

Recognizing the critical time for SCOPE to make a transition, the 13th General Assembly of SCOPE forwards the following Resolutions of this Assembly to the Executive Committee for critical examination and necessary action.

1. SCOPE Strategic Plan

The 13th General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to set up a sub-committee to revise the Strategic Plan, taking into consideration principles set out below, and further decides that the Strategic Plan be submitted to approval by a mail ballot of all voting members.

SCOPE will seek to:

- a) Develop and implement an interdisciplinary science agenda of high relevance to decision makers;
- b) Take the leadership in identifying the frontiers of environmental science and technology;
- c) Undertake assessments and syntheses that address the priorities of specific regions while maintaining global relevance;
- d) Develop outputs with and for its users founded on partnerships.

2. Memberships and Partnerships

The 13th General Assembly decides that:

- a) SCOPE membership be broadened based on a principle of inclusiveness; and
- b) Membership be designed to impart constancy to Members' association with SCOPE;
- c) Members and potential Members must have a demonstrated interest in bringing the best science to bear on environmental stewardship;
- d) New memberships are approved by the General Assembly or by the Executive Committee whenever appropriate;
- e) Members are required to pay an annual subscription fee that will be used for operational core funding, and possibly for seed funds towards project development;
- f) Each Member has one vote;
- g) Membership categories are:
 - 1) academic, scientific and research institutions, scientific academies, research councils, or associations of such institutions, and scientific unions,
 - 2) businesses and associations and federations of business and industry,
 - 3) civil society organizations,
 - 4) governmental and inter-governmental organizations;
- h) Members have the right to:
 - 1) propose topics for projects,
 - 2) participate actively in projects,

- 3) propose topics for foresight workshops and/or interdisciplinary symposia,
- 4) participate and vote in General Assemblies;
- i) SCOPE undertakes to nurture membership by:
 - 1) addressing Members' scientific and environmental issues,
 - 2) providing accounts of its activities to Members,
 - 3) organizing with Members such activities as projects, international symposia and fora;
- j) In addition to memberships, SCOPE will continue to work with partners and to grow our number of partnerships. These partnerships will be based on the principles of collaboration and will facilitate interactions with non-member institutions. Such interactions may include projects or repeated collaborations or the provision of services or funds to SCOPE.

3. Scientific Programme

The 13th General Assembly:

- a) Recommends that the SCOPE programme be relevant to the scientific community, and to management and policy;
- b) Recommends that SCOPE intensify its efforts to ensure that its programme take a leadership role in frontiers of environmental sciences and cross-cutting research including natural sciences, social sciences, and engineering;
- c) Reiterates the need that young scientists and female scientists be more involved in SCOPE activities including projects, workshops, and publications;
- d) Urges SCOPE to make its outputs more available to both the wider scientific audience and the global community;
- e) Urges the Executive Committee to revise the guidelines for SCOPE projects.

4. Publications, Outreach and Visibility

The 13th General Assembly:

- a) Mandates the Executive Committee to establish a committee on publications to assist the Editor-in-Chief in his tasks;
- b) Recommends that the Publications Committee make it a high priority to commission (or find a suitably experienced contributor to undertake) a web site redesign, and monitor its use;
- c) Recommends that the Publication Committee examine publishing needs including on-line posting, circulation of pdfs and the use of publishing houses such as Earthscan or Island Press, to evaluate alternatives for future publications.

5. Financial Matters

The 13th General Assembly:

- a) Accepts the report of the Finance Committee, adopts the audited accounts for the period since the previous ordinary session of the General Assembly as submitted by the Treasurer, and discharges the Treasurer of liability;

- b) Requests the Executive Committee to make efforts to collect arrears in payment of yearly contributions and to enquire about alternative adhering bodies from countries that have not contributed to the budget of SCOPE for several years;
- c) Decides a change to Euros as SCOPE's base currency at the time SCOPE begins to recruit new members and adopts the new structure. The change should take place at the opening of the new fiscal year on 1st January 2010. The scale of yearly contributions shall be converted from US dollars to Euros at the average exchange rate for the six months January-June 2009;
- d) Decides that annual contributions presently paid by Member organisations shall remain the same for 2010, be increased thereafter by 2% for 2011 and a further 3% for 2012;
- e) Recommends that the Executive Committee give high priority to seeking alternative funding for SCOPE and to recruiting new members; and further recommends the setting up of a sub-group of the Executive Committee entirely dedicated to this task;
- f) Reiterates that all projects that SCOPE operates and manages should normally have their funds directed through SCOPE, and include coordination costs, whether in the form of an overhead, or of direct costing of Secretariat expenditure or a combination of both;

Concerning the operation and staffing of the office in Paris, the General Assembly:

- g) Recommends that the Secretariat and the Executive Committee should immediately explore the possibilities in Paris for new office premises for the period after October 2010; acknowledges with thanks the generous offer made by the IUCN to locate the SCOPE Secretariat within its new headquarters in Gland, Switzerland; and further notes that while attractive, this offer would have considerable financial implications due to liabilities under French labour laws;
- h) Recommends that SCOPE make provision for compulsory retirement bonuses;
- i) Urges that the costs of closing the Paris office be established and taken into consideration by the Executive Committee;
- j) Recommends that the legal situation with regard to financial liabilities for both the Executive Committee (or the Officers) and the Executive Director be investigated and the provision of a liability insurance for foreign associations in Paris be investigated;
- k) Recommends that as soon as financially possible, more staff time be funded, including an allocation of time for a membership secretary, as membership administration may become a much larger task in the new structure.

6. Changes in the SCOPE Constitution

The 13th General Assembly:

- a) Decides that urgent changes needed in the constitution as regards membership and as per article 2) above are immediately accepted and effective;
- b) Mandates the Executive Committee to establish an ad hoc committee to further revise the Constitution; and decides that such further changes be approved by electronic mail ballot by at least 50% of all SCOPE Members.

7. Appreciations

The 13th General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation to the Foreign Secretary , Prof. Lorna Casselton, and staff of Royal Society of London, to Dr Jeremy Woods and staff of the Imperial College London, and to the members of the British National SCOPE Committee, for their excellent arrangements and facilities in hosting the 13th General Assembly, and for arranging a stimulating and excellent symposium;

The 13th General Assembly further expressed its thanks to:

- a) the Chairpersons and members of SCOPE Scientific Advisory Committees for their continued leadership and commitment;
- b) the long-serving Members of the Executive Committee;
- c) the Secretariat for its dedication and services;
- d) the President and the Executive Committee for their visionary leadership;
- e) the Members of SCOPE for attending and devoting outstanding attention to the scientific programme and to environmental problems throughout the world;
- f) the many scientists who have contributed to the workshops, symposia and written materials in the SCOPE projects throughout the world.

Elections

The 13th General Assembly of SCOPE, meeting in London, UK, from June 8-11, 2009, elected Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for the 2009-2012 triennium as follows:

Officers

Paul Risser (USA)	President
Yonglong Lu (China/CAST)	1st Vice-President
Holm Tiessen (Germany)	2nd Vice-President
Ahmed Farghally (Egypt)	Treasurer
Mary Scholes (South Africa)	Secretary General

Members

Magdy Attia (Egypt)	
Chang-Hung Chou (China/The Academy located in Taipei)	
Carlos Joly (Brazil)	
Annelies Pierrot-Bults (The Netherlands)	Representing SCOR
Jon Samseth (Norway)	Representing IUPAP

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