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MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to 10th SCAR Open Science Conference (SCAR 2022) in a virtual mode.

The SCAR Open Science Conference is an initiative aimed at researchers sharing their science and discussing the scientific ideas emanating from the research in the icy continent and its surrounding waters (in the Southern Ocean). It provides a pedestal for the early career scientists and the student community to gain the first-hand knowledge of the most recent scientific research. We had intended to conduct an in-person meeting, but the current uncertainty of the pandemic forced us to take a decision for hosting it virtually. I would request you all to visit India later, or whenever you can and forge relationships in the scientific polar domain. We look forward to have enhanced collaborations in Antarctica as also in the Southern Ocean.

The theme for the 10th SCAR Open Science Conference is 'Antarctica in a changing world' and is apt as we are in a midst of a phase in Earth's cycle, where we see reports of climate extremes. Antarctica and the Southern Ocean would be key for understanding the future of the Earth. I am sure this Conference through its plenary talks, mini symposiums and scientific sessions would be highly anticipated and rewarding. This will pave way for linkages within the scientific community, which is the essence of Antarctic research and operations.

On behalf of the local organizing team members it's my privilege to welcome the Antarctic community and the polar world to the SCAR OSC virtually. This unique platform would give an opportunity to the world to understand and connect with the polar community. The Conference is being hosted by the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, and its R&D Wing, the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) in Goa-which is famous for sun, sand and the beaches.

We look forward to your presence by joining us for the Conference in these trying times. I am sure you will be rewarded with great science and ample networking opportunities.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(M. Ravichandran)