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SCAR's 60th Anniversary

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Summary (<150 words):

In various discussions with people over the past two years about potential things for SCAR consider doing for its 60th Anniversary, several ideas have been generated. In addition, in the article authored by the Executive Committee and sent to the SCAR Community, several other points have been raised. This paper is a short list of ideas that have come forward to the Secretariat.

Recommendations that EXCOM should consider (if any): *Please indicate if approval is necessary or if they are just asked to note information.*

The Executive Committee is asked to consider these suggestions and ideas when creating plans for SCAR's 60th Anniversary.

Suggested Activities or Items to Consider for SCAR's 60th Anniversary

- Former SCAR Presidents suggested a high level independent meeting (perhaps in Brussels) on SCAR's achievements and the importance of Antarctic research for the planet
- Some kind of activity should be organized in conjunction with the next ATCM. One suggestion was to use the 2018 ATCM SCAR Lecture to highlight SCAR's achievements in relation to science/policy development over the past 60 years.
- A 'party' at POLAR2018 was also suggested, but it was noted this should not just be a party, but should have some discussion involved. In connection with this could be a 10th Anniversary celebration of the Tinker-Muse Prize with a panel of past recipients discussing the 'Global Impact of Antarctic Research'.
- Mike Gooseff suggested using SCAR's 60th Anniversary to also highlight the 50 year US/NZ collaboration on monitoring the Onyx River, which is in 2019, perhaps highlighting this collaboration as a keynote or part of other activities at Polar 2018
- Yan Ropert-Coudert suggested a review of the progress made in Life Sciences thanks to SCAR over the past 60 years. This could be a publication of some kind that would follow the evolution of our knowledge of key species through various SCAR groups, perhaps with a map of the major findings made by countries and multi-countries.
- Karin Lochte mentioned that she knows an excellent journalist that might be interested in writing something for the popular press about SCAR's history.
- Yeadong Kim mentioned that next year will be the 30th anniversary of the start of Korea's Antarctic research efforts.
- One of our early career Peruvian researchers has expressed interest in producing a short video for highlighting SCAR's achievements. Examples of his work can be found at <https://vimeo.com/193887758> and <https://vimeo.com/198752505>
- APECS produced a paper last year looking at the impact of travel funding from IASC had on early career Arctic researchers. It might be of interest to



Antarctica's Longest River, the Onyx

publish a paper on the impact of the SCAR Fellowships and where and what the Fellows are doing now. This wouldn't necessarily have to be done as part of SCAR's 60th Anniversary, but it could be a good idea to include some past SCAR Fellows in various activities.

- David Walton and Peter Clarkson have been approached by the Secretariat to release a digital version of "Science in the Snow". There have also been some discussions about the possibility of adding a new chapter to follow Colin's 2004-2010 summary to bring it up to date. Chuck Kennicutt was suggested as a potential person to do this.
- There is also the current SCAR archiving project that could be used to help highlight a series of interesting items from SCAR's history. Perhaps as the PhD student is going through the archives, she could write a short article for the newsletter ~every month or another communication channel as a way to share new findings in the old file.

Budget

Planned use of funds for 2017 and 2018

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