

Report of the president

Since the last annual meeting in Busan in 2022, the Executive Director and Executive Committee have diligently worked to support and maintain various SCOR activities. Many SCOR activities have been restored to the state of pre-Covid time. I am pleased to report to you that SCOR is making every effort to advocate ocean science. As for myself, I attended the 32nd Session of the IOC Assembly held In June 2022 in Paris. During the meeting, progresses in various activities of IOC have been reported, the UN Ocean Decade in particular. The UN Ocean Decade has established many Decade Actions addressing the Ocean Decade Challenges. In the IOC Assembly, SCOR made a statement that it will keep supporting the Ocean Decade. 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 has completed one full year of planned activity. In July I appeared in a talk show in KBS, a national TV network in Korea. I talked about climate change and marine ecosystems in this science communication program. In September, I gave a keynote speech on SCOR's activities at a conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of KIOST. I am participating in the panel of External Review of PICES (North Pacific Ocean Science Organization). This panel will assess its achievements and make recommendations for the future directions of the ocean science organization.