

Current

- SCAR (Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research)
 - Successful biennial meeting and Open Science Conference in Portland
 - 5 new SRPs (Scientific Research Programmes) were approved they are:
 - State of the Antarctic Ecosystem (AntECO)
 - Antarctic Thresholds - Ecosystem Resilience and Adaptation (AnT-ERA)
 - **Solid Earth Response and Cryosphere Evolution (SERCE)**
 - **Past Antarctic Ice Sheet Dynamics (PAIS)**
 - **Antarctic Climate Change in the 21st Century (AntClim21)**
 - There was a meeting of ISMASS (Ice Sheet Mass Balance and Sea Level) in Portland
 - SOOS (Southern Ocean Observing System) has gone live
 - The SCAR Antarctic and Southern Ocean Horizon Scan

- IAATO (International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators)
 - Kim Crosbie has been contacted about encouraging their members to send out meteorological observations from the ships and there has been a positive response
- ATCM (Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting)
 - Steve Pendlebury attended ATCM XXXV in Hobart in June 2012 to represent EC-PORS
 - ATCM tasked EC-PORS with reviewing its recommendations on operational matters relating to meteorology.
 - Many of these were from the 70's and 80's and some parts were very outdated
 - Full details can be found in document 3.2.2 and INF.6
 - Steve Pendlebury lead this review and has prepared a white paper to go to ATCM XXVI in Brussels in May 2013

Future

- SCAR
 - Link AntON to WCRP/SCAR IPAB (International Programme for Antarctic Buoys) <http://www.ipab.aq/>
 - Link AntON to the SCAR SOOS (Southern Ocean Observing System) <http://www.soos.aq/>
 - Next biennial meeting and Open Science Conference will be held in Auckland in late August 2014.
- IAATO
 - Continue to work with IAATO to get more ship observations
 - They have asked us to table a paper at their annual meeting in late April in Punta Arenas to highlight the usefulness of weather observations and also indicate some of the weather and ice forecast products that are available
- ATCM
 - Steve Pendlebury will attend ATCM XXVI to present the review of Steve Pendlebury lead this review and has prepared a white paper to go to ATCM XXVI