

## WEB SITE HARMONISATION

As a result of recent correspondence between a number of SCAR members and the SCAR Executive Secretary regarding the allocation of web domain names a proposal has been put forward to standardise the domain names for SCAR subsidiary groups - such as the Working Group on Geodesy and Geographic Information.

Lee Belbin (AAD) has consulted the web experts and was told that if we wanted web sites for subsidiary groups in the 'SCAR domain', they should be called -

www.xxx.scar.org

where 'xxx' is the name of the WG or GOS etc. Therefore, JCADM has now become

www.jcadm.scar.org

This makes a lot of sense for a lot of reasons, the most important being that we raise the profile of SCAR and permit web sites to be hosted anywhere appropriate and have a standard address.

You will note that all other SCAR WG and GOS web sites have a national bit on the end (like AU for Australia or UK etc). This means that the web site can reside in any country should the secretariat or host of the site change countries ie. it could change physical location but the web address would remain the same.

A directive from the SCAR Executive is required to -

1) Use standardise web addresses such as

www.jcadm.scar.org  
www.ggi.scar.org  
www.bio.scar.org  
www.geology.scar.org  
www.star.scar.org...

Reasons:

- a) consistent / anticipated look and feel
- b) web locations can change without the need for address changes
- c) national emphasis removed (on web addresses, eg .au, .uk).

*One twist (which given the current problem is a worry), Jack Sayers has started using the '.AQ' for the Antarctic Domain on the COMNAP web server. (www.comnap.aq). We probably should do likewise at some point (www.scar.aq) as there maybe little reason for continuation within the '.org' domain.*

2) Use a standard template on the web sites to provide a consistent SCAR look and feel. Lee has already done this for the JCADM.

**WG-GGI needs to consider the issue and provide comments to the SCAR Executive**