



SCAR2020

Antarctic Science - Global Connections



31 JULY - 11 AUGUST 2020

Hobart · Tasmania · Australia

COMNAP Symposium · 2 August 2020

SCAR Open Science Conference · 3-7 August 2020

COMNAP XXXII Annual General Meeting · 3-5 August 2020

SCAR XXXVI Delegates Meeting · 10-11 August 2020

PRE CONFERENCE CIRCULAR

ANTARCTIC SCIENCE – GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

The Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Antarctic Division and the State Government of Tasmania look forward to welcoming SCAR, COMNAP and Open Science Conference participants to Hobart, Australia in July-August 2020.

The SCAR Open Science Conference theme “Antarctic Science - Global Connections” recognises the significance of the scientific connections between Antarctica and the global system. It also reflects the strongly connected Antarctic science community and, in the spirit of the Antarctic Treaty system, the importance of collaboration in Antarctic science.

SCAR COMNAP 2020 will include a full program of meetings, symposia, side events and social events including a public SCAR lecture, daily plenary sessions and poster sessions all structured to encourage SCAR and COMNAP attendee participation.

The SCAR OSC will be an outstanding international and interdisciplinary event - showcasing the achievements of the SCAR Science Research Programs and preparing the way for the next programs of SCAR-led research.

A draft list of parallel sessions is being developed by the International Scientific Organising Committee and will be open for review at the Conference website SCARCOMNAP2020.org in coming weeks. Plenary sessions and mini-symposia will be announced in due course.

ABOUT HOBART – AUSTRALIA’S ANTARCTIC GATEWAY

The SCAR COMNAP 2020 host city, Hobart is the capital city of the island State of Tasmania. As Australia’s Antarctic gateway city, it is the home of the Australian Antarctic Program and is an international centre of excellence for Antarctic science, policy and operations.

It is a major centre for Antarctic and Southern Ocean scientific research and home to Australia’s premier Antarctic science institutions: the Australian Antarctic Division, the University of Tasmania including the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the CSIRO - Oceans and Atmosphere.

Hobart hosts the permanent Secretariats for the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP). Along with the Australian Antarctic Program, Hobart is a key port for Antarctic resupply voyages and air transport for a number of national Antarctic programs.



Night time view of Aurora Australis alongside Princes Wharf 1, Hobart (Photo: Barry Becker)

The SCAR COMNAP 2020 Local Organising Committee is committed to delivering an outstanding event for the Antarctic science and operations communities with a particular emphasis on promoting diversity, inclusion and accessibility including options such as live streaming to facilitate remote access to some sessions and provision of carer facilities at the main conference venue. Planning for SCAR COMNAP 2020 includes a focus on sustainable resource management and waste minimisation.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

31 July - 2 August 2020	SCAR Business Meetings
2 August 2020	COMNAP Symposium
3 - 7 August 2020	SCAR Open Science Conference
3 - 5 August 2020	COMNAP XXXII Annual General Meeting
5 August 2020	SCAR Scientific Standing Groups, plenary meetings
8 - 9 August 2020	SCAR Business Meetings
10 - 11 August 2020	SCAR XXXVI Delegates Meeting

EXHIBITION

A range of exhibition opportunities at the SCAR and COMNAP venues and side events will be available for sponsors and exhibitors. For enquiries about exhibition and sponsorship opportunities, please contact the SCAR COMNAP 2020 Project Management Team at email: SCARCOMNAP2020@aad.gov.au

INDICATIVE DATES

31 October 2019	Abstract submission opens for the SCAR Open Science Conference
1 January 2020	Early Bird Registration opens
28 February 2020	Abstract submission closes
1 March 2020	General Registration opens
1 July 2020	Late/On-site Registration

For more information or to find out how you can get involved, please contact the SCAR COMNAP Project Management Team at SCARCOMNAP2020@aad.gov.au or keep an eye on our website for updates: SCARCOMNAP2020.org

VISITING HOBART

Hobart has long-standing Antarctic cultural, historical and scientific connections. The stories of these connections are told through exhibitions, museum collections, interpretation at visitor centres, events and public art located around the waterfront, inner-city and greater Hobart area.

Hobart offers outstanding natural and historical features and is a recognised food, culture and tourist hub. Hobart also has a wide range of outdoor, adventure and wilderness activities – markets, mountains, iconic Australian wildlife and more. Art and cultural experiences are also on offer with the world renowned MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art, a short ferry ride on the Derwent River.

Although SCAR COMNAP 2020 is during Hobart's winter, temperatures generally range from 6 to 14 degrees C. Hobart time is UTC/GMT +10.

Hobart offers a range of accommodation options to suit every taste and budget. These include boutique five-star hotels, self-contained apartments, modern three- and four-star hotels, comfortable motels, colonial cottages, Airbnb properties, guest houses and backpacker hostels. Information on accommodation options will be made available on our website with registration information.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Depending on your country of residence, you may require a Visa to visit Australia. Please check the Australian Department of Home Affairs website to check your Visa requirements: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUES

The primary SCAR and OSC venue is the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart with additional meeting rooms and OSC session rooms at the adjacent Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel. As well as providing excellent meeting facilities, both venues offer a range of quality hotel rooms and apartments that offer convenience and flexibility for SCAR attendees. The COMNAP meetings will be held at the Hobart Town Hall, approximately 300 metres from the SCAR venues.

Registration for SCAR and the OSC will be at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

Our conference venues offer excellent meeting room and OSC session facilities in the heart of Hobart, opposite Hobart's Antarctic port facilities and within walking distance of shops, accommodation and Antarctic sector facilities.