

XXXIV SCAR

KUALA LUMPUR
19-31 AUGUST 2016



XXXIV SCAR BIENNIAL MEETINGS INCLUDING THE SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2016

19 - 31 AUGUST 2016
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



FIRST CIRCULAR

www.scar2016.com



ANTARCTICA IN THE GLOBAL EARTH SYSTEM: FROM THE POLES TO THE TROPICS

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia together with the Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation and the National Antarctic Research Centre look forward to welcoming the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the Open Science Conference participants to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August 2016. The SCAR Open Science Conference will focus on **Antarctica in the Global Earth System: From the Poles to the Tropics** and how the changes that we are currently seeing in Antarctica will affect the rest of the world.

A draft list of scientific sessions developed by the International Scientific Organising Committee will be opened for review and comment at the Conference website www.scar2016.com. If you would like to propose additional sessions or modify the draft list please e-mail info@scar.org before 1st June 2015. Plenary sessions will include keynote lectures, the award of the 2016 Martha T. Muse Prize winner, and a thematic lecture on Antarctica in the Global Earth System: From the Poles to the Tropics.



ABOUT KUALA LUMPUR

Kuala Lumpur. A city that is truly one-of-a-kind. You'll find the world in this city but you'll never find anything quite like it anywhere else in the world.

For starters, KL (as we fondly call it) has its very own global icon in the PETRONAS Twin Towers, soaring 452 metres above street level and 88 stories tall. This mega structure towers majestically over KL, presenting a universal view of the icon from any corner of the city. Just beneath the Twin Towers are Malaysia's best shopping spots, featuring haute couture brands to trendy street fashions. For those with a penchant for Broadway-like theatres, meet KL's talented acting community that brings you fine shows and performances from the traditional to the satirical. Partygoers will find KL's vibrant night scenes perfect to satiate their appetite for the most happening places to party.

But of course, if you yearn to experience the traditional old world appeal of Malaysia's culture and values, the old streets of KL with its captivating day-to-day activities and aromatic smells will charm you. You'll experience this city, with the echoing music of its entertainment outlets, the beam of vehicle lights searching for the perfect late-night snack and colourful streetlights - a spectacle that proves KL as a definite place to visit for world travellers.

Kuala Lumpur is a wonderful base from which to explore and you will find islands, national parks, beaches, forests, adventure activities, shopping, fantastic food and historic treasures each within reasonable distance and well connected from Kuala Lumpur's city centre. With so many places to go, a trip to KL may seem overwhelming. But to help, we've rounded up the best attractions that'll guide you in and around this amazing city. To find out more about Kuala Lumpur, please visit www.visitkl.gov.my.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), venue of the SCAR Meetings and Open Science Conference is part of the Kuala Lumpur city centre precinct, known as KLCC. Designed to be a "city within a city" this 40-hectare site includes the 20 hectares KLCC Park and the PETRONAS Twin Towers. The Centre is placed alongside public transportation and hotels. Many accommodation options are available for various facilities and bookings near KLCC where even the 5 Star hotels are at an affordable price.

To find out more about the KLCC, please visit their website to take a virtual tour of the facilities. Block bookings have been made at the surrounding hotels along with other options, and will be available for booking during the registration process on the web site from December 2015.

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) is committed to hosting a diverse and accessible conference. If you are an early career scientist looking for networking opportunities, an educator interested in learning something new for your classroom, or an expert Antarctic researcher scanning the horizon for new opportunities, we have an activity planned for you. More information will be provided on the website www.scar2016.com as it becomes available or to get involved, e-mail the LOC at norizan@ypasm.my.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

20 – 21 August	SCAR subsidiary bodies and Satellite Meetings
22 August	SCAR Standing Scientific Group Meetings
23 – 26 August	SCAR Open Science Conference
27 August	SCAR Standing Scientific Group Meetings
29 - 31 August	SCAR Delegates Meeting

ANTICIPATED REGISTRATION FEES

Earlybird <small>(before 5 May 2016)</small>	USD 550
Regular <small>(from 6 May till 31st July 2016)</small>	USD 650
Late/On-site <small>(on or after 1 August 2016)</small>	USD 750
Students	USD 300

KEY DATES

1 October 2015	Abstract submission opens for SCAR Open Science Conference
2 December 2015	Registration Opens
14 February 2016	Abstract submission closes