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From: Ed Urban, Executive Director

XXVIIIth SCOR General Meeting

I am pleased to inform you that the XXVIIIth SCOR General Meeting will take place in Concepción, Chile from Monday, 23 October through Thursday, 26 October 2006. The SCOR meeting will take place in conjunction with a symposium on “Oxygen Minimum Systems in the Ocean: Distribution, Diversity and Dynamics” and meeting participants will join the symposium on 24 October (see enclosed flyer).

National Committees for Oceanic Research and other international organizations are invited to be represented at the General Meeting at their own expense. I will send a detailed agenda, logistical information, and a preliminary list of meeting participants around the end of June. Please send me any items for inclusion in the agenda as soon as possible. Materials for the meeting briefing book are due by **31 July**. This will allow us to provide the briefing book to meeting participants approximately one month before the meeting. We will post the meeting book on the SCOR Web site again this year, to make it available early and widely.

The meeting will consider all proposals for new Working Groups that reach the SCOR Secretariat before **31 May** (see enclosed call for working group proposals). This will allow us to circulate the proposals for review and comments before the meeting.

Please fill in and return the enclosed registration form for the General Meeting, from which we will compile the initial participants' list. We will block book rooms in one or more hotels in Concepción (hotel information will be available at <http://www.jhu.edu/scor/2006GM.htm> by the end of March). I encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible after that.

I have enclosed flyers for two other symposia/workshops for SCOR working groups this year.

I look forward to seeing you in Concepción!