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## The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

### Welcome back to the SCAR Newsletter!

We are delighted to be relaunching the SCAR newsletter, a regular update from the SCAR Secretariat containing news, events, and opportunities from and for the SCAR community and beyond.

It's been a while since we last posted a newsletter, so this one's a bit longer than usual. We have included [a review](#) of the highly successful SC-HASS (Standing Committee on Humanities and Social Sciences) meeting in Ushuaia last month, as well as an update on plans for [SCAR's Open Science Conference in Hobart in July/August 2020](#). We need your help to put together a stimulating and comprehensive agenda that meets the community's needs. So please take a look at the [draft session list](#) – comments can be submitted to [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org) up until 28th June 2019.

We also recently launched a [survey](#) to help with the SCAR executive committee's ongoing structural review. This review was requested by the SCAR Delegates at their 2018 meeting and aims to review SCAR programmes, activities and committees to ensure they continue to be fit-for-purpose as the science need evolves. We'd really appreciate your taking part – it's [open until May 31<sup>st</sup>](#).

We would love to hear more about what you want to see in this newsletter. Please send us your comments and ideas, and feel free to share any news, events, and photos with us at [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org). We're also launching our new [Facebook page](#) today – please do sign up!

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## Featured News



The 2019 Conference for the SCAR Standing Committee on the Humanities and Social Sciences (SC HASS) took place in April 2019. Iqra Choudhry wrote about diversity, international collaboration, and her experiences at SC-HASS in [a blog post on the SCAR website](#).

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## SCAR News



## SCAR OSC 2020 First Circular

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Preparations are well underway for the 2020 SCAR meetings and Open Science Conference to be held in Hobart, Australia in July-August 2020. The COMNAP AGM will run concurrently with SCAR. The OSC theme 'Antarctic Science: Global Connections' highlights the scientific connections between Antarctica and the global system and collaboration in our Antarctic science community. The first pre-conference circular is now available on the [SCAR COMNAP 2020 website](#). Comments on the [draft list of sessions](#) should be submitted to [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org) by **28th June 2019**.



## Programme Planning Group (PPG): AntClimNow

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Three PPGs were approved in 2018. [Near-term Variability and Prediction of the Antarctic Climate System \(AntClim<sup>now</sup>\)](#) will investigate the prediction of near-term conditions in the Antarctic climate system. [Read More](#)



## Programme Planning Group (PPG): AISSL

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Three PPGs were approved in 2018. [Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics and Global Sea Level \(AISSL\)](#) will address first-order questions about Antarctica's contribution to global sea level. [Read More](#)



## Programme Planning Group (PPG): Ant-ICON

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Three PPGs were approved in 2018. [Integrated Science to Support Antarctic and Southern Ocean Conservation \(Ant-ICON\)](#) will answer fundamental science questions relating to the conservation and management of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. [Read More](#)



## News SCAR Groups

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Four new SCAR action groups were approved in 2018. Information about these groups is now available on the website:

- [SCAR Krill Action Group](#)
- [Plastic in Polar Environments Group](#)

## Inagural SCAR Visiting Scholars

SCAR is pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Visiting Scholarship Scheme. Scholarships have been awarded to Catherine Goyet and Mahesh Badanal.

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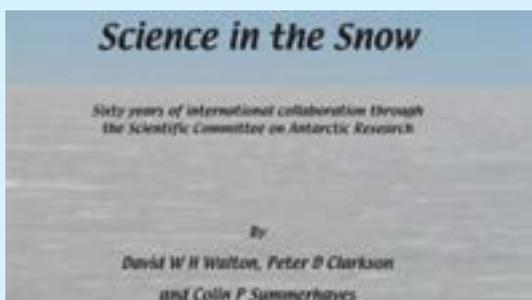
- [AntArchitecture Action Group](#)
- [Input Pathways of Persistent Organic Pollutants to Antarctica](#)



## XIII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Science (ISAES)

ISAES 2019 will be held from the 22 - 26 July 2019 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The symposium aims to bring together Antarctic earth scientists from different areas in order to gather and highlight their outstanding expertise and ideas.

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## Science in the Snow Review - Polar Record

A review of SCAR's landmark book *Science in the Snow* has been published in Polar Record. The review was written by Aant Elzinga of Gothenburg University, Sweden.

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## Community News

### News from the SCAR community and wider research community

- **SCAR Structural Review Survey:** In 2018 SCAR Delegates asked the Executive Committee to review SCAR programmes, activities and committes to ensure they continue to be fit-for-purpose. Therefore, the SCAR Executive Committee is conducting a survey of our members, scientists, partners and groups. Take the survey [here](#). Read more about the survey [on our website](#).

- **New Facebook page:** SCAR has a new [Facebook page](#)! Follow for updates from SCAR and the SCAR community. We also have a [Facebook group](#) and encourage polar scientists to join and post.
- **New Review:** [A review published in Nature Communications](#) in February has assessed the representation of biodiversity in Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs) and identified where they could be improved. [Read More](#)
- **New Study:** [A new study in Geophysical Research Letters](#) has revealed the importance of extreme snowfall in Antarctica. The study began when lead author Prof. John Turner was a SCAR Visiting Professor at the National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research in India. [Read More](#)
- **SCAR products:** Information about [SOOSmap](#) and [DueSouth](#) is now available on the [SCAR website](#). SOOSmap is a one-stop-shop for finding circumpolar, internationally curated datasets of observations. DueSouth is a databased of upcoming expeditions to the Southern Oceans.
- **Obituary:** SCAR was saddened to hear that Professor David Walton passed away on 12 February 2019. [Obituary written by Professor Steven Chown, SCAR President](#)
- **Obituary:** SCAR was saddened to inform the community of the death of Professor Krzysztof Ludwik Birkenmajer, who passed away on Saturday 23rd February after a short illness, at the age of 90. [Read More](#)

## Events

### Upcoming events from SCAR, the SCAR community and wider research community

- **XIII International Symposium on Antarctic Earth Sciences 2019 (ISAES):** ISAES XIII will be held at the Songdo Convensia in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The symposium aims to bring together Antarctic earth scientists from different areas in order to gather and highlight their outstanding expertise and ideas. [Details](#)
- **25th International Symposium on Polar Sciences**, organised by the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) will be held on May 13-15 2019 in Incheon, Republic of Korea. [Details](#)
- **Workshop on Glacial Isostatic Adjustments, Ice Sheets and Sea Level Change - Observations, Analysis and Modelling.** To be held in Ottawa, Canada, on 24-26 September 2019. The workshop is sponsored by SCAR's Solid Earth Respond and Influence on Cryosphere Evolution (SERCE) Scientific Research Programme. [Details](#)

- **A meeting of the SCAR Operational Meteorology in the Antarctica (OpMet) Expert Group** will be held during the Workshop on Antarctic Meteorology and Climate. [Details](#)
- **8th Malaysian International Seminar on Antarctica (MISA8)**: The theme of MISA8 is "Polar Regions in the Global Climate System". It will be held on 18-20 June in Serdang, Malaysia. [Details](#)
- **The 2019 Southern Ocean Observing System (SOOS) Steering Committee Meeting** is taking place in the Republic of Korea from the 16th - 18th May 2019.
- **5th Workshop of the SCAR AAA**: SCAR Scientific Research Programme, Astronomy & Astrophysics from Antarctica (AAA), is holding its 5th Workshop on 17-19 June 2019 at the Skyway Mont Blanc in Courmayeur, Italy. [Details](#).

## Opportunities

### Opportunities from the SCAR community and wider research community

- **COMNAP and IAATO Fellowships** are now open for applications, each offering one fellowship with funding of up to USD \$15,000. The fellowships enable early-career researchers to join a project team from another country. **Deadline for applications: 10th June 2019.** [Details](#)
- SCAR is pleased to partner with the rOpenSci project and the Antarctic Biodiversity Portal in organising a **short course on Tools for Southern Ocean Spatial Analysis and Modelling**. The course will be held from 2-6 September 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. The deadline for applications is **Friday 15 June 2019.** [Details](#)
- The International Glaciological Society is seeking nominations for its three **Honorary Awards**. Deadline: **Friday 7th June 2019.** [Details](#)
- Applications are invited for a **Postdoctoral position** at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, USA. [Details](#)
- Applications are invited for a **post-doc position** in chemical oceanography at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK. **Closes 26 May 2019** [Details](#).
- **Workshop on "Raising awareness and building capacity for science-based policy-making"** on **8 - 9 October 2019** in Reykjavik, Iceland. [Details](#)

## Image of the month



This month's featured image is the photo in our email header, and was taken by Anton Van de Putte. We love seeing photos from SCAR scientists so get in touch at [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org) if you'd like to share yours!



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