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To: Nominated Members of SCOR, Affiliated Organizations, Interested International Organizations, Sponsors  
cc: Chairs, SCOR Subsidiary Bodies  
From: Ed Urban, Executive Director  
Subject: Call for Working Group Proposals for 2003 SCOR Executive Committee Meeting

The 36<sup>th</sup> SCOR Executive Committee Meeting will take place at Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, Russia on **15-19 September 2003**. The meeting will include one day of presentations on Russian ocean science and a special symposium sponsored by the Census of Marine Life. Details about the meeting, including a draft agenda and registration form, will be sent in early April.

The SCOR Secretariat will accept proposals for new working groups from now until **30 April 2003**. I have enclosed information that should be helpful for individuals who are planning to submit proposals. The deadline for proposals has been set earlier this year to make it possible for (1) national committees to review the proposals, (2) proponents to revise their proposals based on comments received, and (3) national committees to review the proposals again before the SCOR Executive Committee meeting, if they desire. A model proposal and other information about working groups can be found at [www.jhu.edu/scor/wkgrpinfo.htm](http://www.jhu.edu/scor/wkgrpinfo.htm).

We will have enough funding for at least one new working group to start in 2004 and will attempt to arrange funding for more than one new group. I would be pleased to work with proponents to develop proposals for funding of their working group ideas from national funding agencies, foundations, and other potential sources.

National SCOR committees are an important aspect of SCOR's operation and play a key role in reviewing working group proposals. Proponents should consider submitting their proposals through their national SCOR committees, although we will also accept proposals from individuals and other organizations.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the process for working group proposals.