctic Treaty countries, which develops and promotes best practice in managing the support of scientific research in Antarctica.

Portland is a vibrant, accessible city with a strong environmental stewardship ethic. Our universities, government agencies, and private sector are all recognized for their commitment to and innovation in sustainable practices and development.

Both Portland State University and the conference hotel are located in the heart of the city, with convenient public transportation connections to Portland International Airport and city attractions. A variety of extramural activities are planned and will be announced via the conference website.

Located at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers in northwest Oregon, Portland is a gateway to outdoor adventures for all ages and appetites. July is prime time in Oregon: the days are mild, evenings are cool, and our skies are clear. We hope you will have the chance to explore some of what Oregon has to offer while you are here.

SCAR Standing Scientific Group and subsidiary group meetings, and the Open Science Conference will all be held at the conference hotel, the Hilton Portland (921 SW Sixth Avenue). Portland State University will host the COMNAP Symposium, COMNAP AGM, and SCAR Delegates meetings on its campus, about a 10 minute walk from the conference hotel.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference hotel at 169 USD plus local taxes and fees, per night. A limited number of University rooms will be available at 25 USD, plus taxes and fees, per person (double occupancy required) for participants with demonstrable economic need. Accommodation details, including applications for subsidized housing, will be available at the conference website

<http://scar2012.geol.pdx.edu/>

The Local Organizing Committee and Portland State University are committed to hosting a diverse and accessible conference. If you are an early career scientist looking for networking opportunities, an educator interested in learning something new for your classroom, or an old Antarctic explorer scanning the horizon for new opportunities, we have an activity planned for you. For more information or to get involved, email the LOC at [scar2012@pdx.edu](mailto:scar2012@pdx.edu)