



## **44<sup>th</sup> ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

**BERLIN, GERMANY**

**23 MAY TO 2 JUNE 2022**

### **SECRETARIAT NOTE 8: NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR, SCAR LECTURE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear colleagues,

This is the last Secretariat Note before the start of ATCM XLIV. We wish all delegates who will attend ATCM and CEP in-person a good and safe trip to Berlin. We are looking forward to seeing you. We also look forward to seeing our colleagues the virtual domain.

We would like to inform you about the nomination of the Chair for ATCM XLIV in Berlin. Germany will propose Mrs. Tania von Uslar-Gleichen, Deputy Head of the Legal Department and Director for International Law at the Federal Foreign Office.

We have a few other announcements.

This year's SCAR Lecture is based on the updated SCAR's landmark report "Antarctic Climate Change and the Environment (ACCE)". Lecturer will be Prof. Pörtner of the Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, co-author of the 6th IPCC report. SCAR's president, Prof. Yeadong Kim, will introduce the speaker. The lecture will be held directly after the Opening Plenary on Tuesday, May 24.

Thanks to a favorable development of the COVID-19 pandemic in Germany, we can allow a HoD+2 format for the large congress rooms. This means that Consultative Parties can invite two delegates to ATCM and CEP rooms in addition to their Head of the Delegation. Non-Consultative Parties, Observers and Experts may invite one delegate in addition to their Head of the Delegation. Streaming from the congress halls to other parts of the conference area will allow listening and rotation.

In Heads of Delegation meetings, HoD+1 are allowed, as in previous years.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic is unfortunately not yet over and ATCM XLIV will last almost two weeks, we need to put some precautionary measures in place to ensure an orderly meeting over the entire period. Backbone of this is mandatory daily testing for all participants for Delegates and Staff. We will have an efficient testing center available in the congress center. Rapid tests will be valid for 24 hours. In order to avoid possible congestion in the morning, we kindly ask you to use the possibility of testing in the afternoon (after 4 pm). With a negative test from the afternoon, you can enter the conference area the following day in the morning without further testing. Valid negative tests are indicated by colored wristbands that are checked upon entry. We strongly recommend the use of face masks in the conference area. In the interest of a successful ATCM XLIV, we ask for your understanding for these measures. You will receive an instruction with our hygiene concept during the registration.



We would like to reiterate to the virtual participants that at the beginning of the session you should set your participant name to:

Party, Surname, First Name. Otherwise an orderly participation cannot be ensured.

Furthermore, we remind you that when you ask for the floor, you write the word "floor" to everyone in the chat. Unfortunately, we cannot use the raise hand function. You can find details in the guide we sent you. Thank you for your consideration.

We have enclosed to this Note a copy of the Delegates Guide, which contains useful information for your stay in Germany.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Best regards

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