

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

Open Science Conference abstract submission is now OPEN
and closes 15 February 2012. Submit your abstract at
<http://scar2012.geol.pdx.edu/>

A complete list of SCAR Open Science Conference session themes may be reviewed at the conference website. Morning 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 talks on the opening day of the SCAR OSC will include the Weyprecht Lecture (Bob Bindschadler: glaciers, ice sheet mass balance and sea level), the Antarctic Science Lecture (Angelika Brandt: marine biodiversity), the 2012 Martha T. Muse Prize winner, and the thematic Policy Advice in a Changing World. Keynote lectures will be open to the public free of charge.

The COMNAP Symposium, *Sustainable Solutions to Antarctic Challenges: Supporting Polar Research in the 21st Century* will also be open free of charge.

Schedule of Events, July 2012

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

Anticipated OSC Registration Fees

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



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.

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). Registration will open in January 2012.

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. Both the COMNAP Symposium and SCAR Keynote lectures will be open free to participants in both meetings.

A block of rooms has been reserved for SCAR and COMNAP participants at the Hilton Portland. The room rate is \$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 for participants with demonstrable economic need. Accommodation details and applications for subsidized housing will be available at the conference website.

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COMNAP Members from 28 National Antarctic Programs meet face-to-face during the Annual General Meeting. Together, their goal is to effectively manage support for scientific activities in Antarctica, in the spirit of international cooperation. While the AGM is a members-only meeting, a number of related events are open registration.

Early Career Scientists will be able to sign up for workshops and social activities organized by the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists, the Local Organizing Committee, and others. Students are welcome to participate in all early career events and in the free registration program. SCAR will pay the registration fees for the first 200 students who submit an abstract that is accepted for presentation in the Open Science Conference.

Cultural Events highlighting the talents of Antarctic scientists are now being planned in conjunction with the SCAR Open Science Conference and COMNAP Annual General Meeting. We invite you to consider sharing your talent in written/spoken narrative, art, photography, film/video, music, and poetry to relay Antarctic and Southern Ocean science, management, and policy information to the general public. For further details contact Alan Cooper at acooper@usgs.gov and Julianne Stafford at juliannes@mac.com.

The XXXII SCAR and Open Science Conference and XXIV COMNAP are co-sponsored by Portland State University, the National Science Foundation, the International Glaciological Society and **Antarctic Science**. For more information or to get involved, email the LOC at scar2012@pdx.edu