

### **Activities of the SCAR Secretariat**

In March 2007, the Executive Officer, Dr. Marzena Kaczmarek (Poland), left the Secretariat to work in Svalbard. Dr Mike Sparrow (UK) was recruited as the new Executive Officer, starting on July 1, 2007. Dr. Sparrow's background is in physical oceanography and he was formerly a Staff Scientist for the CLIVAR Programme Office, in the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, UK.

Dr Peter Clarkson, the former SCAR Executive Secretary, was retained as a consultant to act as Executive Officer between the departure of Dr Kaczmarek and the arrival of Dr Sparrow, and then to the end of July to train Dr. Sparrow.

Mrs Karen Smith retired as Administrative Officer on October 1, 2007, and was replaced by Mrs Rosemary Nash on October 9, 2007.

The Secretariat provides quarterly reports of its activities, which can be accessed from the SCAR web site at <http://www.scar.org/members/activityreports/>. The report of the April-June quarter for 2008 will be posted there on June 30, 2008.