



WP 02

Agenda Item: 1.2

Person Responsible: J Baeseman

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Annotated Agenda

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1. Opening Business (Lead: SCAR President)

1.1 Welcome – President (J López Martínez)

1.2 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable – Executive Director (J Baeseman)
(WP 1, WP 2, WP 3, WP 4)

- Adjustments to agenda and timetable
- Apologies
- Housekeeping issues

1.3 Overview of Strategic Plan Framework (J López Martínez) (WP5)

1.4 Overview of Structural Review Outcomes (T Wilson) (WP6)

2. Science (Lead: VP for Science, A Samah)

Reports should be brief and highlight items that require action or may be of special interest to EXCOM. Emphasise science achievements, emerging programmes, special opportunities, etc. Unless otherwise stated, reports to be projected using Powerpoint or equivalent.

2.1 SCAR SSGs: Highlights, Progress and Plans:

2.1.1 Report of SSG Physical Sciences (WP 7)

D Bromwich will report briefly (via Skype) on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.1.2 Report of SSG Life Sciences (WP 8)

Y Ropert-Coudert will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.1.3 Report of SSG Geosciences (WP 9, WP 36)

J Galindo will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting and seek EXCOM approval for the Action Group on Geological Heritage and Geo-conservation.

2.1.4 Structural Review Recommendations (WP 6)

T Wilson will summarize the recommendations for SSGs arising from the Structural Review.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

2.2 SCAR Scientific Research Programmes

2.2.1 Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica (AAA) (WP 10)

J Storey will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.2 State of the Antarctic Ecosystem (AntEco) (WP 11)

H Griffiths will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.3 Antarctic Thresholds - Ecosystem Resilience and Adaptation (AnT-ERA) (WP 12)

J Gutt will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.4 Antarctic Climate Change in the 21st Century (AntClim21) (WP 13)

N Bertler will report briefly (via Skype) on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.5 Past Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics (PAIS) (WP 14)

C Escutia will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.6 Solid Earth Responses and influences on Cryospheric Evolution (SERCE) (WP 15)

T Wilson will report briefly on progress and plans since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.2.7 Future SRP Review Process (WP16)

J Baeseman will outline the review process for the SRPs.

2.2.8 Structural Review Recommendations (WP 6)

T Wilson will summarize the recommendations for SRPs arising from the Structural Review.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

2.3 Other Science Topics

2.3.1 The Southern Ocean Observing System (SOOS) (WP 17)

J Baeseman will update EXCOM on progress with the SOOS, including the first SOOS 3-year Progress Report.

2.3.2 The Southern Ocean Acidification Report (IP12)

J Baeseman will update EXCOM on the progress of the Southern Ocean Acidification Report and planned publication date.

2.3.3 The Social Sciences and History Expert Groups (WP 18, WP 19)

D Liggett will report briefly on progress and plans in the Humanities groups since the last Delegates' Meeting.

2.3.4 SCAR Horizon Scan and COMNAP Antarctic Roadmap Challenges (IP1)

J López Martínez will report on the COMNAP Antarctic Roadmap Challenges workshop.

2.3.5 Other Science Topics (Oral)

J López Martínez will report on various other science topics.

2.3.6 Structural Review Recommendations (WP 6)

T Wilson will summarize the recommendations for other SCAR groups arising from the Structural Review.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment as appropriate.

3. Data and Information: Highlights, Progress and Plans (Lead: VP for Science, A Samah)

3.1 Standing Committee on Antarctic Data Management (SCADM) (WP20)

A Van de Putte will present progress with SCADM and issues that require EXCOM action and/or approval.

3.2 Standing Committee on Antarctic Geographic Information (SCAGI) (WP21)

J López Martínez will present progress and important issues that require EXCOM action/approval.

3.3 SCAR Products (IP 2)

The Executive Officer, E Griffin, will highlight progress with regard to the SCAR Products.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

4. Science Partnerships: Highlights, Progress and Plans (Lead: VP for Science, A Samah)

4.1 Arctic Linkages and ICARP III (IASC) (WP 25, IP 18)

J Baeseman will report on the relationship with IASC, including Arctic linkages and ICARP III.

4.2 Other SCAR Science Partnerships (e.g. APECS, COMNAP, WCRP) (WP22, IPs 13, 14, 15, 16, 17)

J Baeseman will update EXCOM on interactions with partner organisations, including plans for the Year of Polar Predictions, ICSU's Future Earth, etc. She will also highlight MoUs and other agreements in force and report on the review process for agreements which are due for renewal, and update on potential new MoUs (eg Asian Forum for Polar Sciences (AFPS) and Managers of Latin American Antarctic programs (RAPAL))

EXCOM are asked to note and comment as appropriate.

5. SCAR and Policy Advice (Lead: SCAR President)

5.1 Report of Standing Committee on ATS (SCATS) (WP 23, WP 24, IP3, IP4)

A Terauds will report on progress with SCATS and interactions with the Treaty, including an update on the Monaco Assessment, Antarctic Conservation Strategy, the Environments Portal and interactions with CCAMLR

5.2 Advice to other bodies such as IPCC, UNFCCC (WP27)

J López Martínez will report on interactions with other policy bodies such as the IPCC and UNFCCC.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

6. Capacity Building, Education and Training: Progress and Plans (Lead: VP for Outreach and CBET, K Lochte)

6.1 The Martha T Muse Prize (IP 5)

E Griffin, will report on the Martha Muse Prize.

6.2 The SCAR/COMNAP Fellowship Programme including Prince Albert II Fellowship (IP 6)

E Griffin will report on the SCAR/COMNAP Fellowship Scheme.

6.3 The Visiting Professor Scheme (IP 7)

E Griffin will report on the Visiting Professor Scheme.

6.4 SCAR Communications Prize (oral)

K Lochte will report on the SCAR Communications Prize, to be awarded at the 2016 OSC.

6.5 The CBET Committee and future plans (WP 26)

K Lochte will present progress with the CBET Committee and future plans.

6.6 Structural Review Recommendations (WP 6)

T Wilson will summarize any recommendations for capacity building, education and training arising from the Structural Review.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

7. SCAR Internal Communications: Progress and Plans (Lead: VP for Administration, T Wilson)

7.1 SCAR Communications activities (e.g. website, climate communications and COP, social networking, publications including the SCAR Newsletter, videos, possible review) (WP27)

J Baeseman will report on general communication activities, including developments with the new website and planned update to the Newsletter.

7.2 SCAR Development Council (WP 35)

J López Martínez will present an update on the SCAR Development Council.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

8. Major Meetings (Lead: VP for Administration, T Wilson)

8.1 Update for OSC 2016 (IP 8)

A Samah will report on progress for the OSC 2016 in Malaysia.

8.2 Update for XIIth SCAR Biology Symposium, Brussels in 2017 (IP 9)

A Van de Putte / Y Ropert-Coudert will update on plans for the 2017 Biology Symposium in Brussels.

8.3 Updates for OSC2018 – POLAR2018 (IP 10)

J Baeseman will report on plans for the OSC 2018 in Switzerland, jointly organised with IASC. EXCOM are particularly asked to consider and comment on the role, tasks and deadlines of a joint scientific committee of SCAR and IASC.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress. Concerning POLAR2018, they are asked to consider and make recommendations regarding the role, tasks and deadlines of a joint scientific committee of SCAR and IASC.

9. Finance (Lead: VP for Finance, B Storey)

This agenda item will be discussed in a closed session attended by EXCOM and the Secretariat only.

9.1 Financial Statement for 2014 (WP 28a/b)

E Griffin will present the Financial Statement for 2014.

EXCOM are asked to approve the 2014 Statement.

9.2 Revised Budgets for 2015 and 2016 (WP 29, WP 30)

B Storey will present the revised budgets for 2015 and 2016.

EXCOM are asked to approve the revised budgets.

9.3 Draft Budget for 2017 (WP 31)

B Storey will present the draft budget for 2017.

EXCOM are asked to approve the draft 2017 budget.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

10. Strategic Plan Process (Lead: SCAR President) (WP 5)

10.1 Potential ways forward

10.2 Condensed consultation process

10.3 Timeline, actions and potential people responsible

11. SCAR Internal Business (Lead: VP for Finance, B Storey)

This agenda item will be discussed in a closed session attended by EXCOM and the Secretariat only.

11.1 Budgetary Amendments (WP 28a/b, WP 29, WP 30, WP 31)

B Storey will introduce any budgetary amendments.

EXCOM are asked to approve any budgetary amendments.

11.2 Other Finance items (eg. SCAR reserve, interest earning accounts, secretariat salary scales) (WP 32)

B Storey will report on other finance items.

11.3 Potential new membership (WP 33)

J Baeseman will report on potential applications for membership in 2016.

11.4 Secretariat Report (WP 34)

J Baeseman will present the Secretariat Report, including progress on Actions, staffing and other issues that affect the efficient running of the Secretariat.

EXCOM are asked to note and comment on progress.

12. Actions Arising (Lead: SCAR President)

12.1 Actions from EXCOM 2015 (Oral)

J Baeseman will summarize the main Actions Arising from the 2015 EXCOM Meeting.

12.2 Other Business

13. Closure of the meeting