

In allocating funds for attendance at workshops, seminars, or other meetings, the CPC should be cognizant of the value of maintaining networks within the scientific community. Contacts at such meetings often lead to an awareness of new developments and opportunities for the promotion of Canadian interests. As a new member of SCAR, Canada should be prepared to establish such networks, and this could be a consideration in setting the budget for SCAR-related activities.

Feedback and follow-up from meetings are absolutely essential in demonstrating the benefits of attendance. Those receiving public funds to participate in meetings should report back to the Antarctic community in Canada through CPC/CARPEX and/or the CARN Newsletter. Special attention must be given to cases where follow-up action is required.

Cost of CARPEX Activities

CARPEX requires financial support to operate and to complete the work program as outlined in Section 5. Although it is anticipated that CARPEX members will undertake part of the work and that the CPC will provide certain services, extra assistance from graduate students and others may be required. Travel and meeting expenses may also be involved, as will telephone, fax, and mail services. This will become an important consideration as organizations continue to downsize and concentrate on core activities.

Despite rapid changes in electronic communications, meetings are still required, and the CARPEX budget should allow for at least one meeting a year. While cost should be considered in the choice of location, these events should also be viewed as a means of maintaining contact with the Antarctic community across the country; therefore, efforts should be made to hold meetings in different locations.

The budget should also provide some support for members' participation in other meetings—in Canada or abroad—that are of interest to the committee. Again, the importance of networking is emphasized.

From time to time, the CPC may ask CARPEX to undertake special tasks for which additional funding should be made available.

As the proposed CARPEX work program directly supports the CPC's mandate, a part of the costs should be covered by the CPC. However, several other federal agencies with interests in Antarctica will also benefit from the work of CARPEX and should be approached for