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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

Call for Working Group Proposals for 2006 SCOR General Meeting

The XXVIIIth SCOR General Meeting will take place in Concepción, Chile on **23-26 October 2006**. Details about the meeting can be found at <http://www.jhu.edu/scor/2006GM.htm>.

The SCOR Secretariat will accept proposals for new working groups from now until **31 May 2006**. Model proposals and other information about working groups can be found at <http://www.jhu.edu/scor/wkgrpinfo.htm>.

SCOR examines the disciplinary balance of its working groups annually. Comments from the 2005 evaluation stated “[t]here is still no activity on benthic biology or about hard rock geology in Earth sciences... Where can SCOR improve its disciplinary balance? Potential areas, in addition to those listed above, are physics/sedimentology/geochemistry, shelf-break processes and models, and instabilities related to clathrate dissolution. Particularly useful would be interdisciplinary work focused on the shelf break.” Each proposal, whether in these areas or others, will be evaluated against each other by national SCOR committees in terms of scientific merit and quality, timeliness, and achievability of the proposed terms of reference.

We will have enough SCOR funding for two new working groups to start in 2007. I would be pleased to work with proponents to develop proposals for funding of their working group ideas from national funding agencies, foundations, and other potential sources. National SCOR committees are an important aspect of SCOR’s operation and can play a key role in reviewing working group proposals and in seeking new funds to pay for working group activities. Proponents should consider submitting their proposals through their national SCOR committees, although we will also accept proposals from individuals and other organizations.

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