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TO: National SCOR Committees, SCOR Nominated Members, Affiliated Organizations  
FROM: Marie-Alexandrine Sicre, Chair, SCOR Nominating Committee  
SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for SCOR Officers

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ELECTION OF SCOR OFFICERS, 2022 SCOR ANNUAL MEETING

There will be an election of SCOR Officers at the SCOR Annual Meeting in Busan, Korea on 6 October 2022. The new Executive Committee will start its term at the end of the meeting. For your information, the current membership can be found at: <https://scor-int.org/scor/about/officers/>.

Four officer positions are open this year: the SCOR Secretary and all three SCOR Vice-Presidents; two of the Vice-Presidents are eligible to be re-elected for a second two-year term.

#### Offices Open

Secretary	Paul Myers	Canada	Physical Oceanographer 2018-2022
Vice President	Jing Zhang	Japan	Chemical oceanography 2018-2022
Vice-President (may be re-elected for a second term)	Bradley Moran	USA	Chemical oceanography 2020-2022
Vice-President (may be re-elected for a second term)	Stefano Aliani	Italy	Biological oceanography 2020-2022

The SCOR Executive Committee appointed a Nominating Committee under the Chairmanship of the Past-President, Dr Marie-Alexandrine Sicre (France). Other members include Dr. Peter Burkill (UK), Dr. Constanza Ricaurte Villota (Colombia) and Dr. Samuel Mafwila (Namibia).

National Committees for SCOR and Affiliated Organizations are hereby requested to submit

nominations for consideration by this committee. The SCOR Constitution requires that the members of the Executive Committee be elected from among the Nominated Members of SCOR, from nominations made by national SCOR committees. Nominations will not be accepted from individuals. A current list of all Nominated Members can be found at <https://scor-int.org/scor/committees/>. National Committees are strongly urged to verify that the information on this website is correct and to notify the SCOR Secretariat ([secretariat@scor-int.org](mailto:secretariat@scor-int.org)) of any changes. All National Committees are entitled to have three Nominated Members as their representatives in SCOR.

Please ensure that your nominations are sent to me ([marie-alexandrine.sicre@locean.ipsl.fr](mailto:marie-alexandrine.sicre@locean.ipsl.fr)) for distribution to the entire Nominating Committee no later than 4 June 2022. Please note that nominations must be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae and an indication of the position for which the candidate is being nominated. I encourage electronic submission of these nominations because it will simplify the task of distribution to the Nominations Committee.

Best regards,

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## PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SCOR OFFICERS - 2022

1. A call for nominations must be issued more than 6 months before the General Meeting (4 April 2022). Nominations should include a suggestion of the position for which the candidate is being proposed, and a brief curriculum vitae.
2. A Nominating Committee of three SCOR members will be appointed by the Executive Committee meeting prior to each General Meeting at which an election will take place. The Nominating Committee will normally include the Past-President as its Chairperson.
3. Nominations will not be accepted later than 4 months before the General Meeting (4 June 2022) except as provided for in clause 4.
4. Between 3 and 4 months before the General Meeting (4 June-4 July 2022), the Nominating Committee, after scrutinizing the nominations received, may seek additional nominations for specific positions through direct consultations with national committees and/or affiliated organizations. This process may be needed in order to maintain the appropriate disciplinary and geographic balance on the Executive Committee.
5. The Nominating Committee will prepare a final slate of candidates, one per position, and will confirm that the members of this slate are willing to serve.
6. Three months before the General Meeting (4 July 2022) the Nominating Committee will announce its proposed slate and send it, along with all nominations received, to all voting members of SCOR as defined in Clause 21 of the SCOR Constitution (Nominated Members and Representative Members of Affiliated Organizations). Nominations received as a result of action taken under clause 4 will be identified.
7. Clause 21 of the SCOR Constitution states that when elections are held “only one Nominated Member from each Committee for Oceanic Research shall have a vote. One Representative Member from each Affiliated Organization may also vote.”
8. No further nominations be allowed.
9. If notice is given not less than 2 weeks before the start of the General Meeting (27 Sept. 2022) by any 3 national committees requesting that a formal vote take place, it will be held on the last day of the General Meeting.
10. If no vote is requested the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee will be declared elected at the end of the General Meeting (6 Oct. 2022).

## Job Descriptions for SCOR Executive Committee Members

The SCOR Executive Committee is responsible to act on behalf of national SCOR committees to oversee SCOR activities between annual meetings. The Executive Committee is comprised of the following types of members:

1. 1 President (four-year term, non-renewable) – elected by national SCOR committees
2. 1 Past President (four-year term) – the President, who has been elected by national SCOR committees, then automatically becomes Past President at end of term
3. 1 Secretary (four-year term, non-renewable) – elected by national SCOR committees
4. 3 Vice-Presidents (two-year terms, renewable once) – elected by national SCOR committees
5. 3 Ex-officio Members, the presidents (or their designees) from three related organizations of the International Council for Science (ICSU): the International Association for Biological Oceanography, the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans, and the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences. Neither the national SCOR Committees nor the SCOR Executive Committee select these members.
6. Up to 2 Co-opted Members, who are selected by the SCOR Executive Committee to expand the expertise, geographic, and/or gender balance of the Executive Committee. Co-opted Members can also be appointed for special duties that the Executive Committee want to be linked closely to the Executive Committee.

The list of current SCOR Executive Committee members can be found at <http://www.scor-int.org/excom.htm>.

The Executive Committee functions as the SCOR board of directors and, in this capacity, has the following responsibilities:

1. Oversight of the scientific activities of the organization. As an international scientific organization, it is crucial that SCOR be focused on the most important, cutting-edge ocean science. The Executive Committee tracks all SCOR scientific activities through communications with the SCOR Secretariat and has two specific responsibilities in relation to scientific issues:
  - a. Service as Reporters for activities undertaken by SCOR. SCOR supports the international scientific steering committees for research projects, working groups, and various other committees. Each SCOR activity is assigned a SCOR Executive Committee member to liaise with the group and report on its activities at annual SCOR meetings.
  - b. Service as Monitors for proposals for new working groups at annual SCOR meetings. SCOR considers proposals for new working groups at each annual SCOR meeting. Each proposal is assigned one Executive Committee member to present the proposal at the meeting, summarize comments received about the proposals, clear up questions raised by national committees before the proposals are discussed at annual meetings, and communicate with the proponents after the meeting regarding the results of the discussions.
2. Oversight of SCOR finances. In addition to considering recommendations of the independent Finance Committee at annual meetings, the Executive Committee conducts

its financial oversight by reviewing quarterly reports provided to it by the SCOR Executive Director. The quarterly report includes a balance sheet for the end of the most recent quarter, a profit and loss statement for the year to date (against budget), the status of dues payments, a list of staff travel costs, a list of payments to outside contractors, and recent and planned activities on proposals and grants.

3. Oversight of management and procedures of the organization. The Executive Director consults regularly with the Executive Committee on matters of organization activities, strategies, documents, liaisons with other organizations, etc. All written policies of SCOR are considered and approved by the Executive Committee.
4. Hiring, periodic review, and determination of the salary of the SCOR Executive Director. The Executive Committee also determines that salary of the Financial Assistant. Contracts for amounts above \$5,000 must be reviewed by the Executive Committee and contracts for lesser amounts may be reviewed by the Executive Committee upon request from the Executive Director. Rates of contractors must be approved by the Executive Committee before agreements are approved.
5. Representation at meetings of cooperating organizations. The SCOR President is the main representative from the Executive Committee to other organizations; other members may be requested to serve in this role from time to time.

It is expected that SCOR Executive Committee members will normally attend annual SCOR meetings during their terms and will respond to emails from the SCOR Executive Director in a timely way. Many decisions of the Executive Committee are made by email, and decisions are usually not taken unless a majority of members respond to the requests for approval/advice.

In addition to these general responsibilities, the Executive Committee members have the following specific responsibilities:

1. President—The SCOR President bears primary responsibility for working with the SCOR Executive Director on a day-to-day basis in relation to the regular activities of SCOR. The President serves as the liaison between the SCOR Executive Committee and the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, with which SCOR works closely in sponsoring and overseeing major scientific research programs. The President has historically been the primary reviewer of the *SCOR Newsletter* before it is distributed.
2. Past-President—The SCOR Past-President is responsible for chairing the Nominating Committee for election of SCOR officers in even-numbered years.
3. Secretary—The SCOR Secretary is responsible for helping to take notes during annual SCOR meetings.
4. Vice-Presidents—The SCOR Vice Presidents have no specific duties beyond the general duties for an Executive Committee member described above.
5. Ex-officio Members—Ex-officio members of the SCOR Executive Committee are responsible to serve as liaisons between their organizations and the SCOR Executive Committee, including providing an annual report to SCOR from their organizations and to their organizations regarding SCOR. These members are also expected to represent the scientific interests of their organizations in the development and management of SCOR activities and to ensure awareness of relevant SCOR activities with their organizations, as well as to convey advice/requests between organizations and SCOR.

6. Co-opted Members—Co-opted Members to the SCOR Executive Committee have no specific responsibilities, although they are sometime appointed to the Executive Committee based on other SCOR responsibilities, such as chairing the SCOR Committee on Capacity Building, serving as the convener of the SCOR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary symposium, etc. Otherwise, Co-opted Members are expected to fulfill the regular duties of Executive Committee members.