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Honorary Membership Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez

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Summary

In keeping with SCAR's Rules of Procedure Article 1.5.1, the named Directors (Executive Committee) of SCAR propose in this paper the election, by the Delegates, of Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez (SCAR President 2012-2016, SCAR Vice-President 2002-2006) as an Honorary Member.

Recommendation

Delegates to consider electing Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez as an Honorary Member

Summary Budget

No budget implications.



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Introduction

SCAR's Rules of Procedure Article 1.5.1 enables the Directors (Executive Committee) of SCAR to propose Honorary Members to be elected by the Delegates. The key criterion for election to Honorary Membership is outstanding service to SCAR. SCAR currently has seven honorary members, six past Presidents of SCAR: Claude Lorius, Antonio Rocha-Campos, Robert H Rutford, Jörn Thiede, Chris Rapley, Mahlon "Chuck" Kennicutt II; and Vladimir Kotlyakov. The Executive Committee members named on this paper are proposing Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez for election to Honorary Membership on grounds of exceptional service to SCAR.

Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez

Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez is a geologist and Professor at the University Autónoma of Madrid, Spain. His main research interests concern the Geomorphology, Neotectonics, Quaternary Geology, Paleoclimatology, and Geological Heritage and its Conservation of Antarctica. He has been active in the Antarctic since 1989, having participated in 10 field expeditions. He has published more than 300 research papers, has been principal researcher in >30 projects and has graduated eight PhD and 12 Masters students.

Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez has been Manager of the Spanish Antarctic Program (1997-1998) and Secretary of the Spanish Polar Committee (1998-2003). He was responsible for the implementation in Spain of the procedures after the entry into force (1998) of the Protocol for Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty. He was Spanish representative in the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs-COMNAP (1999-2003). He has participated in eleven Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings and has been the Spanish National representative at the Committee on Environmental Protection of the Antarctic Treaty (1998-2003). He has been a member of the European Polar Board-EPB, European Science Foundation (1998-2006) and Vice-President of the EPB (2002-2006). He has also been a member of the Council of Scientific and Technological Programs of the French Polar Institute (2002-2005 and 2006-2009), and member (2004-2009) and co-Chair (2009-2010) of the Joint Committee for the International Polar Year, appointed by the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the World Meteorological Organization. He is currently President of the Spanish National Committee on Antarctic Research-SCAR and National Spanish SCAR Delegate (since 1995).

SCAR Service

Within SCAR, Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez was elected Vice-President in 2002 and served for four years in that role (concluding in 2006). In 2012, he was elected President of SCAR, a position he held until 2016.

Over that period, Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez oversaw, as President, several key developments and activities within SCAR, including, but not limited to:



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- Development of the SCAR Strategic Plan for 2017-2022.
- Appointment of six new SCAR Members (Czech Republic and Iran in 2014, and Austria, Colombia, Thailand and Turkey in 2016).
- Review of the SCAR Scientific Research Programmes (2015, 2016).
- Review of the SCAR structure (2015).
- Review of categories for national annual contributions to SCAR (2015, 2016).
- Modernization of the SCAR web page (2015, 2016).
- SCAR Review by ICSU (2016).
- Participation in the 32, 33, 34 and 35 Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings and in the CEP Meetings (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).
- Development of relationships with the UNFCCC and the IPCC (2013-2016).
- Renewal of the agreement with SPRI for the SCAR Secretariat in Cambridge (2015).
- Establishment or renewal of Memorandums of Understanding with AFOPS, APECS, IASC and IPA (2013-2016).
- SCAR support to the development of the Antarctic Environments Portal (2013-2016).
- SCAR-IASC Think Tank Meeting (Potsdam, 2016).
- Relationships with the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for supporting SCAR activities and the award to SCAR of the Foundation's Prix on Biodiversity (2014, 2015).
- Relationships with COMNAP, including annual joint EXCOM meetings and participation in their General Meetings (2013-2016).
- XXXVIII SCAR Meeting and Open Science Conference (Auckland, 2014).
- XXXIX SCAR Meeting and Open Science Conference (Kuala Lumpur, 2016).

Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez gave a great deal of energetic and thoughtful service to SCAR over the period of his Presidency, reflected not only in the successful activities listed above, but also reflected by the productivity of its research facilitation and the high regard held for SCAR's advice to the Antarctic Treaty System and other regulatory environments.

Proposal

Based on the exceptional service given to SCAR by Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez as President, Vice-President and as an active member of the SCAR community over the course of more than two decades, the Directors (Executive Committee) of SCAR named in this paper propose to the Delegates that Professor Jerónimo López-Martínez be elected an Honorary Member of SCAR.