



Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination 2012

Ian Allison

Dr. Ian Allison has investigated the Antarctic cryosphere for more than 40 years and participated in or led 25 research expeditions to the Antarctic. The focus of his research centres on understanding the role of Antarctica in the global climate system, and its response to climate change. His research interests cover a broad field, including sea ice; ice shelf ocean interaction; the mass budget of the Antarctic ice sheet; and Antarctic surface weather and climate. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers on this research.

Ian has been an active member of the SCAR community, for example serving as previous co-chair of the Antarctic Sea Ice Processes and Climate (ASPeCt) group and as a member of the Group of Specialists on Antarctica and Global Change. He is also the current chair of the Martha T Muse Selection Committee.

Ian has played a lead role for 30 years in international collaboration in climate science through bodies such as SCAR, the World Climate Research Programme, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, and most notably as co-Chair of the ICSU/WMO Joint Committee for the International Polar Year 2007-2008.

The award of the 2012 SCAR Medal for International Coordination is well-deserved recognition of Dr. Allison's distinguished career of service and leadership in Antarctic science.

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