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Summary

This paper presents information on the full membership process of Turkey to the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR).

Background

To be involved in the initiation, development and coordination processes of international scientific research in the Antarctic region, Turkey applied for associated membership to the SCAR in 2016. The associated membership application to SCAR was accepted during the 34th Antarctic Scientific Research Committee Delegate Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, on 29-30 August 2016.

SCAR Full Membership

After 5 years of Antarctic expeditions and having considerable scientific experience in polar research, Turkey applied for full membership to SCAR in 2020. The application was evaluated by the delegates during the 36th SCAR Delegates Meeting which was held online on 22-25 March 2021. After the presentation of the Director of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Marmara Research Center (MAM) Polar Research Institute (PRI) the full membership request of Turkey was approved by the voting of the delegates.

Conclusion

Turkey considers that this membership will enhance and give shape to future polar research studies, and expresses its gratitude to all the countries and their representatives who supported it throughout the process.