

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

1 pm, Wednesday 6th June 2018
Seminar Room 2, British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge

1. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies and Agenda (P).....Mike Bentley
2. Minutes of the Twenty-second Meeting on 15th June 2017 (P).....Mike Bentley
3. Matters Arising including Actions from Last Meeting (P)Mike Bentley
4. UKNCAR Membership and Co-opted Members (P).....Katie Gosling
5. Report from the Director of BASJane Francis
6. Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (P)
 - (i) Standing Scientific Groups Reports
 - Geosciences.....Kate Hendry
 - Life Sciences.....Pete Convey
 - Physical Sciences.....Steve Colwell
 - (ii) Update on Scientific Research Programmes
 - Past Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics (PAIS)Mike Bentley
 - Astronomy and Astrophysics from Antarctica (AAA).....
 - AntClim21.....Tom Bracegirdle
 - AntEcoHuw Griffiths
 - AnT-ERATom Bracegirdle
 - SERCEPippa Whitehouse
 - (iii) Update on SCAR Expert Groups and data products
 - ACCEJohn Turner
 - ICED.....Nadine Johnston
 - IPICS.....Eric Wolff
 - OpMet.....Steve Colwell
 - AntVOLC.....John Smellie
 - ANTOS.....Pete Convey
 - SCAGIAdrian Fox
 - (iv) Update on SCAR Treaty activitiesJane Francis
 - (v) ANTARCTICA - official book of the XXXV SCAR Biennial Meeting..... Mike Bentley
7. Future science developments.....Mike Bentley

8. FCO update.....Stuart Doubleday
9. Update on RRS Sir David Attenbourough.....Jane Francis
10. International Thwaites Glacier CollaborationMike Bentley
11. UK Polar Network (P).....Amber Leeson
12. UK Polar Data Centre (P).....
13. UKAAP.....Henry Burgess
14. Royal Society
 - (i) Communications.....Ruth Cooper/Mike Bentley
 - (ii) SCAR Subscription.....Jane Francis
15. NERC
 - (i) UpdatesJess Surma
16. Any Other Business

MEETING END

Confirmed: Dorothy Bakker, Mike Bentley, Tom Bracegirdle, Steve Colwell, Pete Convey, Ruth Cooper, Stuart Doubleday, Jane Francis, Adrian Fox, Katie Gosling, Huw Griffiths, Kate Hendry, Amber Leeson, Nadine Johnson, Anne D. Jungblut, Amber Leeson, Chandrika Nath, John Smellie, Jess Surma, John Turner, Pippa Whitehouse, Eric Wolff

Apologies: Helen Beadman, Rob Bingham, Julian Dowdeswell, Robert Larter, Helen Peat, Lloyd Peck, Jane Rumble, Martin Siegert

Documentation:

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5	Report on SCAR activities 2017-18	UKNCAR report to Royal Society 3.18.pdf	6
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7	Reports from SRPs and Expert groups	UKNCAR SRP and Expert group reports.pdf	6.2 6.3
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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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