



**Paper 15
SCAR Group**

**Agenda 2.1.1
History
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**SCAR Executive Committee Meeting 2017
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**SCAR History Expert Group
2016-2017 Report**

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Summary of activities from 2016-17 and any other important issues or factors (<150 words):

In 2016 the SCAR History Expert Group organized session S34 on “Footprints in Antarctica, and Antarctica’s footprint: perspectives from history“, which comprised eight talks plus six additional posters during the SCAR Open Science Conference in Kuala Lumpur. Additionally the History EG produced a poster to highlight activities for the SCAR OSC and the Delegates Meeting. A joint conference of the History and the Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Groups on “Depths and Surfaces: Understanding the Antarctic Region through the Humanities and Social Sciences” was held in Hobart (Tasmania) in July 2017, which included 75 talks in two to three parallel sessions and an art exhibition. We also discussed how to merge of both groups.

Recommendations that EXCOM and Scientific Group Chief Officers should consider (if any

Please note information: We wish to continue the SCAR History Expert Group in its current form and to continue our collaboration with the Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group (HASSEG).

Date/Year Group Approved: The History Group was founded as Action Group in 2004 and was upgraded to Expert Group in 2011.

Date/Year Group is to End: No end date has been set. We hope to continue its work as long as possible.

Progress and Plans:

Major Activities and Significant Progress from the past year (<500 words):

During the SCAR OSC in Kuala Lumpur, the SCAR History Expert Group organized session with over 60 attendees on „Footprints in Antarctica, and Antarctica’s footprint: perspectives from history“ on 26 August 2016, which included the Lewander Lecture by Adrian Howkins on “Changing patterns of human activity in the McMurdo dry valleys since the 1950s” and seven other talks. John Cooper uncovered forgotten history of shipwrecks, fatalities and female pioneers at sub-Antarctic Marion Island. Susanna Ferrar gave a survey of HT Ferrar’s life and work. Cornelia Lüdecke discussed missing footprints of German Antarctic research. Hanne Nielsen’ presented her ideas about hoofprints in Antarctica and the significance of Byrd’s polar dairy, for which she received a price for the best presentation of an APECS member for the region Australia and Oceania. Rebecca Priestley talked on the presence – or absence – of scientists’ voices in Antarctic anthologies as dispatches from Continent Seven. Ricardo Roura addressed the Antarctic cultural heritage in respect to geopolitics and management. Ursula Rack showed our conception of Antarctica today through the lives of early explorers. Six additional posters were presented during the following poster session.

The History Group produced a poster to highlight activities for the SCAR OSC and the Delegates Meeting.

During the Women of Antarctic Science Wikibomb Event, the leader of the SCAR History EG was included in the English version of Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelia_L%C3%BCdecke).

A first discussion of a merger of the History EG and the Humanities and Social Sciences EG took place at the end of the SCAR OSC with the result that a possible merger was positively seen by both groups.

A joint conference of the History and the Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Groups on “Depths and Surfaces: Understanding the Antarctic Region through the Humanities and Social Sciences” was held in Hobart (Tasmania) 5-7 July 2017. We had 75 presentations with three parallel sessions on the first two days and two parallel sessions on the third day. Participants came from eleven countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom, USA). Each day was opened by a keynote, while the exhibition “whiteout whitenoise” was shown during the whole conference. Session topics ranged from “New Perspectives on Exploration Narratives”, “Search of Seals”, “Ocean Aesthetics”, “Imaging the South”, “Affect and Polar Aesthetics”, “Asia and Antarctica”, “South American Perspectives”, “Strata of Nationalism”, “The Politics of Protection”, “Politics of Place”, “The Antarctic Treaty System: Past and Future”, “Between Law and Science”, “Gender Science and the South”, “The Digital Archive”, and many more. An additional panel discussed the various shapes of gateway cities of the southern

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hemisphere. During the business meeting, we discussed how to submit an application to merge of both groups.

Before the conference, an APECS workshop on “Communicating across borders” was organized with members of the History EG as mentors.

After the conference an additional workshop on “Incorporation Humanities and Social Societies in large polar research projects” with a representative of the History EG on the panel took place with more than 40 attendees.

Several papers will be published from the session of the OSC and the workshop in Hobart.

Major Future Initiatives and Actions, including rough timeline, for at least the next 2 years (<500 words):

The History EG will organizes a session on “Historical perspectives on Arctic and Antarctic connections” during the SCAR/IASC OSC in Davos (Switzerland) in 2018. The Arctic and Antarctica may be at opposite ends of the earth, but they share many historical connections, and knowledge gained in the North often influenced later exploits in the South. While 16th-century explorers and their backers searched for the North-West or the North-East Passages, seeking a shortcut between Europe and Asia, the southern continent remained unknown, and was even imagined by some as a place promising wealth and glory. Commerce became an important driver in both regions; whaling and sealing flourished in the Arctic before taking off in the Antarctic, and in some cases individuals and firms operated in both polar regions. Explorers turned from North to South, making use of their Arctic experiences in the Antarctic context, while Indigenous individuals from the North also accompanied many expeditions in order to provide polar expertise. Organizations such as the Scott Polar Research Institute, the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute of the USSR, the Norwegian Polar Institute, and the German Alfred Wegener Institute linked both polar regions within a common framework for both research and logistical planning, while government departments increasingly established desks with responsibilities in both polar regions. Research techniques developed in Antarctica have also been put to use in northern areas, reversing the original direction of exchange. We hope to receive papers from all disciplines.

At the Delegates Meeting in Davos the History Group will submit a proposal together with the Humanities and Social Science Expert Group of merging both groups.

It is planned to have the next joint workshop of both groups at Ushuaia in 2019, organized by Christian Lorenzo from CONICET-CADIC.

Please list any new outputs and deliverables (including publications and products that your group feels are part of your achievements):

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A landmark, edited volume on Antarctica and the humanities, edited by three SCAR History EG members with contributions from around the world was published in 2016. It comprises 12 papers contributed by SCAR History EG members and other scholars:

Roberts, P., van der Watt, L.-M., and Howkins, A. *Antarctica and the Humanities*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2016

Other publications of History EG members

Antonello, A.: *Engaging and Narrating the Antarctic Ice Sheet: The History of an Earthly Body*. *Environmental History*. 22 (1), 2017

Antonello, A.: *Finding Place in Antarctica In: Antarctica and the Humanities*, Peder Roberts, P., Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins (ed.): New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 181-203, 2016

Antonello, A.: *Protecting the Southern Ocean Ecosystem: The Environmental Protection Agenda of Antarctic Diplomacy and Science*. *International Organizations and Environmental Protection Conservation and Globalization in the Twentieth Century*. Berghahn Books. 2016

Elzinga, A.: *The Cold War, Political Neutrality, and Academic Boundaries: Imprints on the origins and Early Development of Science Studies in Sweden*. *Science Studies During the Cold War and Beyond*. *Paradigms Defected*, eds. E. Aronova & S. Turchetti, 207-240, 2017

Elzinga, A.: *The Continent for Science*. In: Dodds, K., Hemmings, A.D & Roberts, P. eds., 2017

Elzinga, A.: *The real tale of the American capitalist assault on Franz Josefs Land 1898-1905*. *Polar Research* (35) 5, 33648, 1-4, 2016

Elzinga, A.: *Some Reflections on the Emergence of Antarctic Humanities*. In: *Antarctica and the Humanities* ed. by Peter Roberts, Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins, 273-305, 2016

Howkins, A.: *Emerging from the Shadow of Science: Challenges and Opportunities for Antarctic Science*. In: *Antarctica and the Humanities*, Peder Roberts, P., Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins (ed.): New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 251-272, 2016

Howkins, A.: *The Polar Regions: An Environmental History*. Cambridge, Polity Press, 2016.

León Wöppke, C., *Antarctic peninsula wilderness: footprints on Chilean crews, 1948-1958*. *Revista Estudios Hemisféricos y Polares* 8 N° 1 (enero-marzo 2017): 1-11, 2017

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León Wöppke, C., Conceptos bases de la Política Antártica Chilena: ¿Transitorios o permanentes? In: El continente donde empieza el futuro: A medio siglo de la fundación del Instituto Antártico Chileno. Punta Arenas: Boletín Antártico Chileno 33 N° 2, 109- 116, 2017

León Wöppke, C., y Jara Fernández, M. (eds.): El Piloto Luis Pardo Villalón. Visiones desde la prensa, 1916. LW Editorial, 2015

Lüdecke, C., Beriberi at Kerguelen: A case study during the international Antarctic co-operation 1901-1903. In: Peder Roberts, Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins (eds.), Antarctica and the Humanities. Palgrave Studies in the History of Science and Technology, Palgrave, 3-76, 2016

Oliva, M., Ruiz-Fernández, J., Zarankin, A., Casanova-Katny, A., and J. Nofre: Geocology and Historical Heritage in the ice-free area of Elephant Point (Antarctica). Proposal for Future Environmental Protection. Geoheritage, published online, 8 April 2016

Oliva, M., Ruiz-Fernández, J., Zarankin, A., Casanova-Katny, A., and J. Nofre: Propuesta de Protección ambiental para un enclave libre de hielo de la Antártida Marítima (Punta Elefante, Isla Livingston). Proposal of environmental protection for an ice-free area in the maritime Antarctic (Elephant point, Livingston Island). Espacio, Tiempo y Forma, Serie VI, Geografía, 10, 179–201, 2017

Rack, U.: Polar expeditions: Historical and social aspects of antarctic exploration. In: Exploring the Last Continent: An Introduction to Antarctica, 307-326, 2016

Rack, U.: Passagiere des Eises: Polarhelden und Arktische Diskurse 1874. [Passengers of the ice: polar heroes and arctic discourses 1874]. The Polar Journal, 6 (1), 440-442, 2016

Rack, U.: "Blizzard blowing again and considerable discomfort on board as usual." Personal accounts of weather as scientific data, and the weather's influence on expedition members during the Heroic Age. The Polar Journal, 5 (1), 113-127, 2015

Rack, U.: Von der Antarktis nach Sibirien. Biographische Stationen eines oesterreichischen Polarforschers (From the Antarctic to Siberia: biographical notes of an Austrian polar explorer). Österreich in Geschichte, Literatur Geographie 59 (1) 56-68, 2015

Roberts, P.: Modern Explorers. In: Handbook on the Politics of Antarctica, Klaus Dodds, Alan D. Hemmings, Peder Roberts Ed., Cheltenham : Edward Elgar Publishing, 152-166, 2017

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Roberts, P.: The Politics of Early Exploration: In: Handbook on the Politics of Antarctica, Klaus Dodds, Alan D. Hemmings, Peder Roberts Ed., Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishing, 318-333, 2017

Roberts, P., K. Dodds and A. D. Hemmings: The Politics of Antarctica. In: Handbook on the Politics of Antarctica, Klaus Dodds, Alan D. Hemmings, Peder Roberts Ed., Edward Elgar Publishing, 1-17, 2017

Roberts, P.: The White (Supremacist) Continent. Antarctica and Fantasies of Nazi Survival. In: Antarctica and the Humanities : A Continent for the Humanities, Peder Roberts, Lize-Marié van der Watt, Adrian Howkins Ed., London, Palgrave Macmillan, 105-124, 2016

Roberts, P.: Traditions, Networks and Deep-Sea Expeditions after 1945. In: Expeditions as Experiments: Practising Observation and Documentation, Ulrike Spring and Marianna Klemun (ed.), London, Palgrave Macmillan, 213-234, 2016

Roberts, P., L.-M. Van der Watt and A. Howkins: Antarctica. A Continent for the Humanities. In: Antarctica and the Humanities, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 1-23, 2016

Tahan, M. R.: "The canine explorers – the sled dogs who helped Roald Amundsen reach the South Pole". Journal of Antarctic Affairs. Published by Agenda Antártica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), Washington, D.C. Volume III – July 2016, 31-50, 2016

Tahan, M. R.: "Exploradores caninos: los perros de trineo que hicieron posible la llegada de Roald Amundsen al Polo Sur". Journal de Asuntos Antárticos. Published by Agenda Antártica, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition (ASOC), Washington, D.C. Volumen III – Julio 2016, 31-52, 2016

Tahan, Mary R.: "Paw prints in human Antarctic history". Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR). Abstract and Poster. Published by the 34th SCAR Biennial Meetings and Open Science Conference 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Abstract Book, 20 – 30 August 2016, p. 1017

van der Watt, L.-M.: Contemporary Environmental Politics and Discourse Analysis in Antarctica. In: Handbook on the Politics of Antarctica, Klaus Dodds; Alan D. Hemmings and Peder Roberts Ed., : Edward Elgar Publishing, 584-597, 2017

van der Watt, L.-M. and S. Swart: The Whiteness of Antarctica : Race and South Africa's Antarctic History. In: Antarctica and the Humanities, Peder Roberts, P., Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins (ed.): New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 125-156, 2016

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Zarakin, A. and M Salerno: So Far, So Close. Approaching Experience in the Study of the Encounter Between Sealers and the South Shetland Islands (Antactica, Ninetenth Century). In: Antarctica and the Humanities, Peder Roberts,P., Lize-Marié van der Watt and Adrian Howkins (ed.): New York : Palgrave Macmillan, 79-103, 2016

Besides, members of the history group gave many public talks as well as scientific papers at various conferences and workshops.

They also were active as mentors during APECS meetings or in the evaluation of SCAR fellowships.

If your Expert/Action Group produces data, please report any new data generated and links to inclusions to the Antarctic Master Directory, etc.

none

Budget

Planned use of funds for 2017 and 2018

Month/Year (MM-YY)	Purpose/Activity	Amount (in USD)	Contact Name	Contact Email
2017	100 % travel support for early career scientists and scientists from countries with small Antarctic programmes	US\$ 5.000	Cornelia Lüdecke	C.Luedeck@lrz.uni-muenchen.de
2018	100% Travel support for early career scientists and scientists from countries with small Antarctic programmes	US\$ 5.000	Cornelia Lüdecke	C.Luedeck@lrz.uni-muenchen.de
2019	30 % Conference and 70% travel support for early career scientists and scientists from countries with small Antarctic programmes	US\$ 5.000	Cornelia Lüdecke	C.Luedeck@lrz.uni-muenchen.de

Briefly describe what the funds will be used for and what the desired results are:

An annual budget of US\$ 5.000 will primarily be used to subsidize travel of early-career scientists and scientists from countries with small Antarctic programmes to the Expert Group's annual meeting and the SCAR OSC, thus enabling the broadest possible participation from junior scholars and those from countries with developing Antarctic programmes.

Provide an estimate on the % of the budget to be used for support of early career researchers:

2017: 100 %
2018: 80 %

Provide an estimate on the % of the budget to be used for support of scientists from countries with developing Antarctic programmes (as listed here: <http://www.scar.org/finances/contributions>):

2017: 10 %

2018: 20 %

Linkages

Please describe any direct support you receive for your activities beyond SCAR (eg. Funds from another organization for a workshop):

- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Science Foundation)
- Colonialism and Aftermath (Hobart)
- Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (Hobart)
- Marine, Antarctic and Maritime Research Theme (Hobart)
- Multidisciplinary Environment Research Group (Hobart)
- Tasmanian Polar Network (Hobart)

Please list any major collaborations your group has with other SCAR groups and with organisations/groups beyond SCAR:

- SCAR Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group
- International Polar Heritage Committee of the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)
- History of Polar Research Working Group of the German Society of Polar Research
- Historiadores Antarticos Latinoamericanos

Outreach and Capacity Building

Please describe any outreach, communication and capacity building activities that your group participates in. Also provide information on activities that demonstrate effectiveness as a network. (coordinating activity for your discipline/topic, i.e. mailing list and diversity of scientists involved) (<250 words):

During each bi-annual workshop/conference of the History Expert Group and the Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group at least one public event is held, usually associated with the Lewander Lecture. Attendance at these events has been strong. Members of the EG have participated in public events in their own countries, and have published extensively, including through books and

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articles aimed at wider academic audiences. During the conferences in various countries we try to include local scholars to broaden the membership. The EG has an excellent track record of supporting and mentoring younger scholars, who benefit considerably from participating in its activities.

Besides, most members of the group with a higher university degree give courses and lectures at universities as well as public talks focusing of history of Antarctic research.

Our activities are presented on the SCAR History EG homepage.

As part of SCAR's Capacity Building efforts, such as the Fellowships and Visiting Professor Awards, we are looking for people from all the SCAR groups to form a 'review panel' so if applications in your field are submitted we have people to contact to help assess relevant applications. **Please list one or more people (name and email address) from your Group who would be willing to serve as reviewers for the next few years.**

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None