

AGENDA
TWENTY FIRST MEETING OF THE
UK NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

1 pm, Friday 6th May 2016
Room 307, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Agenda (P)..... David Hopkins
2. Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting on 3rd July 2015 (P) David Hopkins
3. Matters Arising including Actions from Last Meeting (P) David Hopkins
4. UKNCAR Membership and Co-opted Members (P)..... David Hopkins
5. Report from the Director of BASJane Francis
6. Update on UK Antarctic Science Conference (P).....Dorothee Bakker
7. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
 - (i) Standing Scientific Groups Reports
 - Geosciences.....
 - Life Sciences (P).....Pete Convey
 - Physical Sciences (P).....Steve Colwell
 - (ii) Update on Scientific Research Programmes
 - Past Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics (PAIS) Rob Larter
 - Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica (AAA).....
 - AntClim21Tom Bracegirdle/John Turner
 - AntEco (P).....Pete Convey
 - AnT-ERA (P).....Pete Convey
 - SERCE (P).....Pippa Whitehouse
 - (iii) Update on SCAR Expert Groups
 - ACCE.....John Turner
 - ICED (P).....Jen Jackson
 - IPICS.....Steve Colwell
 - OpMet.....Steve Colwell
 - AntVOLC.....John Smellie
 - ANTOS (P).....Pete Convey
 - (iv) Update on SCAR activities.....Jenny Baeseman
8. Next SCAR Open Science and Business Meeting and travel expenses.....Jane Francis
9. UK Polar Network

- (i) Updates (P).....Amber Leeson
- (ii) Results of UKPN post-doc survey (P).....Amber Leeson
10. The UK Arctic and Antarctic Polar Partnership.(P).....David Hopkins/ Henry Burgess
11. Royal Society
- (i) Communications.....
- (ii) SCAR Subscription.Jane Francis
12. NERC Updates (P).....Jane Francis
13. Any Other Business

MEETING END

Confirmed: David Hopkins, Jane Francis, Jennifer Jackson, John Turner, Pete Convey, Dorothee Bakker, Henry Burgess, Steve Colwell, John Smellie, Amber Leeson, Jenny Baeseman, Rob Larter, Martin Siegert, Anne Jungblut, Eoghan Griffin, Tom Bracegirdle, Robert Bingham

Kate Hendry and Pippa Whitehouse to attend by Skype

Apologies: Anne Hicks, Julian Dowdeswell, Eric Wolff, Ned Garnett, Lloyd Peck, Huw Griffiths, Jemma Wadham, Ruth Cooper, Eugene Murphy, Stuart Doubleday

Documentation:

No.	Subject	Documentation	Agenda Item No.
1	21 st meeting agenda	<i>21st_Agenda_final</i>	1
2	20 th Meeting minutes	<i>UKNCAR 20th Minutes unconfirmed.pdf</i>	2
3	Actions from last meeting	<i>UKNCAR 20th Actions.pdf</i>	3
4	UKNCAR Membership	<i>UKNCAR members 2016-17 v1.xls;</i>	4
5	UK Antarctic Science Conference update	Hard copy circulated	6
6	Excom report for life sciences SSG	<i>Excom SSG-LS Report 3.pdf</i>	7.1
7	SCAR physical sciences SSG update	<i>SSG-PS summary for UKNCAR.docx</i>	7.1
8	Excom report for physical sciences SSG	<i>Excom_SSG-PS_Report.pdf</i>	7.1
9	AntEco SO cruise summary	<i>SO AntEco summary</i>	7.2
10	Ant Eco update summary	<i>AntEco_paper_2015 Final</i>	7.2
11	Ant Era progress summary	<i>AntERA progress April 2016</i>	7.2
12	SERCE update summary	<i>SERCE Activity summary</i>	7.2
13	SERCE Program review report	<i>2016 SRP Review Report SERCE</i>	7.2
14	ICED update to UKNCAR	<i>ICED Info for NCAR 2016.docx</i>	7.3
15	SCAR Antos Workshop Report	<i>ANTOS 2015 Workshop Report Final.pdf</i>	7.3
16	UKPN update to UKNCAR 2015-2016	<i>UKPN_update.pdf</i>	9.1
17	UKPN Newsletter 2015-2016	<i>UKPN Newsletter 2015-2016.pdf</i>	9.1
18	Survey, post-doc positions in UK polar science	<i>Postdoc Survey.pdf</i>	9.2
19	Arctic Office briefing: Arctic Science summit week and Arctic observing summit	Hard copy circulated	10
20	NERC polar grant success 2013-2015	<i>NERC Polar grant success 2013-2015.docx</i>	12

UK NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ANTARCTIC RESEARCH

Terms of Reference

1. The UK National Committee for Antarctic Research is a committee under the auspices of the Royal Society, the national body representing UK interests to the International Council for Science (ICSU). Responsibility for the administration of the Committee shall be delegated to the British Antarctic Survey (BAS).
2. The Committee shall meet at least once each year and provide publicly available minutes of its decisions.
3. The membership shall include but not be restricted to:
Ex officio:
 - Director of BAS
 - Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute
 - A nominee of the Royal Society*Members:*
 - UK Office Holders of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR)
 - UK Representatives appointed to the SCAR Standing Scientific Groups
 - UK Delegate and Alternative Delegate to SCAR.*Co-opted:*
 - Individuals representing UK scientific interests in the Antarctic not already adequately represented (particularly from organisations other than BAS).
4. The terms of office for *Ex officio* Members and UK Office Holders, Representatives and Delegates to SCAR will not be restricted, because of their terms of appointment. Co-opted members will serve for a period of three years, once renewable.
5. A Chairman will be selected from the membership outside BAS and appointed with the approval of the Royal Society. The Chairman shall serve for a period of no more than five years. The Chairman will also be a member of the Royal Society's Scientific Unions Committee.
6. The Committee shall be responsible for promoting and co-ordinating the UK's interest in the activities of SCAR and other areas of international Antarctic scientific activity as required. The Committee responsibilities will include the following:
 - (i) to elect the UK Delegate and the Alternate Delegate to SCAR;
 - (ii) to brief and debrief the UK Delegates;
 - (iii) to appoint the UK Representatives to the Standing Scientific Groups and brief them
 - (iv) to maintain knowledge of Antarctic science activities in the UK especially in relation to international activities and to disseminate information on the activities of SCAR;
 - (v) to coordinate UK activities in Antarctic research and consider future developments;
 - (vi) to keep the Royal Society informed of UK Antarctic activities and to report to the Scientific Unions Committee;
 - (vii) to set up *ad hoc* working groups and/or organise meetings as necessary.
7. All members of the Committee shall accept responsibilities for consulting with their disciplinary colleagues active in Antarctic research to ensure that the Committee's decisions are informed by community concerns. They will also be responsible for providing information to the UK science community on the activities of SCAR.
8. A small Executive of no more than six members of the Committee will provide the interaction between SCAR and the Committee. The Executive's membership shall be the Chairman, the UK Office Holders of SCAR, and the principal UK Representative from the SCAR Standing Scientific Groups and Committees not already represented.
9. Any changes to the terms of reference shall be agreed by both the Royal Society and BAS.

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