



Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

President's Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Antarctic Science

Diana Wall

Diana H. Wall is a University Distinguished Professor, Professor of Biology, and Director, School of Global Environmental Sustainability at Colorado State University. She is actively engaged in research to explore how soil biodiversity contributes to healthy, productive soils and thus to society, and the consequences of human activities on soil sustainability. She has conducted more than twenty years of research in the Antarctic Dry Valleys examining the response of soil biodiversity and ecosystem processes to environmental change. Wall Valley, Antarctica was named for her achievements in 2005. Diana holds an Honorary Doctorate from Utrecht University, the Netherlands and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is a member of the US Commission of UNESCO, chaired the SCOPE Committee on Soil and Sediment Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functioning and co-chaired the Millennium Development Goals Committee of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Diana was President of the Ecological Society of America, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, the Intersociety Consortium for Plant Protection, Association of Ecosystem Research Centers, the Society of Nematologists and Chair, Council of Scientific Society Presidents. Recently Dr. Wall served on the U.S. National Academies' Committee and the Whitehouse's Office of Science, Technology and Policy "Blue Ribbon Panel" that are setting future directions for Antarctic and Southern Ocean science for the U.S. over the next two decades.

Diana is an active member of the SCAR Standing Scientific Group on Life Sciences and has been involved in the development of SCAR's next generation of Scientific Research Programmes. She is also working closely with SCAR on the 21st Century Conservation initiative.

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