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SCAR Development Council

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Summary of activities from 2016-18 and other important matters

This report provides a short update on matters relating to the Development Council (DC) since the previous report given in Kuala Lumpur, updates in Brno. The major activity has been the composition and sending to all SCAR Delegates and Group Leaders of a letter setting out our view of their key role in identifying and pursuing possible avenues of funding or other support at their national level for the benefit of SCAR activities. This generated a number of supportive responses, and very welcome new funding contributions towards the Visiting Fellowship and Professorship programmes, from India, Norway and Switzerland. Plans have been made to reconnect with other positive responders who were unable to support at the time, but these have yet to be actioned.

Recommendations that EXCOM and Scientific Group Chief Officers should consider

- DC has been in discussion with SCAR Capacity Building, Education and Training (CBET) to initiate a review of the Visiting Professor programme to date. In particular, we ask EXCOM to consider if and how a more active role could be taken in identifying real value capacity building contributions the programme could make to newer and less established programmes.
- DC requests to maintain the current budget allocation for pamphlet preparation and creation of funding database (dependent on new website), and to enable responsive engagement with new funding opportunities identified, as well as coordinating contributions to new SRP development.

Summary Budget 2017 to 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Spent	Allocated	Request	Request
(US\$)	0	5000	5000	5000



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Progress and Plans

Activity Summary

The major activity was the composition and sending in November 2016 to all SCAR Delegates and Group Leaders of a letter setting out our view of their key role in identifying and in many likely cases initially pursuing possible avenues of funding or other support at their national level for the benefit of SCAR activities. This letter was sent jointly by Karin Lochte and Peter Convey. Development Council members present at the SCAR Biology meeting in Leuven, Belgium, met to update on progress (Peter Convey, Karin Lochte, Jose Xavier and Jenny Baeseman). Responses to the letter from

Delegates were presented in an appendix at Brno. In general, most who responded were positive and supportive of the efforts, but it is also perhaps disappointing to note that no response at all was received from a majority of the countries/national delegates contacted. Of the countries that appreciated the request, most indicated it would not at present be feasible for them to contribute, although some noted that they would try to take the request further within their systems.

Major Outcomes

- With much appreciation, India contributed \$12,500 USD for an additional fellowship, as well as \$2,500 USD for an additional Visiting Professorship. Norway and Switzerland contributed \$2,500 USD each for an additional Visiting Professorships.
- As noted elsewhere (SCAR CBET), DC was involved in the proposal to EXCOM that is appropriate to do a review of the Visiting Professor programme to see if it has been successful and if it has accomplished what SCAR set out to achieve.
- As a more general point, DC also recommended that SCAR might need to think about how to help new countries in identifying what they feel they need to engage with in SCAR and facilitate helping them with those issues. There may be a role for more senior SCAR leaders to be asked to help in this regard by visiting such countries specifically to increase knowledge of SCAR and the opportunities it can provide. However, no specific action has been developed so far as an outcome of this discussion.

Future Plans

- K Lochte to follow up original letter with countries that expressed interest in potentially contributing.
- As an outcome of the DC meeting in Leuven, the opportunity to interact more directly and closely with The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) was identified, both in contexts of potentially developing joint funding for Fellowships, and in terms of more general active interaction supporting both science and outreach on IAATO vessels. This resulted in initial discussion in Leuven involving P Convey, SL Chown (SCAR president) and D Stanwell-Smith (new IAATO Executive Director), and these discussions will now be progressed during the Polar 2018 Conference.



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- The creation of a SCAR book/pamphlet to be used on tourism ships. This was initiated in discussions at the SCAR OSC in Kuala Lumpur, but progress has been slow.
- With imminent development of new suite of SCAR SRPs, including initial proposal for a much more ambitious programme integrating many of SCAR's current major science disciplines, it is hoped DC can make a significant contribution to coordination of proposal development, and encouraging/facilitating wide ranging searches for novel sources of external support for them.

Budget

Planned use of funds for 2018 to 2020

Year (YYYY)	Purpose/Activity	Amount (in USD)	Contact Name	Contact Email
2020	DC meeting (OSC year, in Australia)	\$5K	P Convey	pcon@bas.ac.uk
2019	DC meeting (non-OSC year)	\$5K	P Convey	pcon@bas.ac.uk
2018	Pamphlet preparation	\$2K	K Lochte	Karin.lochte@awi.de
2018	Funding database	\$0.5K	P Convey and SCAR Office	pcon@bas.ac.uk
2018	Activities for DC contribution to new SRP proposals	\$2.5K	P Convey	pcon@bas.ac.uk

Briefly describe funds usage and the desired results

Funds are requested for development of a SCAR pamphlet for distribution to IAATO vessels (\$2K), and towards development of a funding database (\$500; itself dependent on the completion of the SCAR website). As also noted previously, SCAR needs to be able to be responsive to identified specific funding opportunities as and when they arise, and therefore some flexibility in funding allocation is required. The intention is for formal DC meetings to take place in the wings of the major SCAR meetings, with the next being in Davos in 2018.

Linkages

Direct support from outside organisations – see Major Outcomes above.

Major collaborations

Within SCAR

- CBET



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Membership

Leadership

Role	First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Country	Email	Date Started	Date Term is to End
Chair	Peter	Convey	BAS	UK	pcon@bas.ac.uk	2014	?

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Requests to the Secretariat

None