SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE: ANTARCTIC SCIENCE – GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

The Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Antarctic Division and the State Government of Tasmania welcomes SCAR COMNAP 2020 participants to Hobart in July-August 2020.

SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE PARALLEL SESSIONS

Call for abstracts
The OSC will feature a full program of parallel sessions drawn up by the International Science Organising Committee (full member list available here). Abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations can be made from 31 October 2019 through the conference website - scarcomnap2020.org. A complete list of conference session themes is also available on the website along with instructions on how to submit abstracts. Abstract submission closes on 28 February 2020.

Panel discussions and workshops
In addition a number of invited panel discussions and workshops will take place as part of the parallel session program. These will include workshops on Antarctic data and on the Argo network, as well as panel discussions on inclusive collaborations and on the similarities between the deep ocean and outer space. Further details are provided on the conference website.

SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE PLENARIES AND MINI-SYMPPOSIA

Plenary sessions and mini-symposia will feature leading experts from across the natural and social sciences. The morning plenary sessions will be open to both SCAR and COMNAP attendees and will be followed by a topic-specific mini-symposium each day. The schedule is as follows:

Day One: Opening Plenary: Dr Valerie Masson-Delmotte, Senior Scientist, Laboratoire des Sciences du Climat et de l’Environnement, Université Paris Saclay, France; co-chair of IPCC WGI

Mini-Symposium 1: Outcomes of SCAR’s Scientific Research Programs

Day Two: The David Walton Antarctic Science Lecture, sponsored by the journal Antarctic Science: Dr Nerilie Abram, Associate Professor and Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Research School of Earth Sciences and ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes, the Australian National University, Australia

Mini-Symposium 2: Emerging conservation challenges for Antarctica and the Southern Ocean (joint SCAR/COMNAP symposium)

Day Three: The Weyprecht Lecture, Dr Juliana Vianna, Associate Professor, Ecosystem and Environment Department, Global Change Center, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Catholic University of Chile)

Mini-Symposium 3: Antarctica in a warming world; regional changes, global consequences and future commitments

Day Four: Antarctic Futures, Dr Daniela Liggett, Senior Lecturer, Gateway Antarctica, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Mini-Symposium 4: Ocean-cryosphere processes, marine ecosystem change and future conservation and management
SCAR COMNAP 2020 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The daily program for SCAR COMNAP 2020 (31 July to 11 August) is now available on the conference website. The daily program has been arranged to maximise opportunities for SCAR and COMNAP attendee participation at key conference events including the morning plenary, mini-symposia and daily wrap up sessions. Morning and afternoon tea refreshments will be provided at the meeting venues with a light lunch provided at the Hotel Grand Chancellor for SCAR and COMNAP attendees.

KEY DATES

31 October 2019 Abstract Submission opens for SCAR Open Science Conference
1 January 2020 SCAR OSC Early Bird Registration opens
28 February 2020 SCAR OSC Abstract submission closes
1 March 2020 COMNAP AGM Registration Opens
16 April 2020 SCAR OSC General Registration Opens
1 July 2020 OSC Late Registration
10 July 2020 COMNAP AGM Registration closes

Onsite Registration for OSC (at Late Registration Rate) will be available onsite from 31 July 2020

INDICATIVE REGISTRATION FEES ($AUD)

OSC Early Bird Registration $780
OSC General Registration $950
OSC Late/onsite $1100
OSC Student $550
OSC Day Pass $220
COMNAP OSC Plenary Pass (COMNAP delegates only) $100
OSC Dinner $120

Environmental sustainability and waste management are at the centre of SCAR COMNAP 2020 preparations. The organising committee are examining a number of options to reduce the environmental impact of such a large event. These include reducing disposable merchandise, using recycled or recyclable materials wherever possible, encouraging participants to purchase carbon offsets when booking flights, offering e-posters as an alternative to printed posters, and trialling some additional options for online access to facilitate remote participation.

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The Hotel Grand Chancellor will be our primary venue for SCAR and COMNAP registration, exhibition, catering, poster sessions, parallel sessions, breakout groups and business meetings. Some additional SCAR OSC meeting and parallel session room facilities will be provided at the adjacent Old Woolstore Hotel. COMNAP’s primary AGM venue will be the Hobart City Hall – also adjacent to the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Hobart offers a wide range of accommodation options close to the SCAR COMNAP 2020 meeting facilities. Special rates and an accommodation booking service are available via the conference website. Pre-registration bookings are welcome.

EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP

There are a number of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available for SCAR COMNAP 2020. These offer sponsors and exhibitors excellent visibility and direct contact with SCAR and COMNAP attendees. For further information, please check our Sponsorship Prospectus or contact our Sponsorship and Exhibition Manager Kim Murray via email kim@laevents.com.au.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The conference website has a wide range of information about SCAR COMNAP 2020 and Hobart as a destination. For event enquiries please contact the Event Manager Helene@laevents.com.au or the SCARCOMNAP Project Management Team at SCARCOMNAP2020@aad.gov.au.

Regular updates will also be available through Twitter @SCARCOMNAP2020. For general SCAR enquiries, please email info@scar.org and for COMNAP enquiries please email info@COMNAP.aq.