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To: Nominated Members of SCOR, Affiliated Organizations, Interested International Organizations, Sponsors, Chairs of SCOR Subsidiary Bodies

From: Ed Urban, Executive Director

2018 Call for Working Group Proposals

The 2018 SCOR Annual Meeting will take place in Plymouth, United Kingdom on **4-6 September 2018**. Details about the meeting will be posted at http://www.scor-int.org/Annual%20Meetings/2018_SCOR_Meeting/2018_SCOR_Annual_Meeting.htm as they become available

The SCOR Secretariat will accept proposals for new working groups from now until 12:00 p.m. UCT on **16 April 2018**. The guidelines, a template, and word limits are available at http://www.scor-int.org/SCOR_WGs_Proposal_Instructions.htm, including a PowerPoint presentation explaining the proposal process.

Each proposal will be evaluated by national SCOR committees in terms of scientific merit and quality, timeliness, and achievability of the proposed terms of reference. National SCOR committees are an important aspect of SCOR's operation and play a key role in reviewing working group proposals and in seeking new funds to support working group activities. In addition, the review of working group proposals is open worldwide to partner organizations and individuals who would like to provide comments.

Annual SCOR meetings are open, but anyone submitting a proposal or included in a proposed working group membership will be asked to leave the room when their proposal is discussed.

SCOR probably will be able to support two new working groups for a start in 2019, pending availability of good proposals that pass SCOR review. Each new group will be provided US\$45,000 over a 3-4 year period to conduct its work.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the process for working group proposals.