

Much of the routine work associated with running CARPEX could be handled by the CPC if it were able to assign an individual with experience in Antarctic matters. This would remove a considerable work-load from CARPEX members, provide CARPEX with a permanent address, and facilitate better integration of the activities of the CPC and CARPEX. Printing and distribution of the CARN Newsletter could also be handled by the CPC.

In view of the broader mandate of CARPEX, membership should be expanded to include a representative of the private-sector groups operating in Antarctica and a representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs. This would enable CARPEX to cover both commercial and political aspects of Antarctic research.

Financial Resources

Expenditures related to Canada's involvement in Antarctic science are considered in three separate categories: membership fees in international associations (e.g., SCAR) and related costs; funding for CARPEX activities; and funding for research activities *per se*.

Membership Fees

These include the annual fee to SCAR and the cost of national representation at SCAR's biannual meetings. The 1995 fees are US\$5,000 per year for associate membership and US\$7,000 per year for full membership. These costs should be carried by the CPC as the adhering Canadian organization.

Member countries are encouraged to name representatives to SCAR Working Groups, Groups of Specialists, and other sub-groups. The relevance of these groups to Canadian objectives will vary: in some cases, representation will be a matter of national importance; in others the rationale for attendance may be based primarily on the interests of individual scientists. In the former instances, the CPC would be expected to cover a large proportion of the cost of attending; in the latter, a major part of the cost should come from the scientists' research funding. Cost-sharing should be decided on a case-by-case basis. However, it is essential that an overall meeting attendance plan, reflecting CPC/CARPEX priorities, be prepared at the beginning of each fiscal year.