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Executive Summary

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Introduction/ Background: SCAR is actively working with the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) to engage and promote the careers of the next generation of polar scientists. This has proven to be highly beneficial to both organizations. SCAR works closely with APECS to involve early career scientists in all of its activities including, but not limited to, conferences, meetings, symposia, business meetings and scientific subsidiary bodies and programs.

Since the last Delegates meeting SCAR has supported several workshops, the APECS virtual poster session and has submitted (and received) ICSU grants jointly with APCEs and other partners, the latest being to support the Ice Sheet Mass Balance and Sea Level (ISMASS) workshop in Portland.

Important Issues or Factors: Working with APECS is a symbiotic relationship. For SCAR, working with APECS assists SCAR to build capacity in early career scientists and students as per its Capacity Building Plan (2006). For APECS working with SCAR (and IASC) helps establish APECS in the international community and helps give access to funding and expertise (mentors) it might not otherwise have.

As noted in IP 10 (Partnerships) the joint MoU between SCAR, IASC and APECS is due for renewal in 2013. Discussions have already begun between the three organisations on this issue.

An APECS Observer (Erli Costa) will be present at the XXXII Delegates' Meeting and official observers present at the SSG meetings. APECS are also running workshops during the SCAR Open Science Conference and assisting SCAR with the Poster Prizes.

Partners: APECS

Budget Implications: \$4,000 - \$5,000 a year for Capacity Building Activities which include, but are not limited to, support of Early Career scientists