



SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE, XXXIII SCAR BIENNIAL MEETINGS, AND XXVI COMNAP AGM

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Global Messages from Antarctica

Antarctica New Zealand and the Royal Society of New Zealand look forward to welcoming COMNAP, SCAR and the Open Science Conference participants to Auckland and Christchurch in New Zealand in August and early September 2014. The SCAR Open Science Conference will focus on **Global Messages from Antarctica** and how the changes that we are currently seeing in Antarctica will affect the rest of the World, and will include a joint SCAR/COMNAP Conservation Symposium that will help

develop a Conservation Strategy for Antarctica. A draft list of scientific sessions developed by the International Scientific Organizing Committee is open for review and comment at the Conference website www.scar2014.com. If you would like to propose additional sessions or modify the draft list please email info@scar.org before the 1st August. Plenary sessions will include the keynote *Weyprecht Lecture*, the *Antarctic Science Lecture*, the 2014 *Martha T. Muse Prize* winner, and a thematic lecture on *Global Messages from Antarctica*.

Schedule of Events

August & September 2014

22-23 August	Subsidiary group meetings and workshops, Auckland
24 & 29 August	SCAR Business Meetings, Auckland
25-28 August	SCAR Open Science Conference, Auckland
26 August	SCAR/COMNAP Conservation Symposium, Auckland
27-29 August	COMNAP Annual General Meeting, Chateau on the Park Hotel, Christchurch
29-31 August	ICEFEST weekend, Christchurch
1-3 September	SCAR Delegates' Meeting, Auckland

Anticipated Registration Fees

Earlybird	NZ\$625 before end May 2014
Regular	NZ\$825 before end July 2014
Late	NZ\$900 after end July 2014
Students	NZ\$350 The first 200 international student registrants will receive a NZ\$250 grant.

Key dates

1 October	Abstract submission opens for SCAR Open Science Conference
2 December	Registration opens
14 February	Abstract submission closes

The study of Antarctica, the Southern Ocean, and their role in the Earth system, has never been more important than it is today. The region is experiencing changes that are global in scope, making it a rich laboratory for transformational research, important in its own right and impossible to achieve elsewhere on the planet.

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About Auckland

The host city, Auckland, is the largest city in New Zealand and is considered the 'gateway' to the country. Otherwise known as the City of Sails, it is a beautiful city built around a stunning waterfront and unspoiled harbour. With a population of about 1.5 million, it is also New Zealand's commercial centre.

The Viaduct Basin and its cache of restaurants and bars is easily accessible, as is the Wynyard Quarter. Commissioned for the Rugby World Cup in September 2011, the Wynyard precinct has a family atmosphere where you can enjoy dining on North Wharf, tram rides through the Quarter and walks in Jellicoe Park.

Auckland is a wonderful base from which to explore and you will find islands, national parks, beaches, coastlines, forests, adventure activities, shopping, fantastic food and historic treasures each within an hour of Auckland's centre.

About the Conference Venue

The SCAR meetings will be held at SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre located in the heart of Auckland. The Centre is conveniently situated near Queen Street (the central city's retail strip).

The Convention Centre is connected to two hotels: SKYCITY Grand, which is built directly above the Convention Centre and SKYCITY Hotel, part of the SKYCITY complex that includes restaurants, bars, the Sky Tower and a Theatre.

To find out more about the SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre please visit their website to take a virtual tour of the facilities. Block bookings have been made at these hotels along with other options, and will be available to book during the registration process on the website from December 2013.

The SCAR Workshops will take place at the University of Auckland's Owen G Glenn Building. This is a 10 minute walk from SKYCITY Convention Centre.

The Local Organizing Committee is committed to hosting a diverse and accessible conference. If you are an early career scientist looking for networking opportunities, an educator interested in learning something new for your classroom, or an old Antarctic explorer scanning the horizon for new opportunities, we have an activity planned for you. More information will be provided on the web site **www.scar2014.com** as it becomes available or to get involved, email the LOC at **scar2014@tcc.co.nz**.



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