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## **1.1 Opening Remarks and Administrative Arrangements** *Lewis, Fennel, Urban*

### **1.1.1 Memorials for Scientists Involved With SCOR**

David Dyrssen died since the 2011 SCOR meeting. Prof. Dyrssen was a Nominated Member from Sweden between the years of 1979 and 1985.

## **1.2 Approval of the Agenda (see Tab 0)** *Fennel*

The agenda can be rearranged at the meeting to accommodate the schedules of presenters and to add items to it.

## **1.3 Report of the SCOR President** *Fennel*

The SCOR President will present a report at the meeting that describes his activities on behalf of SCOR since the 2011 SCOR Executive Committee Meeting in Helsinki.

## **1.4 Report of SCOR Executive Director** *Urban*

This has been another busy year for the SCOR Secretariat and SCOR-supported groups continue their good work.

**Finances**—Despite continuing global financial difficulties, SCOR’s finances are healthy. Income from dues from national SCOR committees have been received on schedule, so it is likely that dues income will meet budget, perhaps even before the Halifax meeting. Income from dues is important for funding the central administration of SCOR, namely the costs of the Secretariat and the annual SCOR meetings. Dues also fund some costs of working groups and other SCOR activities that are not funded from grants. SCOR depends on grant funding for large-scale research projects, ocean carbon activities, and some working groups. The U.S. National Science Foundation is a major sponsor and SCOR recently received approval of a renewal proposal for the period 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2015. Proposals are pending at the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**Membership**—The number of countries involved in SCOR has remained stable this year. We have had discussions this year with individuals from Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand about membership in SCOR.

**Publications**—The SCOR Web site is the major vehicle for providing up-to-date information about SCOR to the international ocean science community and I make changes to the site several times each week, as I receive new information. The site is checked for “dead links” monthly. SCOR activities yielded many publications in the primary literature and other venues this year, as noted in Tab 8. The use of commercial, closed-access journals is still an issue. One such

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journal quoted a price of US\$1100 for a single copy of a special issue from a SCOR working group, so we were unable to procure a copy for the SCOR library.

Because SCOR's reputation is significantly affected by the quality of documents resulting from SCOR activities, I spend a significant amount of my time writing, reviewing and/or editing publications. In the past year, this has ranged from articles for *EOS* to the SOOS *Initial Science and Implementation Strategy*. For the latter document, I edited the document several times, managed the process of obtaining all the figures in the proper resolution and the permissions to reprint the figures, worked with the formatter to check and re-check the text, and worked with the printing office at the University of Delaware to get the report printed.

**Meetings**—Between the 2011 and 2012 SCOR annual meetings, five SCOR working groups met (WGs 134, 135, 136, 137 (2x), 139). The Scientific Steering Committees of GEOHAB, GEOTRACES, GLOBEC, IMBER, and SOLAS also met. The SOOS Scientific Steering Committee met for the first time. The largest SCOR-related meeting during the year was the Third Symposium on The Ocean in a High-CO<sub>2</sub> World. SCOR took the administrative lead on the meeting. The logistics were handled by Elizabeth Gross, as a contractor to SCOR. I was the lead staff person working with the International Planning Committee to manage the process of reviewing abstracts, forming parallel sessions, and selecting session chairs. I also provided staffing to the subcommittee responsible to review applications for travel support for early-career scientists and to get mentors assigned to those early-career scientists who requested mentors.

**Outreach to Scientists From Developing Nations and Capacity-Building Activities**—SCOR continues to invest funding and effort in expanding our capacity-building activities. In addition to the continuation of the travel grant program, SCOR appoints up to three SCOR Visiting Scholars each year. We are convening a meeting in Namibia in early November to discuss SCOR's outreach in southern Africa, as well as the possibilities for regional cooperation in graduate education in ocean sciences. In early August, I participated in a meeting sponsored by the IMBER project and funded by the Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Science, to discuss ideas to improve IMBER capacity building worldwide, as well as to improve capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Service to International Ocean Research Projects**—SCOR helps individual projects in many different ways, including providing funds from the National Science Foundation and other sources, providing travel support for developing country scientists and scientists from countries with economies in transition to special events of the projects, providing IPO-type support at the beginning of projects, providing access to the Conference Manager software for management of open science meetings, and leasing the GoToMeeting system for the projects.

**Support of Project Offices**—SCOR currently provides partial support for three project offices, as subawards to one of SCOR's grants from NSF:

- International Ocean Carbon Coordination Project (IOCCP)—This is the newest SCOR-supported project office. It is located in Sopot, Poland, at the Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. SCOR pays the salary and benefits for the project director. We anticipate that IOC will contribute to the cost of the office and for activity funding for IOCCP, and hope that Polish sources will provide some activity funding.
- GEOTRACES Data Assembly Centre—This office is located in Liverpool, UK, at the British Oceanographic Data Centre. SCOR pays for some salary support and other expenses related to the office. The office receives occasional support from other countries.
- GEOTRACES International Project Office—This office is located in Toulouse, France at the Laboratoire d'Etudes en Géophysique et Océanographie Spatiales, SCOR support pays for about half of the office cost.

**Partnerships With Other Organizations**—Maintaining existing partnerships and developing new ones depends on SCOR having the ability to commit funding to joint activities and to send representatives to partners' meetings. We have strong partnerships with IAPSO, IGBP, IOC, PICES, POGO, and SCAR. This year, I represented SCOR at the annual POGO meeting in January and the IOC Executive Council meeting in June.

**Staffing**—Lora Carter, our Financial Assistant, has continued her work on reimbursements and general administrative support (this encompasses more activities than I can list here!). She is assuming greater responsibilities as time passes and her hours have been increased. Elizabeth Gross works as a contractor to handle many different financial aspects of SCOR, including working with our auditor on the annual audit and reimbursements from sponsoring agencies and organizations, and managing our use of the Conference Manager software that we lease.

I continue to manage all SCOR Secretariat activities and oversee the finances of SCOR activities, work on new project development/serve as a partial Executive Officer for one project (GEOHAB), pursue new funding for SCOR activities, represent SCOR at various meetings, help edit various publications, and work on the SCOR Web site and publications. I was particularly active this year on preparations for the 2012 Symposium on The Ocean in a High-CO<sub>2</sub> World and preparation of the *Southern Ocean Observing System Initial Science and Implementation Strategy*. I co-authored two publications published this year:

- Rintoul, S.R., M.D. Sparrow, M.P. Meredith, V. Wadley, K. Speer, E. Hofmann, C. Summerhayes, E. Urban, and R. Bellerby (eds.). 2012. *The Southern Ocean Observing System: Initial Science and Implementation Strategy*. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research.

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- Schofield, O., M. Meredith, L. Newman, M. Sparrow, and E. Urban. 2012. Implementing a Southern Ocean Observing System. *EOS* 93:241-243.

I have another publication in preparation, an update on the data publication activity that we will submit to *EOS*.

## **1.5 Appointment of an *ad hoc* Finance Committee** *Fennel*

The Executive Committee will appoint the 2012 Ad Hoc SCOR Finance Committee before the meeting, so the committee members can receive and review SCOR financial information in advance. Participation on the Finance Committee is limited to Nominated Members who are attending the meeting, but who are not members of the SCOR Executive Committee. This ensures that a group independent from the Executive Committee and SCOR Secretariat staff can make recommendations to the Executive Committee about SCOR finances.

## **1.6 2012 Elections for SCOR Officers** *Sundby*

The election process for new SCOR officers took place between the 2011 Executive Committee meeting and the 2012 General Meeting. The Nominating Committee included Bjorn Sundby (Canada, chair), Colin Devey (Germany) Julie Hall (New Zealand), and Temel Oguz (Turkey). The new officers will be announced at the meeting.