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## **SCAR Delegates Meeting 2021**

**SCAR Secretariat, Cambridge UK or as advised**

# **Chile's bid to host 2024 SCAR OSC and Meetings**

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### **Summary**

Proposal, on behalf of the Chilean Government, to host SCAR's Open Science Conference and Biennial Meetings in 2024 in the city of Pucón.

The bid comprises a letter from the Foreign Minister of Chile, the bid document "Antarctic Science: Crossroads for a New Hope", and a tri-fold summary flyer.

### **Recommendations**

Delegates are asked to consider the bid from Chile for hosting the 2024 meetings.

EL MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE CHILE

Santiago, 11th August 2020

Prof. Dr. Steven Chown  
President  
Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)  
Scott Polar Research Institute  
United Kingdom

**Ref.: Chile as host for 2024 Scar Open Science Conference & Biennial Meetings.**

Dear Professor,

On behalf of the Chilean Government, I would like to propose our country to host the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Open Science Conference and Biennial Meetings in 2024 in the city of Pucón.

I hope this application will be taken into consideration and Chile can be selected to become the gathering point of the world's Antarctic science community in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
**ANDRÉS ALLAMAND**



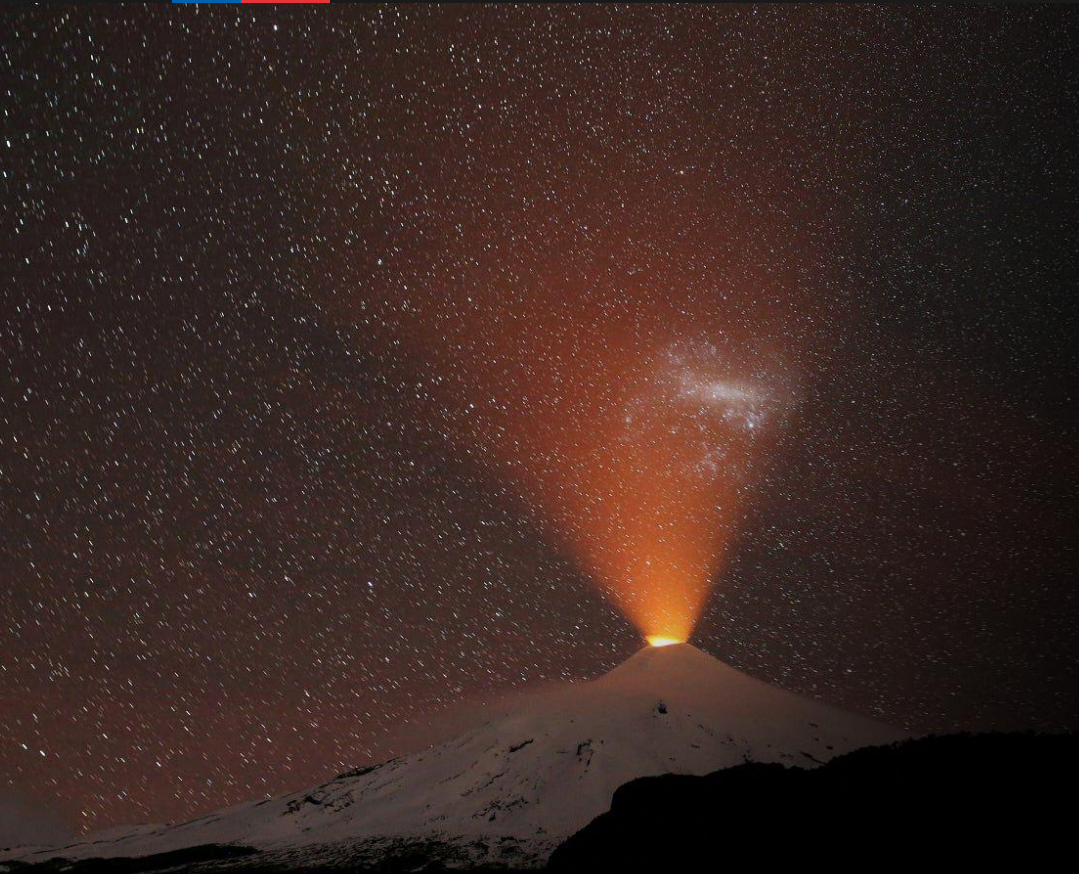
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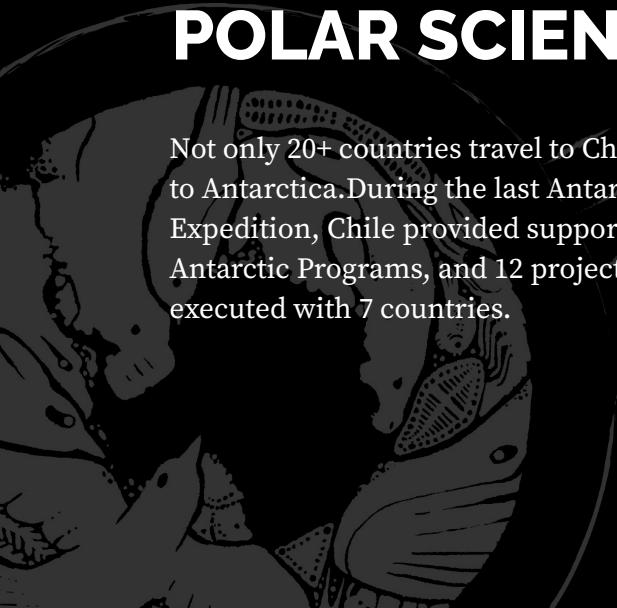
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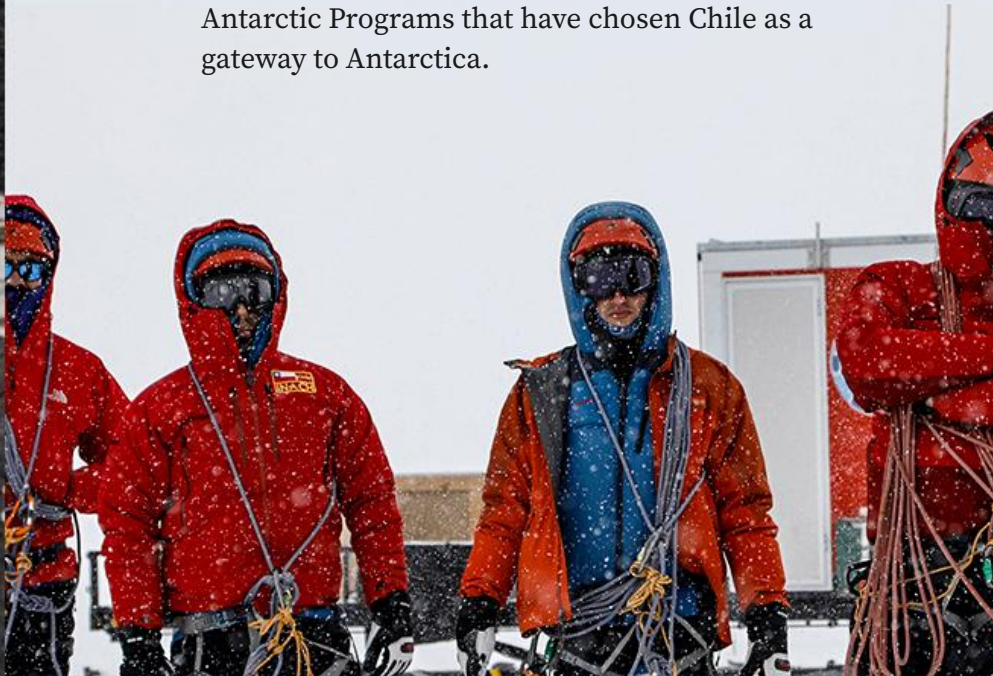




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Chile has an Antarctic Science Program with 112 ongoing research projects, in which 28 universities and research centers and 340+ researchers participate, with a large participation of young and female researchers.





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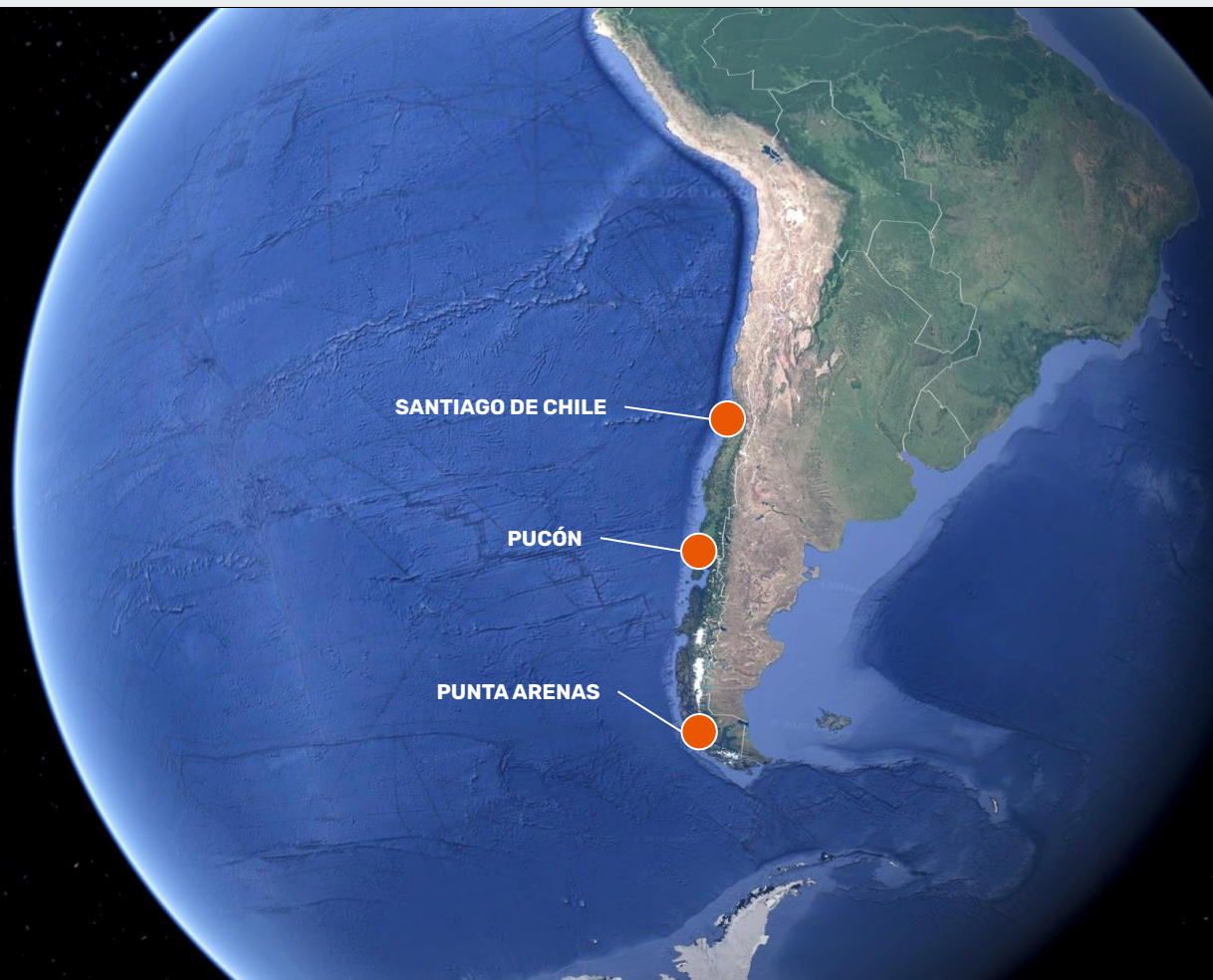
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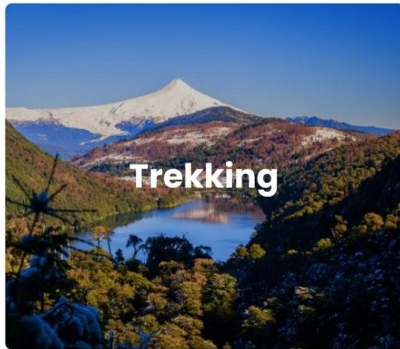
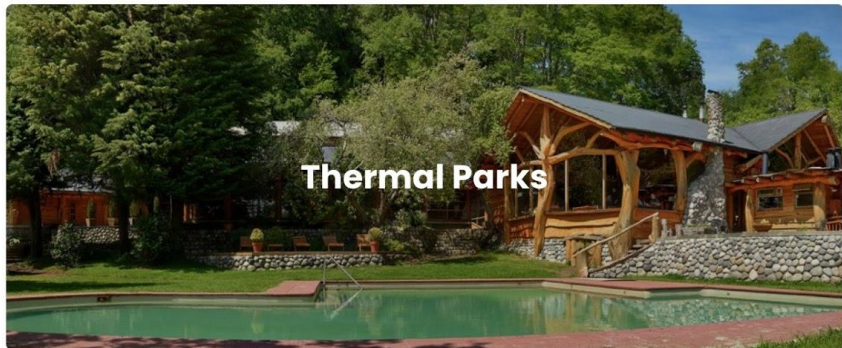
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SCAR OSC & Business Meetings in Pucón  
SCAR Delegates Meeting in Punta Arenas



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