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## **SCAR Membership, current and potential, and status of membership arrears**

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### **Summary**

The membership of SCAR currently comprises 43 National Members and 9 Union Members. Following the conversations over the last couple of years, two (2) new countries have expressed interest in applying for membership for this Delegates meeting. Only one application has been received to date. Increasing the membership of SCAR has obvious advantages, both by engaging more countries in Antarctic Science and SCAR as well as increasing SCAR revenues.

### **Recommendation**

With regard to current membership, those associate members that have already consolidated Antarctic research activities should be encouraged to become full members.

Currently Venezuela is in arrears for more than 2 years and Delegates should consider the situation as no correspondence has been received for those 2 years.

Contact with potential future members of SCAR should continue, including those contacted before as well as other potential interested countries.

### **Summary Budget 2018 to 2020**

New members, and members moving from Associate to Full membership, or to more developed status, would increase the resources available to SCAR.



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### **New Membership**

SCAR welcomes the application from Belarus to become a new associate member of SCAR this year.

Luxembourg began the process of application but suffered a recent sad loss which has meant the application has been delayed.

### **Associate Members**

Associate Members status is not meant to be a permanent membership level. Countries enter as Associate Members and then after a few years, should be encouraged to move up to full members. Associate members are currently: Austria, Colombia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Iran, Monaco, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Venezuela. Ukraine has expressed a desire to return to Full Membership. The other members should be encouraged to consider their possible application to become full members in 2020.

### **Expanding Membership**

Contacts with Kazakhstan, initiated in 2013, have continued. Their interest in joining SCAR exists, although because of budgetary constraints an application has not been put in this year. Contact should be re-established to encourage them to consider joining SCAR in 2020.

Saudi Arabia requested to attend the 2016 SCAR Delegates meeting as an observer and contact should be maintained.

The United Arab Emirates has a program with New York University that deals with Antarctic science. Contact should be established and they should be encouraged to join SCAR.

SCAR should encourage the Asian Forum for Polar Sciences to help facilitate AFOPS observers who are not members of SCAR to join. These countries are: Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.

SCAR should reach out to members of the Antarctic Treaty System that are not members of SCAR: Cuba, Estonia (was a member from 1992-2001), Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Korea (DPRK), Mongolia, Papua New Guinea, and the Slovak Republic.

SCAR may also want to consider inquiring ICSU Delegates/National contacts in other countries that might be interested in being engaged in Antarctic activities and encourage involvement.

SCAR should continue to develop a 'membership packet' describing the benefits of being a member of SCAR. This should be used to encourage new countries to become members of SCAR.



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**Members in Arrears**

Note is made of members in 2 or more years of arrears

*Ukraine*

In 2017 Ukraine were in arrears for part of 2015 (\$1,249), and all of 2016 (\$12,400). Following a voluntary move to Associate Membership in 2017, approved at the 2016 Delegates meeting, a payment was received in 2017 for \$11,700. This leaves arrears of \$1,949 for 2016, and all \$7,000 of 2017. Ukraine have been in regular contact and made clear their plans to clear all arrears in preparation for an application to resume Full Membership.

*Venezuela*

No National Contribution, in part or full, has been received from Venezuela since 2015 and there has been no reply or contact to enquiries. None of the National contact points have responded and there are no obvious ways to resolve the situation.

*Peru*

Peru has made payments each year in 2016 and 2017 but in both cases these payments were significantly below the Contribution level (\$9,852 of \$12,400 in 2016, \$10,621 of \$12,400 in 2017). The balances were added to the invoice sent in 2018.

**Recommendations/Actions:**

Delegates are asked to take note and discuss what steps should be taken next for each member for cases not resolved before the meeting. And to keep in mind the rules and procedures of SCAR, particularly dealing with voting rights.