

Twenty-seventh Meeting of SCAR Delegates Shanghai, China, 22-26 July 2002 Draft Annotated Agenda

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Opening formalities

1. Opening Business

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

Delegates will be asked to adopt the draft agenda.

1.2 Peruvian application for Full Membership

The papers for this application were distributed with *SCAR Circular no 751*. The Delegate from Peru will present the application after which Delegates will be asked to vote on whether or not Peru should be admitted to Full Membership.

1.3 Romanian application for Associate Membership

An enquiry was received from Romania and details of the application procedure were sent but, to date, no formal application has been received.

2. Reports of SCAR Meetings

2.1 Report of XXVI SCAR Meeting

The Report of the XXVI SCAR Delegates Meeting (Tokyo, Japan, 17 - 21 July 2000) was published in *SCAR Bulletin* no 141, April 2001, and the Summary Reports of the Working Groups (Tokyo, Japan, 10 - 14 July 2000) were published in *SCAR Bulletin* no 142, July 2001.

2.2 Report of Executive Committee Meeting

The Report of the SCAR Executive Committee Meeting (Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 22 - 24 August 2001) together with a Joint Meeting of the SCAR and COMNAP Executive Committees (Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 22 August 2001) was published in *SCAR Bulletin* no 145, April 2002.

3. SCAR positions

Nominations for the offices falling vacant at XXVII SCAR will be invited on Monday 22 July 2002 and formal nominations on the appropriate forms must be received by the SCAR Executive Secretary no later than 1800 hours on Tuesday 23 July 2002. Delegates will be informed in writing of those

nominated on Wednesday 24 July 2002. Elections, if required, shall be held on the afternoon of Thursday 25 July 2002. (See *SCAR Constitution: Section 8* and *SCAR Rules of Procedure: Sections 2 and 3*.)

3.1 Election of President

The Office of President will fall vacant at this meeting when the current President, Dr R H Rutford, completes his 4-year term of Office.

3.2 Election of two Vice-Presidents

The Offices of two Vice-Presidents will fall vacant at this meeting when the current Vice-Presidents Dr J Valencia and Professor A D M Walker complete their 4-year terms of Office. Note that Professor C G Rapley and Dr R Schlich continue as Vice-Presidents to XXVIII SCAR in 2004.

3.3 Appointment of Standing Finance Committee

The current membership of the Standing Finance Committee is Dr R Schlich (Chairman), Professor G Kleinschmidt and Dr M Moskalevsky. The Executive Committee will appoint any replacements that may be necessary.

3.4 Appointment of XXVII SCAR Finance Committee

The Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee will propose to the Delegates two additional members from among the Delegates and Alternate Delegates present to augment the Standing Finance Committee and so form the XXVII SCAR Finance Committee

4. Meetings of SCAR Subsidiary Groups, and COMNAP and SCALOP

Delegates will receive the reports of all the various Working Groups, Groups of Specialists and other subsidiary groups of SCAR that have met during the first part of the first week of XXVII SCAR. Delegates will also have to approve and adopt the internal and external recommendations.

4.1 Reports of Working Groups

4.2 Reports of Groups of Specialists

4.3 Reports of other subsidiary groups

4.4 Reports of COMNAP and SCALOP

Delegates will receive a report from a representative of COMNAP on the activities of COMNAP and its subsidiary groups

4.5 Reports of Scientific Standing Committees

Delegates will receive reports of the new Scientific Standing Committees of SCAR that met during the second part of the first week of XXVII SCAR.

4.6 Review of SCAR Recommendations

Delegates will review the recommendations adopted at XXVI SCAR to determine which, if any, should be re-adopted as XXVII SCAR recommendations; the other recommendations from XXVI SCAR will lapse, being deemed to have achieved their objectives. Delegates will also adopt any new recommendations that have been proposed and approved as SCAR recommendations.

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5. SCAR Global Change Research

The Group of Specialists on Global Change and the Antarctic (GLOCHANT) was established at

XXII SCAR (Bariloche, Argentina, June 1992) and at this meeting will have been in operation for 10 years, the normal life-span for a Group of Specialists. Under the re-organization of SCAR groups, Groups of Specialists will come under their disciplinary parent Scientific Standing Committee but, as an interdisciplinary group, GLOCHANT does not have a single parent. GLOCHANT also has a number of programmes that are still active and some of these are linked to other international global change programmes.

5.1 Group of Specialists on Global Change and the Antarctic

The Acting Convenor of the Group of Specialists will present a report of the Group's activities.

5.2 Developing WCRP programmes in the Antarctic

The WCRP Climate and Cryosphere (CliC) programme has made a formal approach to SCAR for joint sponsorship. A report of the current situation will be distributed.

5.3 International relations

Delegates will need to determine how SCAR will interact with other global change research programmes, such as IGBP.

5.4 A strategy for Antarctic Global Change Research

Delegates will need to determine how best to continue coordinating SCAR's global change research within the re-organized structure

6. Implementation of the new SCAR structure and organization

6.1 General considerations

Delegates will discuss the implementation of the new SCAR structure and organization, particularly in the experience of incorporation of the former subsidiary groups of SCAR into the new Scientific Standing Groups during the second half of the first week of this SCAR meeting.

6.2 Secretariat staffing

One aspect of the re-organization that has still to be addressed is the staffing of the SCAR Secretariat. The proposal by the ad hoc Group was that: "The new Executive Office should consist of three positions: Executive Director (upgraded from the current Executive Secretary position), Programme Officer (a new position), and Administrative Assistant (an existing position)." At its meeting in Amsterdam during 2001, the SCAR Executive Committee agreed to postpone the employment of the Programme Officer and to initiate the employment procedure for an Executive Director. Subsequently this appointment has also been postponed because SCAR has insufficient funding to do this and to continue to provide the existing level of financial support to its scientific groups. Delegates will need to decide on future actions for the staffing of the SCAR Secretariat.

6.3 Secretariat premises

The Scott Polar Research Institute, a sub-department of the Department of Geography in the University of Cambridge, England, has agreed to provide additional space for an enlarged Secretariat. This will be made available in two stages. The first stage will be a move later this year from the present Executive Secretary's office to a larger office for the Executive Director/Executive Secretary. The second stage will be the provision of an additional office of similar size for the third person in the Secretariat when he/she is appointed. The SCAR Administrative Assistant will continue to occupy the current space in the Institute's General Office.

6.4 SCAR Constitution

Another aspect of the re-organization is the need to revise the SCAR Constitution, SCAR Rules of Procedure and Rules of Procedure for SCAR Subsidiary Groups to accommodate the changes that have been implemented. Foremost in this is the need to revise the SCAR Constitution because this

requires formal approval by ICSU. The SCAR Rules of Procedure and Rules of Procedure for SCAR Subsidiary Groups do not need formal approval by ICSU.

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7. SCAR Functions

7.1 Internal

The review of SCAR Working Groups, Groups of Specialists and other subsidiary groups will, in many ways, have been done by the re-structuring into the new Scientific Standing Groups and their subordinate Action Groups.

7.1.1 Review of SCAR Working Groups

7.1.2 Review of SCAR Groups of Specialists

7.1.3 Review of other subsidiary groups

7.1.4 Review of National Reports to SCAR

A paper will show the current status.

7.1.5 Publications

A list of recent publications will be provided. Delegates will also be asked to approve the continuing publication of the quarterly *SCAR Bulletin* and the occasional *SCAR Reports*.

7.1.6 Activities of the Executive

A paper will report on the activities of the Executive Committee.

7.2 External

7.2.1 Antarctic Treaty System

ATCM

The reports of the SCAR observers at XII ATSCM (The Hague, The Netherlands, September 2000) and at XXIV ATCM (St Petersburg, Russia, July 2001) will be distributed.

Delegates will also be asked to approve draft papers for submission to XXV ATCM (Warsaw, Poland, 10 - 20 September 2002) that will be distributed as soon as possible

CCAMLR

A report by the SCAR observer at CCAMLR will be tabled.

7.2.2 Other Organizations

ICSU

The SCAR Reports to ICSU for 2000 and 2001 will be tabled.

IPY

The year 2007 - 08 will be the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY). This is an important anniversary for SCAR because it was the unprecedented success of the IGY in the Antarctic that prompted ICSU to establish the Special (subsequently Scientific) Committee on Antarctic Research at a meeting (I SCAR) in The Hague, The Netherlands during February 1958.

Some individuals and organizations, including ICSU, have asked what plans SCAR has to celebrate or commemorate this anniversary. Delegates are asked to consider how this might best be done.

SCOR, IOC

There will be discussion of SCAR's role in Southern Ocean research and its relationship with SCOR and IOC. There will also be a brief presentation of a new European initiative in the Southern Ocean that will involve several SCAR members that are also members of the European Union.

Others: TEA

A representative of the United States programme Teachers Experiencing Antarctica and the Arctic (TEA) will have given a presentation at the Symposium on Wednesday 17 July 2002 during the first week of the meeting. Delegates may wish to discuss this.

7.2.3 Bi-polar relations

SCAR was not formally represented at the IASC Science Summit Week in April 2002 but any matters for the attention of Delegates will be reported.

7.3 Financial

The Chairman of the SCAR Finance Committee will lead Delegates through the following agenda items.

7.3.1 Report of the XXVII SCAR Finance Committee

The report of the XXVII SCAR Finance Committee will be presented

7.3.2 Financial statements for 2000 and 2001

The SCAR Financial statements for 2000 and 2001 will be tabled.

7.3.3 Financial strategy

Delegates should be advised that the XXVII SCAR Finance Committee is likely to propose an increase in contributions to SCAR of 10% in 2003 and a further 10% in 2004. These will be the first increases since the revised Contribution Categories were introduced in 1996.

7.3.4 Budget for 2002

A revised budget for 2002 will be presented.

7.3.5 Budgets for 2003 and 2004

Delegates will be asked to approve Budgets for 2003 and 2004.

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8. Future Meetings

8.1 XXVIII SCAR

8.1.1 Arrangements for XXVIII SCAR

The German National Committee has kindly offered to host the XXVIII SCAR Meeting. This will be held in two parts approximately 3 months apart as proposed in the re-organization of the SCAR meetings. The provisional dates for these meetings are 25-31 July 2004 and 3-9 October 2004.

8.1.2 Activities at XXVIII SCAR

The Scientific Standing Committees will hold their meetings around a Science Symposium in Bremen, Germany, during July 2004. The SCAR Delegates Meeting will be held in Bremerhaven, Germany during September 2004.

8.2 SCAR Executive Meeting

The SCAR Executive Committee will meet in Brest, France, during July 2003 in conjunction with the COMNAP XV Meeting. The two Executive Committees will hold a joint meeting at this time.

8.3 XXIX SCAR (Hobart, Australia)

The Australian Delegate will be asked to confirm the Australian National Committee's kind offer to host the XXIX SCAR meetings in Hobart, Tasmania, during 2006.

9. Closure of the meeting

Delegates will be asked to adopt the draft Final Report of the XXVII SCAR Delegates Meeting.

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Acronyms

ATCM	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
ATSCM	Antarctic Treaty Special Consultative Meeting
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CLiC	Climate and Cryosphere programme
COMNAP	Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programmes
GLOCHANT	Group of Specialists on Global Change and the Antarctic
IASC	International Arctic Science Committee
ICSU	International Council for Science
IGBP	International Geosphere&endash;Biosphere Programme
IGY	International Geophysical Year
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IPY	International Polar Year
SCALOP	Standing Committee on Antarctic Logistics and Operations
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
SCOR	Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research
TEA	Teachers Experiencing Antarctica and the Arctic
WCRP	World Climate Research Programme