

## SCAR WG-GGI related items from XXIII ATCM & CEP II

### XXIII ATCM MEETING 24 MAY – 4 JUNE 1999 LIMA, PERU

(138) SCAR provided four Information Papers on science topics: (XXIII ATCM/IP115) "SCAR Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica", (XXIII ATCM/IP123) "Scientific Research in the Antarctic", (XXIII ATCM/IP124) "Inter-relationships of Global Change Programmes", and (XXIII ATCM/IP125) "Antarctic Sea-ice Processes and Climate", as well as a joint paper with COMNAP: (XXIII ATCM/IP8) "Antarctic Data Management". In response to questions, SCAR indicated the availability of the composite gazetteer on the web site ([http://www.pnra.it/scar\\_gaze](http://www.pnra.it/scar_gaze)) and described its future development. Noting how the major SCAR global change programmes had now been integrated with the world-wide programmes of the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme and the World Climate Research Programme, SCAR emphasised the importance of Antarctic science in these fields. One delegation highlighted the importance of interaction between the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS) and other international agreements such as the Convention on Biological Diversity. SCAR noted the desirability to closely monitoring developments on this matter.

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#### Item 5c: Matters covered by Annex III (Waste Disposal and Waste Management)

(66) SCAR recalled that the Joint Committee on Antarctic Data Management might be an appropriate body for providing advice on database management. SCAR's Geodesy and Geographical Information Working Group could also assist in adding geographical material to the Antarctic Data Directory (ADD). The Committee agreed that this was a good way forward.

#### Item 7: State of the Antarctic Environment Report

(94) The Committee noted the progress that had been made on this matter and indicated that work should continue, building on the efforts of the intersessional group. The Committee gratefully accepted SCAR's offer to prepare a scoping study for presentation at CEP III that would include: describing the key environmental variables that should be considered in assessing the status of the Antarctic environment; identifying present and future threats to that environment; and indicating how these link with state of the environment reports for other parts of the world.