

## Report of the president

During the past year, SCOR has supported and managed various SCOR activities thanks to the efforts of its Executive Director and Executive Committee. I am pleased to report to you that SCOR is making every effort to advocate ocean science. As for myself, I gave talks introducing SCOR to some Korean institutions: Advanced Institutes of Convergence Technology in February, the Korean Society of Hydrology in June, and the Korean Academy of Marine Science in September. In April 2024, the 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference & 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference was held in Bangkok, where I attended and gave a talk. I attended the 57<sup>th</sup> Executive Session of the IOC held in June 2024 in Paris. During the meeting, IOC and SCOR discussed how to further the cooperation between the two organizations. In the IOC Assembly, SCOR made a statement that it will keep supporting the Ocean Decade through its working groups, and large-scale and infrastructural projects. You would remember that the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD), of which SCOR was a part, had been completed successfully last year. The Earth and Humanity Coalition, an UN Decade initiative and an outgrowth of IYBSSD has been initiated this year. SCOR is a member of this. Lastly, the panel of External Review of PICES (North Pacific Ocean Science Organization), in which I have been participating, has completed and submitted its report. The report assesses the PICES achievements and makes recommendations for the future directions of the ocean science organization.