

"Recommends that the Bureau of CIGI at its next meeting forward to the ICSU executive board the recommendation expressed as follows:

"That ICSU appoints a scientific committee to examine the merits of further investigations in the Antarctic, covering the entire field of science and to make proposals of ICSU on the best way to achieve such program. That in view of the desirability of avoiding an interruption in the current series of IGY investigations in Antarctica, ICSU takes immediate action in order that the findings be available by the middle of August."

As a result of this resolution the International Council of Scientific Unions appointed an ad hoc International Committee to examine the merits of scientific investigations in the Antarctic, covering the entire field of science and to make proposals to the International Council of Scientific Unions on the best way to achieve such a program.

2.2 Ad Hoc International Council of Scientific Unions Committee

A meeting of the ad hoc International Committee was convened in Stockholm, September 9-11, 1957, and the following conclusion and recommendations were agreed upon:

"It was concluded, that there is need for further international organization of scientific activity in Antarctica.

"The committee recommended that ICSU establish a committee to undertake this task. Each nation actively involved in Antarctic research shall be asked to nominate one delegate each to such an Antarctic Committee; each delegate is authorized to have available, at any meeting of the Committee, advisers in various scientific disciplines, logistics, and communications.

"Finally, the Committee was of the opinion that the proposed continuation of scientific activity in Antarctic research should be regarded as inspired by the interest in Antarctic research arisen in connection with the International Geophysical Year, but it should be clearly understood that these proposals would not entail an extension of the International Geophysical Year. As a necessary background for the proposed continuation of scientific activity in Antarctica, each nation is urged to give its highest priority to the reduction, discussion, and publication of all observations made during the IGY."

3. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR)

3.1 Establishment of SCAR

As a result of the ad hoc Committee's recommendations, the ICSU established the Special Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR). SCAR is a special committee of ICSU charged with furthering the coordination of scientific activity in the Antarctic, with a view to framing a scientific program of circumpolar scope and significance. Dr. L. M. Gould was nominated by the United States National Academy of Sciences as the United States delegate to the SCAR Committee. In establishing its program SCAR will take care to acknowledge the autonomy of other existing international bodies.

List of officers and members: President: Ing. Gen. G. Lacoste, IUGG (France); vice president: Prof. K. E. Bullen, Australia; secretary: Dr. V. Schyrr, IGU (Sweden); finance committee: Dr. L. M. Gould (U. S. A.) and Dr. M. M. Somov (U. S. S. R.); IUBS: Dr. A. Brønnum (Denmark); Argentina: Capt. L. de la Canal; Belgium: Prof. J. van Meeghem; England: Dr. G. de Q. Robin; France: Mr. B. Imbert; Japan: Prof. T. Nagata; New Zealand: Dr. E. L. Robertson; Norway: Prof. L. Hørrang; South Africa: Mr. J. J. Taljaard; Chile: No permanent delegate nominated.

3.2 Decisions of SCAR

The following decisions were made:

It was decided that research programs formulated by the first meeting of SCAR shall be circulated to countries and international scientific unions participating in SCAR. Comments shall be invited on these programs, and on receipt of the replies, they shall be incorporated into the program before the final program is circulated.

The resolutions and research programs adopted by SCAR shall be submitted to other countries not belonging to SCAR, to encourage their participation in new programs or in the maintenance of the Antarctic stations which might otherwise be abandoned.