



The Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Patricia Miloslavich** as the next SCOR Executive Director. Dr. Miloslavich will replace Dr. Ed Urban and will be the fourth Executive Secretary/Executive Director in SCOR's 62-year history. Her appointment will begin on 1 January 2020.

Dr. Miloslavich has significant experience in international science coordination and project management. She currently serves as the Project Officer of the GOOS Biology and Ecosystems Panel based at the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Science of the University of Tasmania, coordinating activities to implement global sustained observations

of marine biodiversity and ecosystems to help mitigate or manage changes resulting from anthropogenic pressures. She is a marine biologist with a Ph.D. in Oceanography earned from the University of Quebec at Rimouski and is affiliated as a researcher to the Department of Environmental Studies of University Simon Bolivar in Caracas, Venezuela, from which she retired as Senior Professor after 25 years. She was also a professional consultant at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership leading the global synthesis of the state of knowledge of marine biodiversity worldwide in collaboration with a network of researchers from all over the world. She has been the PI or Co-PI in more than 20 research projects, focused on national (Venezuelan), regional (Caribbean and South America) and global topics, also acting as project manager and coordinator.

Dr. Miloslavich played key roles with the Census of Marine Life program as Senior Scientist, chair of the Caribbean Committee and coordinating the NaGISA nearshore diversity project for South America. She contributed to draft the Science Strategy of the Ocean Science section of the IOC/UNESCO and was an invited speaker at the UN Oceans conference and at the UN High Level conference in preparation for the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Dr. Miloslavich founded the South American SARCE rocky shore network and currently serves the Executive Committee of the Marine Biodiversity Observation Network of GEO-BON. She was a Coordinating Leading Author for the Intergovernmental Panel for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) global assessment and appointed as a member of the United States "Pool of Experts" for the UN World Ocean Assessment among other international tasks.

Dr. Miloslavich has authored more than 80 publications in peer-reviewed journals and scientific books, and has presented her work at more than 100 international conferences. She is leading activities to facilitate the integration of biological observations into the global ocean observing system to be launched at the decadal OceanObs19 conference.

Dr. Miloslavich's work in marine biology, especially within the framework of the Census of Marine Life and the Global Ocean Observing System, as well as her exploration activities within the E/V *Nautilus* of the Ocean Exploration Trust and the Darwin Adventure Initiative in South America led by the British Council, have been released by several media. The impact and scientific relevance of her scientific publications and her communication efforts to broader audiences, led to her receiving the Eugenio Mendoza Award in 2015, the highest achievement a scientist in any discipline can receive in Venezuela.

Dr. Miloslavich has been associated with SCOR since 2015, serving as the representative of the International Association of Biological Oceanography (IABO) on the SCOR Executive Committee.