Update on Membership of SCAR
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**Introduction/ Background:** The membership of SCAR has continued to grow, and (with the inclusion of Monaco) currently comprises 36 National Members and 9 Union Members. Korea increased its Membership Level to Category B. Increasing the membership of SCAR has obvious advantages, both by expanding our sphere of influence and our revenue.

**Important Issues or Factors:** Although SCAR Membership arrears are still relatively minimal there are some issues with countries consistently having arrears or making only part payments.

**Budget Implications:** New members increase the resources available to SCAR. Payment arrears decrease available funds.
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New Members

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With regards to potential new members the SCAR Executive Director has recently (June 2011) contacted representatives of Austria, Belarus, the Czech Republic and Venezuela. EXCOM are asked to suggest other countries that it would be useful to contact.

Membership Arrears

Although SCAR Membership arrears are still relatively minimal there are some issues with countries consistently having arrears or making only part payments. Currently these are:

Peru - due part 2008, and full 2009, 2010
Spain - only half contribution for 2010
Uruguay – due 2010
Romania - due 2009 and 2010.
Chile – SCAR received letter stating Chile would not pay for 2011

The Secretariat are following up on all Membership arrears. It is suggested that the Secretariat remind those members that are more than two years in arrears about the SCAR Articles of Association (see Appendix). However, in the case of Romania since the Romanian Delegate recently passed away and the Romanian Polar Committee are in a state of flux it may be that EXCOM consider renegotiating the first two years of Membership payments with the understanding that Membership payments from 2011 will continue. In the case of Peru an official letter from the SCAR President and Executive Director may be required suggesting that Peru may wish to consider downgrading to Associate Member status.
Appendix

The SCAR Articles of Association (http://www.scar.org/about/constitution/) state that:

Membership may be terminated if:

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in the case of a Full Member, that Member:
(i) has not been active in scientific research in the Antarctic region for four years;
(ii) has not been active in the work of the Charity for four years; or
(iii) has not paid its contribution within two years of such contribution becoming due
and where this Article 5.1.3 applies, the Directors shall give the Member written notice giving the Member the opportunity to apply to the Charity to become an Associate Member or to resign as a Member, with immediate effect. The Member shall have the right to respond within three months of the date of the notice. If the Member does not respond within that period of time, Membership shall be terminated in accordance with Article 5.1.5;

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in the case of an Associate Member, that Member has not paid its contribution within two years of such contribution becoming due. Where this Article 5.1.4 applies, Membership shall be terminated in accordance with Article 5.1.5;

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the Member is removed from Membership by a resolution of the Meeting of Delegates that it is in the best interests of the Charity that his, her or its (as appropriate) Membership is terminated and, for the avoidance of doubt, where this Article 5.1.5 applies by reason of the provisions of Article 5.1.3 and 5.1.4 such removal shall be deemed to be in the best interests of the Charity. A resolution to remove a Member from Membership may only be passed if:
(i) the Member has been given at least three months’ notice in writing of the Meeting of Delegates at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed;
(ii) the Member or, at the option of the Member, the Member’s representative (who need not be a Member of the Charity) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.