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Dear Peter,

**SUBJECT:** SALEGOS recommendations 11 through 14

It is the conclusion of SALEGOS members that the Group's discussions and deliberations are sufficiently advanced to continue formulation of recommendations for consideration by SCAR. As with our first set of recommendations (recommendations 1 through 9), these new items will continue to position SCAR in a leadership position in the development of an international subglacial lake exploration program. On behalf of the members of SALEGOS, I submit our second set of recommendations.

Copies of this material have been sent to the SCAR Executive and posted on the SALEGOS list server.

Yours sincerely,

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## **SECOND SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY SALEGOS TO THE SCAR EXECUTIVE**

**Whereas**, SCAR convened a Group of Specialists (SALEGOS) to consider a range of issues related to the exploration of subglacial lakes,

**Recognizing**, that SALEGOS has conducted several meetings and conferred with experts as needed,

**Therefore**, in this second set of what will be a series of recommendations, SALEGOS recommends that:

**SALEGOS Recommendation 10** – Whereas SALEGOS has addressed its Terms of Reference, it is recommended that SCAR disband SALEGOS in 2004.

**SALEGOS Recommendation 11** – Recognizing the continued international interest in subglacial environment exploration and research and that SCAR member nations possess important expertise in these matters, it is recommended that SCAR create a research program for Subglacial Antarctic Lake Exploration (SALE) in 2004. SALE should provide expert advice and guidance to the international community, coordinate with international bodies organizing subglacial exploration and research, and facilitate and promote international cooperation and environmental stewardship in all aspects of subglacial environment exploration and research.

**SALEGOS Recommendation 12** – To facilitate international planning for a subglacial environment exploration and research program and to exercise its leadership in this arena, it is recommended that SCAR, in conjunction with COMNAP, convene a technology workshop at the Science Conference in Bremen in July, 2004 to address key technological challenges facing studies of subglacial environments.

**SALEGOS Recommendation 13** – As part of SCAR's participation in organizing and implementing the planned IGY/IPY international celebration in 2007/2008, it is recommended that SCAR inform the ICSU planning committee and National Antarctic Committees that it recommends that subglacial environment exploration and research be a major component of the scientific frontiers theme during the anniversary celebration.

**SALEGOS Recommendation 14** – Recognizing SCAR's role as a science advisory to the Antarctic Treaty System, it recommended that SCAR consider the comments of SALEGOS on the Russian CEE for "Water Sampling of Subglacial Lake Vostok" in preparing a response to the Committee on Environmental Protection's (CEP) Intersessional Contact Group (ICG) that is reviewing the document.