

## SCAR Awards

In 2006, SCAR instigated the award of a set of SCAR medals for outstanding service to SCAR or to Antarctic science. The medal presentations are intended to take place during the opening ceremony of SCAR Open Science Conferences.

### 1. The Medals and the Awards Process

It was agreed that there should be three different SCAR Medals.

(i) “The President’s Medal”, in silver finish, to be awarded for outstanding achievement in Antarctic science. The SCAR President will choose a candidate to receive the medal, and there will be one such award in each SCAR Presidency.

The first President’s Medal was awarded in Hobart, 2006, to Peter Barrett of New Zealand for his work on drilling in the Ross Sea to determine the geological history of glaciation.

The award for 2008 goes to Vladimir Kotlyakov (Rus) for his extensive contributions to polar glaciology, beginning in Antarctica during the IGY.

(ii) “The SCAR Medal for Excellence in Antarctic Research”, and  
(iii) “The SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination”.

The candidates for (ii) and (iii) will be chosen by the Executive Committee on the advice of an Awards Committee comprising the Chief Officers of the SSGs plus two Vice Presidents and the Executive Director. Candidates will be solicited from the national committees and national representatives to the SSGs.

These two SCAR Medals, in bronze finish, will be awarded every second year, and presented during the opening ceremony of each SCAR Open Science Conference.

The SCAR Medal for Excellence in Antarctic Research was awarded in 2006 to Paul Mayewski (USA) for his work on determining climate history from ice cores.

The award for 2008 goes to Angelika Brandt (Ger), for outstanding work on determining the distribution of the benthic faunas of the Southern Ocean around Antarctica.

The SCAR Medal for International Scientific Coordination was awarded in 2006 to David Walton (UK) for his leadership of the teams providing advice to the Antarctic Treaty Parties.

The award for 2008 goes to Claude Lorius (Fra) for his long contribution to the coordination of the drilling of ice cores, especially at Vostok and in the EPICA Programme (Dome C and Kohnen station in Dronning Maud Land). Like Vladimir, Claude too began his polar career working in Antarctic during the IGY.

Nominations were solicited by means of SCAR Circular 769, distributed on 12 November 2007, with a deadline for submission of 1 February 2008.

8 male candidates from 6 countries were proposed for the Coordination Medal.  
11 candidates (including 3 female) from 4 countries were proposed for the Science Medal.

No candidate may be awarded more than one medal at one SCAR Meeting. No awardee will be eligible for any other SCAR medal at any time. For these awards there are no age limits. No candidate may self-nominate.

## **2. Certificate Of Appreciation**

“Certificates of Appreciation” may be awarded to people who provided services to SCAR over long periods. The last such award was made by the Executive Committee meeting in Sofia in 2005 to Peter Clarkson, following his retirement.

At the request of the SSG-Life Sciences, a Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to Des Lugg, for his more than 30 years of service to the SCAR Programmes on Human Biology and Medicine. This award will be made as part of the awards ceremony during the Open Science Conference.

Certificates of Appreciation will also be awarded at the conclusion of the Delegates Meeting to outgoing Vice Presidents Chuck Kennicutt and Zhanhai Zhang, and to immediate past Vice Presidents Clive Howard-Williams and Jeronimo Lopez-Martinez.

## **3. Honorary Membership**

SCAR will continue the practice of electing Honorary Members for outstanding contributions to SCAR, by acclamation at the Delegates meeting. At the 2006 meeting in Hobart the outgoing President Jörn Thiede was so elected.