Dear French SCAR Colleagues,

We were very saddened to hear of the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Roland Schlich, Chair of the French SCAR Committee and French SCAR Delegate.

Roland was enormously energetic and enthusiastic, always ready with advice, and vigorous in discussions. That vigour was frequently coloured with wit and anecdote, making him a fascinating colleague. In an informal setting, Roland was always ready to offer a view on the best cuisine and accompanying wines to be found in any place, but especially in France.

Roland was an important leader for SCAR. He was Chair (1965-1966) and Secretary (1966-1971) of the SCAR Upper Atmosphere Physics Working Group. He was adamant in his belief that at least 50% of SCAR funds should be spent on Science activities, and helped to shape that philosophy by serving as the Chair of the former SCAR Standing Finance Committee in the early 1990s, and also as the chair of the Standing Committee on Finances from 2002-2004. He also served as SCAR Vice President from 1998-2004. His strong leadership helped to shape many aspects of SCAR. Roland will be missed by all of us in SCAR and we will honour his memory as a spirited Antarctic scientist.

With this letter, please accept our deepest condolences on your loss.

Sincerely,

Jerónimo López-Martínez
SCAR President
- on behalf of the SCAR Community
Roland Schilch and Carlos Rinaldi discussing a point in typically animated Latin style at the XX SCAR Banquet in Hobart, Australia in 1988.

Roland enjoying a ‘eureka’ moment while preparing the SCAR budget at the XXV SCAR Meeting in Concepcion Chile, 1998.

The SCAR Executive Committee at XXVI SCAR in Tokyo. Left to right, front row: David Walker, Bob Rutford, Tony Rocha-Campos, Roland Schlich; back row: Peter Clarkson, Jose Valencia, Fred Davey.
From the Prince of Asturias Prize Ceremony, Oviedo, Spain, 2002

Bob Rutford, Jerónimo López-Martínez, and Roland Schlich in Oviedo, Spain.

Peter Clarkson, Jerónimo López-Martínez, Bob Rutford, and Roland Schlich returning to their seats after receiving the award from HRH Prince Felipe.

The winner of the Prince of Asturias Prince for 2002. Queen Sofia and Prince Felipe are in the middle of the front row; Peter Clarkson, Bob Rutford, Jerónimo López-Martínez and Roland Schlich, representing SCAR, are in the back row.