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SCAR OSC/Business/Delegates’ Meetings 2016
Executive Summary

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Introduction/ Background: The 2016 SCAR Open Science Conference, Business Meetings and Delegates’ Meeting will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Important Issues or Factors:

The main local organisers of the 2016 meetings will be MOSTI, Academy Sciences Malaysia, the Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation and the National Antarctic Research Centre. We have yet to determine the suitable date, I expect sometime in June or July in Kuala Lumpur at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. We have not yet made the booking awaiting discussion with discussions with the SCAR Executive Director in October in Kuala Lumpur. One suggestion for the theme is the connectivity of the polar regions and the tropics or the global significance of Antarctica. Since this is the first time an Asian country is undertaking the OSC it is also relevant to tap into the vision of the emerging Asian countries about Antarctic and the Arctic. So Malaysia will also try to get other non-traditional players such Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Singapore and Indonesia to be interested in polar and specifically Antarctic research.

Issues such as glacier melt and sea level rise and thermohaline weakening has a great relevance since the maritime continent and the west Pacific warm pool are also major global climate drivers of ENSO-La Nina that impact on the polar region. We hope to broaden engagement with scientists working on the monsoon and also working on tropical biodiversity with those from the polar region.