

SURVEY ON SCAR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Help to guide the future of SCAR!

As part of the preparations for the next SCAR Strategic Plan SCAR is undertaking a structural review. As part of this process we would like you to give your opinion in this (purposefully!) short questionnaire...Note that you only need answer those questions you feel is relevant to you and your organisation. Your feedback is appreciated!

Background:

A substantial restructuring of SCAR began following a major review in 2004. The functionality of SCAR after restructuring was reviewed in 2009. Now, in the lead-up to the next SCAR Strategic Plan (2017+), it is timely to assess whether the SCAR structure in practice today is optimal and whether changes can be made to facilitate further improvements.

To that end, the ad hoc committee for a SCAR Structure Review solicits your input via the survey questions below. Please note the final box that asks for additional observations, concerns, and suggestions you may have on the way SCAR operates through the current structure. You only need answer the questions you feel are relevant to you.

At present the scientific business of SCAR is conducted through a number of subsidiary bodies: Standing Scientific Groups (SSGs) are the long-term units of the SCAR science structure, with tasking that includes:

- Initiate, promote, coordinate international science (especially programmes of circumpolar scope and significance)
- Provide scientific and technical advice on behalf of SCAR
- Maintain linkages with other international science organizations with interests in Antarctic science
- Encourage exchange of information, scientific personnel, cooperation among national Antarctic programmes

Scientific Research Programmes (SRPs) are focussed, high priority topical programmes.

The SCAR structure also includes Standing Committees and Action and Expert Groups (AGs and EGs).

The organisation and relationships between these groups is shown graphically on the SCAR website:

http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.scar.org%2Fabout%2Forganisation&sa=D&sz=1&usq=AFQjCNE-7B6SOaOsY00_29NzPTNdiPp1iQ

1. How would you rate your level of engagement with the following SCAR bodies?

a. SCAR SSG on Geosciences and its subsidiary/related EGs and AGs

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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b. SCAR SSG on Physical Sciences and its subsidiary/related EGs and AGs

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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c. SCAR SSG on Life Sciences and its subsidiary/related EGs and AGs

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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d. SCAR SRP - Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica (AAA)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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e. SCAR SRP - Antarctic Thresholds - Ecosystem Resilience and Adaptation (AntERA)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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f. SCAR SRP - State of the Antarctic Ecosystem (AntECO)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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g. SCAR SRP - Antarctic Climate Change in the 21st Century (AntCLIM21)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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h. SCAR SRP - Past Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics (PAIS)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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i. SCAR SRP - Solid Earth Response and influence on Cryosphere Evolution (SERCE)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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j. Other SCAR groups or committees

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Significant involvement

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2. What are the most/least valuable aspects of your involvement in SCAR groups?

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3. Have you participated in SCAR biennial meetings?

a. Standing Scientific Group Business Meetings

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Aceasta este o întrebare obligatorie

If "yes", how many times and if "no" why not?

Aceasta este o întrebare obligatorie

b. Open Science Conferences

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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If "yes", how many times and if "no" why not?

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4. Do you have ideas about how to improve these meetings?

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5. Are the tasks of the SSGs (stated in the header) appropriate? What are the most important functions of a SSG and how can these be best achieved?

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6. Do you think the current SCAR structure of having three SSGs (Life, Physical and Geosciences) as the umbrella science groups should be continued?

Please comment on:

a) how many national representatives each SCAR Member Country should nominate to each SSG [these representatives attend SCAR Business meetings and make recommendations on, e.g., the formation of a new SCAR Action/Expert/SRP groups]

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b) whether the current SSG science disciplinary structure is appropriate given that many groups are now interdisciplinary and report to more than one SSG.

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c) Do you think that a completely new model should be considered (e.g. the SCOR Working Groups -

http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.scor-int.org%2FSCOR_WGs.htm&sa=D&sntz=1&usq=AFQjCNHr2NVjJ_sPyOoeSpKNwsZ3tX5F4w)

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7. Scientific Research Programmes are thematic, commonly cross-disciplinary, research initiatives that receive a significant portion of SCAR science funds. Are the procedures to initiate, implement, evaluate, and participate in SCAR SRPs clear and effective?

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8. SCAR Action Groups and Expert Groups are designed to have focused and relatively short-duration (approx. 2 years for AGs and 8 years for EGs) research objectives. What would promote more consistent activity levels and participation in Action Groups and Expert Groups, including timely expenditure of allocated funds?

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9. How should activities/outcomes of SCAR Action Groups, Expert Groups and SRPs be promoted and evaluated?

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10. How could participation of early-career scientists in AG/EG/SRP activities be increased?

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11. Could you recommend changes to the current bodies and procedures of SCAR that could improve them?

Aceasta este o întrebare obligatorie

12. Do you feel sufficiently informed about SCAR activities?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Completely

Aceasta este o întrebare obligatorie

13. How do you think that the SCAR secretariat could help to more efficiently support the SCAR structure and functionality?

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14. How well do you feel SCAR represents your interests?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Completely

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Which SCAR body best represents your interests?

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15. Does SCAR provide 'good value for money' ?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Completely

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To what extent has your participation been limited by funding?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Not at all ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Completely

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16. Any other comments/suggestions you would like the SCAR Structure Review Group to consider?

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Thank you very much for your valuable input!

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