

Dr Michael Sparrow Joins WCRP Secretariat

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WCRP is pleased to announce that Dr Michael (Mike) Sparrow has joined the WCRP JPS team in Geneva. Mike comes from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, where he has been Executive Director for the last five years and Executive Officer before that. During this time his role was to guide and implement SCAR's vision and objectives, develop and implement SCAR activities, assist in raising external funds, oversee SCAR's communications, represent SCAR at international meetings and manage the SCAR Secretariat.

Mike is a Southern Ocean physical oceanographer, with a PhD in Oceanography, a Masters degree in Atmospheric Sciences and a Bachelors in Physics.

Previous to moving to the SCAR Secretariat in 2007, Mike was based at the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton, working for the Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR) project of the World Climate Research Programme, where he was responsible for coordinating CLIVAR's interests in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic region as well as in Africa. He has also worked and lived in Spain and China and taken part in four cruises to the Antarctic, including two as co-chief scientist.

He has published scientific papers ranging on subjects as diverse as the flow of Antarctic Bottom Water around Antarctica to the study of regional climate change in China, and given media interviews to e.g. Sky News, the Chinese Broadcasting Corporation and Antartida Urbana. His interests include Capoeira, yoga, writing historical fiction and surviving his two boys...