

## **SCOR to the ocean science community**

Dear ocean science friends and colleagues,

We hope that you and your dear ones are well and healthy in these very difficult times. SCOR acknowledges the many personal and professional challenges everyone is facing and wishes to send the community a message of support and solidarity. We are here to help you however we can.

### **SCOR updates:**

Being responsible and adhering to national and international recommendations, SCOR has postponed all Working Group and project meetings scheduled up to August until further notice. We are carefully following the news to take action on those meetings taking place from September onwards, including the SCOR Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for the 19-22 October 2020 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Some of the postponed meetings are being re-scheduled as virtual meetings.

In these challenging times, SCOR is eager to keep its scientific initiatives moving along as best as possible. We may be individually isolated from colleagues but do stay in touch via the internet. Aware that the effects of carbon dioxide emissions related to scientific activities had become more of an issue at national and international levels, SCOR was already providing GoToMeeting licenses to Working groups and projects to facilitate virtual communication. We will increase the number of licenses we lease for these isolated times if necessary. We will also be happy to aid in setting calls for our projects and working groups if requested.

SCOR has also extended the deadlines for:

- POGO-SCOR Visiting Scholar Fellowship application: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- New Working Group proposals: 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2020
- WG and project annual reporting: 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2020

We will continue to post and share news from the projects and working groups from our social media accounts on Twitter ([https://twitter.com/SCOR\\_Int](https://twitter.com/SCOR_Int)) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1089153774455148/>), so please send us any papers related to your work and we will share with the broad SCOR and ocean science community.

If you have ideas on how we can do more for the community, please let us know!

Please be watchful of the safety recommendations and stay healthy.

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