

Twenty-sixth Meeting of SCAR Delegates Tokyo, Japan, 17 to 21 July 2000

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Opening formalities

1. Opening Business

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

Delegates will be asked to adopt the draft agenda for the meeting.

1.2 New Members

There are no new membership applications but the Delegate from Peru will be asked to announce that Peru proposes to apply for Full Membership of SCAR at some time during the next two years before XXVII SCAR.

2. Reports of SCAR Meetings

2.1 Report of XXV SCAR Meeting

The Reports of XXV SCAR held in Concepción, Chile, in 1998, were published in SCAR Bulletin nos 133, 134 and 135. Delegates will be asked to formally adopt the reports.

2.2 Report of Executive Committee Meeting

The Report of Executive Committee Meeting held in Goa, India, during September 1999, was published in SCAR Bulletin no 137. Delegates will be asked to formally adopt the report.

3. SCAR positions

3.1 Election of two Vice-Presidents

Dr F J Davey and Dr R Schlich complete their terms of office. Dr Schlich was elected in 1998 to complete the unexpired term of Dr Rutford when he was elected President. Therefore, Dr Schlich is eligible for re-election for a 4-year term in his own right.

3.2 Appointment of Standing Finance Committee

Dr J Valencia and Professor A D M Walker resigned from the Standing Finance Committee following their election to the Executive Committee as Vice-Presidents in 1998. The Executive Committee appointed Professor S L Chown and Dr G Kleinschmidt to replace them. Their membership of the Standing Finance Committee needs to be confirmed by the Delegates.

3.3 Appointment of XXVI SCAR Finance Committee

Two persons need to be appointed to augment the Finance Committee to complete the XXVI SCAR Finance Committee.

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

4.1 Reports of Working Groups

All of the eight SCAR Working Groups will be meeting in Tokyo during the first week of XXVI SCAR. The Chief Officers will present brief accounts of their meetings to highlight those aspects of their reports that they wish to bring to the

specific attention of the Delegates. In particular, they will introduce any recommendations and programme proposals made by their groups.

4.2 Reports of Groups of Specialists

The Convenor of the Group of Specialists on Seals will present a brief account of the meeting held in Tokyo immediately prior to XXVI SCAR to highlight those aspects of the report that should be brought to the specific attention of the Delegates. The Convenors of the Groups of Specialists on Environmental Affairs and Conservation (GOSEAC), and on Antarctic Neotectonics (ANTEC) will present reports of their meetings held since XXV SCAR, highlighting those aspects of their reports that they wish to bring to the specific attention of the Delegates.

Delegates will also be asked to confirm the establishment of a new Group of Specialists on Antarctic Subglacial Lakes.

4.3 Reports of other subsidiary groups

The Chairman of the SCAR-COMNAP Joint Committee on Antarctic Data Management (JCADM) will report on meetings of the Committee held since XXV SCAR. In particular, Delegates will need to discuss the results of the SCAR Questionnaire on Antarctic Data in relation to the future of the Antarctic Master Directory (AMD).

4.4 Reports of COMNAP and SCALOP

A representative of COMNAP will be invited to report on those aspects of the meetings of COMNAP and SCALOP that are particularly relevant to SCAR.

4.5 Review of SCAR Recommendations

Delegates will review the Recommendations of XXV SCAR to determine which Recommendations should continue and which should be dropped, having achieved their purpose. (See SCAR Bulletin no 133)

5. SCAR Global Change Research

5.1 Group of Specialists on Global Change and the Antarctic (GLOCHANT)

The Convenor will report on the GLOCHANT VII and VIII meetings and on the SCAR Global Change Project Office

5.2 Developing WCRP programmes in the Antarctic

There will be a brief presentation on the Climate Variability (CLIVAR) and the Climate and the Cryosphere (CLIC) programmes

5.3 International relations

The Convenor will report on the current situation.

5.4 A strategy for Antarctic Global Change Research

The Convenor will present a strategy document for the consideration of Delegates.

6. Report of ad hoc Group on SCAR Organization and Strategy

Dr P M Smith, Chairman of the ad hoc Group on SCAR Organization and Strategy will make a verbal presentation of the report of the Group. The President of SCAR will present the response of the Executive Committee to the Report. Delegates will be invited to divide into two sub-groups to discuss the implications of the report and to consider how the proposals and recommendations of the report may be implemented within SCAR. The discussions in each of the two sub-groups will be led by two of the Vice-Presidents. It is anticipated that the discussion of the report will occupy the greater part of the Delegates meeting. The Vice-Presidents will present the results of the sub-group discussions to the plenary meeting of Delegates that will then decide on the extent to which the report and its recommendations should be adopted.

7. SCAR Functions

Discussion of several aspects under this Agenda item may be influenced by and depend upon the decisions made under Agenda item 6 where the future operation of SCAR is concerned.

7.1 Internal

7.1.1 Review of SCAR Working Groups

Delegates should review the activities of each of the Working Groups and decide if they should continue or not.

7.1.2 Review of SCAR Groups of Specialists

Delegates should review the activities of each of the Groups of Specialists and decide if they should continue or not.

7.1.3 Review of other subsidiary groups

Delegates should review the activities of the SCAR-COMNAP Joint Committee on Antarctic Data Management (JCADM) and decide if it should continue or not. Delegates should bear in mind the discussions and any decisions made under Agenda item 4.3 concerning the future of Antarctic data management.

7.1.4 Review of Rules of Procedure for SCAR subsidiary groups

Delegates need to confirm the minor changes introduced following XXV SCAR. Delegates should also recall that the Report of the SCAR Review group proposed that the SCAR Constitution and Rules of Procedure should not be revised at this time to accommodate any agreed changes in SCAR operation but any revision should wait until XXVII SCAR in 2002 in order to gauge the effectiveness of the changes implemented.

7.1.5 Review of National Reports to SCAR

A paper will be tabled showing the current situation. A report will also be given on the progress of discussions to consider ways in which the National Reports to SCAR, the Annual Exchanges of Information under the Antarctic Treaty and the COMNAP Annual Advance Exchanges of Information might be rationalized to avoid duplication of information.

7.1.6 Publications

Delegates will be asked to approve the proposed SCAR publications.

7.1.7 Activities of the Executive

A report of the activities of the SCAR Executive Committee since XXV SCAR will be tabled.

7.2 External

7.2.1 Antarctic Treaty System

ATCM

Delegates will consider the proposed SCAR responses to requests from XXIII ATCM for SCAR's advice comment on the following issues:

- o Diseases in Antarctic Wildlife;
- o the State of the Antarctic Environment Report (SAER);
- o Environmental Monitoring;
- o Environmental Liability;
- o Antarctic data matters;
- o Specially Protected Species;
- o unified annual reporting (see also 7.1.5)

Delegates will also be asked to confirm the membership of SCAR delegation to XXIV ATCM in 2001 and to the meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) that is tentatively scheduled to take place in the Netherlands during September 2000.

CCAMLR

The report of the SCAR observer will be tabled.

7.2.2 Other Organizations

ICSU

The SCAR Annual Reports to ICSU for 1998 and 1999 will be tabled.

SCOR, IGBP, WCRP

Delegates will be asked to confirm the proposed SCAR representatives.

IOC

Others

7.2.3 Bi-polar relations

The report of the SCAR observer to the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) Council Meeting, April 2000, will be tabled.

7.3 Financial

7.3.1 Report of the XXVI SCAR Finance Committee

The Chairman of the Finance Committee will present the report.

7.3.2 Financial statements for 1998 and 1999

The Chairman of the Finance Committee will present the statements.

7.3.3 Financial strategy

Delegates will discuss a proposed financial strategy, bearing in mind the implications of the Review group recommendations that Delegates have agreed to implement.

7.3.4 Budget for 2000

The Chairman of the Finance Committee will present a revised budget.

7.3.4 Budgets for 2001 and 2002

The Chairman of the Finance Committee will present the proposed budgets.

8. Future Meetings

8.1 XXVII SCAR

8.1.1 Arrangements for XXVI SCAR

The Chinese Delegate will be invited to make a short presentation concerning the date and place of the meeting in 2002.

8.1.2 Activities at XXVI SCAR

Delegates will decide which groups will meet at XXVI SCAR and what other activities may be required.

8.2 SCAR Executive Meeting

The date and place of the meeting will be announced, to coincide with COMNAP XIII meeting.

8.3 XXVIII SCAR

The President will be seeking offers to host the XXVIII SCAR meeting in 2004.

9. Closure of the meeting