



## Introduction from the SCAR Secretariat

Welcome to our April newsletter!

Will you be the next SCAR Fellow? Our 2023 SCAR Fellowship scheme is now [open for applications!](#) SCAR will offer in total four to five early career fellowships of up to USD \$15,000 each for 2023. We look forward to receiving your applications by 31 July 2023.

In other Capacity Building news, we're also pleased to bring you another Visiting Scholarship Report. [Dr Hongjie Xie reports on his Visiting Scholarship](#) hosted by the Universidad de Concepción (Chile).

Our April newsletter also brings you details of exciting publications from our [Ant-ICON Scientific Research Programme](#) and [RINGS Action group](#), and the latest [SCAR Bulletin](#) reporting on the XXXVII SCAR Delegates' Meeting.

We always enjoy hearing about the activities of SCAR members, and this month we've loved reading this [interview with Dr Luis Huckstadt](#), interviewed by US-SCAR about his work in Antarctic marine ecology.

We also have news about events, opportunities, and publications from the SCAR community. Please do continue to send us publications to feature in the newsletter, as we are always delighted to hear about new publications from the SCAR and wider community.

With best wishes,  
*The SCAR Secretariat*

**Featured News**



# APPLY NOW!

APPLICATIONS FOR THE  
2023 SCAR ANTARCTIC FELLOWSHIPS  
ARE NOW OPEN!

## 2023 SCAR Fellowship Scheme

SCAR launched its 2023 Antarctic-related Fellowships for early-career researchers this month. Following the launch of the [Polar Initiative](#) in 2022 the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has funded an additional SCAR fellowship and as a result SCAR will offer in total four to five fellowships of up to USD \$15,000 each for 2023.

The deadline for the SCAR fellowship applications is **31 July 2023**. The SCAR Secretariat has compiled a list of [frequently asked questions](#) on our website, where you can also find an overview of [past and present SCAR Fellows](#).

Our partners have also announced opportunities for early-career professionals: The COMNAP, & IAATO Fellowships and the CCAMLR Scholarship.

*[Find out how to apply & see opportunities from our partners](#)*

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## SCAR Bulletin 209 Published - XXXVII SCAR Delegates' Meeting Report

[Bulletin 209](#) contains the Report of the XXXVII SCAR Delegates' Meeting held in Goa, India and online on 5-7 September 2022. The report includes updates on SCAR's Science Groups, Scientific Research Programmes (SRPs), Standing Committees and details of a new Programme Planning Group (PPG), as well as a discussion on SCAR's Strategic Plan 2023-28 and the proposed International Polar Year 2032-33.



### SCAR Visiting Scholarship Report: Dr Hongjie Xie

[Dr Hongjie Xie \(University of Texas San Antonio\)](#) reports on his [SCAR Visiting Scholarship](#), hosted by the Universidad de Concepción (Chile), supported by Professor Alfonso Fernandez. The SCAR Visiting Scholar scheme supported two visits to Universidad de Concepción in March 2022 and January 2023 to support the Antarctic research programme, with a focus on remote sensing of sea ice, ice sheet, and ice shelf, and Antarctica's contribution to global sea level rise. Applications for the 2023 [SCAR Visiting Scholar Scheme](#) will open later this year.

### Ant-ICON Community Workshop Report

Ant-ICON's Theme 2 (Human Impacts) held two community workshops late last year to gauge interest in a Ant-ICON State of the Antarctic Environment project. The outcomes from the workshops have been [compiled into a report](#) and have also been used as the basis to compile a Working Paper for submission to this year's CEP meeting in Helsinki.





## New RINGS Whitepaper

The RINGS Action Group has published a new white paper titled "[International collaboration is urgently needed for airborne surveys in Enderby Land to fill the largest RINGS data gap](#)". This is a preliminary planning and scoping paper that seeks to identify potential plans and solutions to support the RINGS project in Enderby Land. The primary objective of RINGS is to develop a comprehensive reference bed topography dataset around the entire Antarctic coast.

## Community News

### Obituary

- It is with deep sadness that SCAR has learnt of the recent death of [Dr Claude Lorius](#), a pioneering glaciologist whose research helped to prove that mankind was responsible for global warming. His achievements are towering and the Antarctic research community owes him a great debt. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues.

### News from the SCAR community and wider research community.

- Dr Luis Huckstadt, a long-standing member of the SCAR community, has been [interviewed by US-SCAR](#) about his work in Antarctic marine ecology, including through the SCAR EG-BAMM and Ant-ICON groups. The full Antarctic interview series is available from the [US-SCAR website](#).
- The Accessibility in Polar Research group are looking for [panellists for a June event](#) to raise awareness of the inequalities faced by researchers with disabilities.
- The Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) are still accepting applications for the second call for [KOPRI Fellowship Program 2023](#). Applications are open until **25 May**.
- SCAR and the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research ([SCOR](#)) invite nominations of qualified individuals to serve on the [SOOS Scientific Steering Committee](#) for terms beginning 1 August 2023. Nominations (including self-nominations) are due by **31 May**.

## Publications from the SCAR and wider research community

- 'Researchers on ice? How the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted Antarctic researchers', published in [Antarctic Science](#), reports on the outcomes of a project exploring the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Antarctic research community. This project was supported by SCAR.
- 'The need for increased protection of Antarctica's inland waters' in [Antarctic Science](#).
- 'First evidence of industrial fly-ash in an Antarctic ice core' in [Nature Scientific Reports](#).
- 'Multiple episodes of ice loss from the Wilkes Subglacial Basin during the Last Interglacial' in [Nature Communications](#).
- Issue 34(1) of [Advances in Polar Science](#) is now available.

## Events

### Upcoming events from SCAR, the SCAR community and wider research community

- The [2023 SC-HASS Biennial Conference](#) 'The Antarctic for a Better World' will take place in Lisbon, Portugal from **22-24 June 2023**. The deadline for early bird registration is 1 May 2023.
- A virtual workshop "[Toward an Antarctic Radiation Regional Network](#)" will be held **5-7 July 2023**. [The second circular is available here](#).
- The [New Zealand – Australia Antarctic Science Conference 2023](#) will take place from **25-28 July 2023** in Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand. The call for abstracts closes 5 May 2023.
- The [XIII SCAR Biology Symposium](#) will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand (**31 July-4 August 2023**). [Registration for the symposium is now open](#) and early bird registration closes 23 May 2023.
- The SOOS Symposium '[Southern Ocean in a changing world](#)' will be held **14-18 August 2023** in Hobart, Australia. Early bird registration closes 12 May 2023.
- The [SCAR INSTANT Conference](#) will take place in Trieste, Italy from **11-14 September 2023**. Registration is now open.

# Opportunities

## Opportunities from the SCAR Community and wider research community

- [Call for Nominations to the Polar Geospatial Center](#) (PGC) Science and Operations Advisory Committee (SOAC). Deadline for nominations is **May 1 2023**.
- The ESA Climate Office is recruiting for a [Senior Climate Applications Scientist - Oceanography](#). **Deadline 8 May 2023**.
- The Department of Geography, King's College London invites applications for a [Lecturer in Climate Change and Environmental Science](#). The closing date for applications is **18 May 2023**.
- [The Atlantic International Research Centre \(AIR Centre\)](#) in collaboration with the European Polar Board (EPB) and [the Portuguese Polar Program \(PROPOLAR\)](#) has opened [an International Call for 5 \(five\) PhD grants](#) from a set of six available themes within the topic “Preservation and restoration of Polar marine and coastal ecosystems and biodiversity”. **Application deadline 31 May 2023**.

## Image of the Month



Our image of the month is a compilation of images from Dr Hongjie Xie's Visiting Scholarship visit, which included participating in glaciological fieldwork. It's always a pleasure to see the results of our [Capacity Building programmes](#).

Do you have any impressions you'd like to share with us?

We love seeing photos from SCAR scientists so get in touch at [info@scar.org](mailto:info@scar.org) if you'd like to share yours!



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