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**Announcement of 2010 SCOR General Meeting
and
Call for Working Group Proposals**

The XXXth SCOR General Meeting will take place in Toulouse, France on **14-16 September 2010**. Details about the meeting will be posted at <http://www.scor-int.org/2010GM/2010GM.htm> as they become available. The French SCOR Committee will convene a one-day symposium on **13 September** to highlight French ocean science and their contributions to SCOR.

The SCOR Secretariat will accept proposals for new working groups from now until **14 April 2010**. Model proposals and other information about working groups can be found at <http://www.scor-int.org/wkgrpinfo.htm>.

SCOR examines the disciplinary balance of its working groups annually. The 2009 evaluation found that the set of SCOR working groups is relatively balanced. For 2010, SCOR particularly welcomes proposals based in marine geology, chemistry and paleoecology and related disciplines. Additionally, SCOR would welcome proposals specifically in

- Climate-related studies in preparation for the next IPCC assessment
- Identifying limitations to prediction and confidence in the future state of the ocean
- Interactions and mechanisms in abrupt climate change
- Human health and disaster impact
- Sea level changes and ice movement

Each proposal will be evaluated by national SCOR committees in terms of scientific merit and quality, timeliness, and achievability of the proposed terms of reference.

SCOR tentatively plans to start two new working groups in 2011, pending availability of adequate funding. SCOR may be able to approve more than two new groups if they are partially

funded by other organizations or institutions. National SCOR committees are an important aspect of SCOR's operation and can play a key role in reviewing working group proposals and in seeking new funds to pay for working group activities. Proponents should consider submitting their proposals through their national SCOR committees, although we will also accept proposals from individuals and other organizations.

Proponents who wish to attend the 2010 SCOR meeting are welcome to do so, but should be aware that they will be asked to leave the room when their proposal is discussed. SCOR started this practice in 2005 to avoid any appearance of favoritism toward proposals that are represented at the meeting by a proponent.

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