

Report of the president

Due to the pandemic, most meetings have been held on-line during the first half of the year. I gave a keynote speech on SCOR's activities to support blue economy at the 3rd Research Symposium on "Aquatic Research for Prosperity of the Nation" held in November 2021 at the Ocean University of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka had an intention to join SCOR, but Sri Lanka's joining is delayed due to its economic crisis. In December last year, I gave a talk introducing SCOR's scientific activities at the Pohang University of Science and Technology, Korea. In June 2021, the 55th Executive Assembly of IOC was held in Paris. I attended this meeting held offline after two years' break. Last year, I reported that SCOR participates in the proclamation of an International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD) as a member of its SSC. IYBSSD was inaugurated successfully in July this year to be continued for a year.