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From: Ed Urban, Executive Director

Call for Working Group Proposals for 2008 SCOR General Meeting

The XXIXth SCOR General Meeting will take place in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, USA on **22-24 October 2008**. Details about the meeting can be found at <http://www.scor-int.org/2008GM/2008GM.htm>.

The SCOR Secretariat will accept proposals for new working groups from now until **31 May 2008**. Model proposals and other information about working groups can be found at <http://www.scor-int.org/wkgrpinfo.htm>.

SCOR examines the disciplinary balance of its working groups annually. The 2007 evaluation of this balance found that the set of SCOR working groups is relatively balanced, given that other organizations are already focusing on climate issues. However, it was recommended that more attention be given to interdisciplinary topics. 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.

SCOR tentatively plans to start two new working groups in 2009, pending availability of adequate funding. 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.

Proponents who wish to attend the 2008 SCOR meeting are welcome to do so, but should be aware that they will be asked to leave the room when their proposal is discussed. SCOR started this practice in 2005 to avoid any appearance of favoritism toward proposals that are represented at the meeting by a proponent.

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