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**13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IRDR Science Committee**  
**Ocean University of China, Laoshan Campus, Qingdao**  
**Shandong Province, China**  
**1-3 June 2015**

**Agenda Item 5: Development of IRDR Bodies (Pt. 1)**

**Composition of the Science Committee**

In June 2015, the second three-year SC membership terms of four SC members (O.D. Cardona, S. Cutter, D. Johnston and K. Takeuchi) will come to an end. Their respective memberships on the SC cannot be renewed. Three of them are also SC Executive members.

A list of the SC membership had included in meeting documents for the previous SC meeting and some comments on the composition of members had been received during and after the meeting. A strong case had been made for future members to demonstrate experience with integrated research.

Co-Sponsor ISSC has urged already at the 11<sup>th</sup> SC meeting that the gender balance of the Committee be proactively addressed for upcoming replacements. ISDR had also asked for a more inclusive approach to the composition of the SC.

These issues are all reflected in the Call for Nominations that has been designed in close cooperation with ICSU, who habitually have launched and conducted the SC replacement procedures. The Call was launched immediately after the recent ICSU Executive Board meeting on 30 April 2015.

The extended SC Executive Group will submit an annotated list compiled from the submissions received for decision by the three co-sponsors in their respective decision-making bodies (all electronically; scheduled to be completed during the month of July 2015).

As regards the SC Executive, it is to be recalled that on 31 December 2014, S. Cutter will step down as Vice-Chair, staying on as an SC member until 30 June 2015. She will be replaced by S. Lwasa as Vice-Chair on 31 December 2014. Two new SC Executive members will need to be elected once the SC is complete again.

The co-sponsors will also proceed to nominate the new SC Chair at their respective decision-making sessions in July 2015.

**Composition of the Working Groups**

During its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SC observed that the IRDR Working Groups during their planning sessions had refrained from addressing the issue of their respective composition.

Given comments received from IRDR bodies (such as National Committees) and from the wider community, the SC will discuss the issue of WG composition at this current meeting.

**Attachments:**

5.1 SC Membership Listing (as of 31 December 2014)

5.2 Composition of IRDR Projects Working Groups

**Actions:**

5.1 The SC is invited to widely circulate the Call for Nominations for new SC members and to submit suitable candidatures.

5.2 The SC is invited to propose elements to be respected in the composition of the IRDR WG, so that these criteria can be made public.