OPENING

1. Opening Remarks of the President
In his opening remarks, the President of SCOSTEP, Dr. Kazuo Shiokawa, welcomed participants and reviewed the purpose of the General Council Meetings that are held every two years.

Dr. Shiokawa added that since the last council meeting, a new scientific program, PRESTO (Predictability of Solar-Terrestrial Coupling), was launched in January 2020. At nearly the same time the COVID pandemic escalated worldwide, rendering travel, face-to-face meetings, workshops and schools nearly impossible. However, our work did not stop as many opportunities continued as virtual events. Dr. Shiokawa stated that our work cannot stop as understanding solar-terrestrial coupling processes is essential due to the increasing use of space by humans and for the importance of climate change.

Dr. Shiokawa ended his welcome address stating this meeting will be a review of SCOSTEP activities over the last two years. He welcomes this opportunity and will be grateful for the council’s remarks and suggestions for future endeavors.

2. Approval of the Agenda (K. Shiokawa)
K. Shiokawa next presented the agenda of this meeting. It was approved by the participants without comment.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting (K. Shiokawa)
K. Shiokawa next requesting approval of the minutes of the General Council Meeting held in Montreal, Canada on July 13, 2019. The minutes were delivered to the participants for their reviews prior to this meeting. The minutes were approved without comment.

SCOSTEP UPDATES AND STATUS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

P. Doherty, Scientific Secretary, presented that the last two and a half years have been a period of transition for SCOSTEP in several ways including new leadership, new bureau members, the transition of the scientific secretary’s office from Canada to the US and the launch of the new scientific program, PRESTO.
1. **SCOSTEP Leadership Updates (P. Doherty)**

The election of the new SCOSTEP executives took place at the last general council meeting in 2019. At that time, Dr. Kazuo Shiokawa was elected President and Dr. Daniel Marsh was elected Vice President. This election ended the Presidency of Dr. Nat Gopalswamy, who now serves as Past President, and Dr. Franz-Josef Leubken, who served alongside Nat as Vice President. SCOSTEP is grateful for their excellent leadership. At the same time, Patricia Doherty, was appointed Scientific Secretary replacing Dr. Marianna Shepherd.

The SCOSTEP bureau is comprised of these executives together with representatives of the participating organizations of SCOSTEP. The following photo identifies the current Bureau members. The purpose of the Bureau is to direct the scientific, administrative and financial activities of SCOSTEP. The Bureau meets twice each year.

**SCOSTEP Executives (July 2019 – 2023)**

![SCOSTEP Executives](image)

**Bureau Members – Representatives of Participating Organizations**

SCOSTEP wishes to thank outgoing bureau members Dr. Prasad Subramanian (IUPAP) and Dr. Aude Chambodut (ISC-WDS) who completed their terms as representatives of these organizations during the last two years.

2. **SCOSTEP Membership Updates (P. Doherty)**

There have also been some changes in SCOSTEP Adherent Members. The following is a list of current SCOSTEP Adherent members together with the names of their representatives. In the last two years, Croatia, Egypt and Poland became adherent members. Currently, there are 31 Adherent members of SCOSTEP.

P. Doherty added that the SCOSTEP bureau has formed a Membership committee to encourage new members to SCOSTEP. If anyone would like to recommend a country or geographical region with solar-terrestrial research and interests, please contact the scientific secretary (scostep@bc.edu).
3. On the Transition of the Office of the Scientific Secretary (P. Doherty)

In July 2019, Dr. Marianna Shepherd stepped down as the Scientific Secretary after serving in this position from 2010 to 2019. She did an outstanding job of supporting SCOSTEP’s scientific program, bureau activities, outreach programs, finances and so much more. SCOSTEP is grateful for her unwavering service to our organization and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Marianna and Patricia worked closely together for a seamless transition of the SCOSTEP Secretariat’s office from York University in Toronto, Canada to Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. In that transition, all early records of SCOSTEP were digitized and delivered to P. Doherty. In addition, all remaining SCOSTEP funds were transferred to the new Office of the Scientific Secretary.

Beginning in August 2019, SCOSTEP was established as a non-profit corporation in Massachusetts and was granted tax-free status for US Federal Tax purposes.

After establishing SCOSTEP as a formal entity in the US, P. Doherty assumed all responsibility formerly held by Marianna Shepherd. In addition:

- a new dedicated website was developed: https://scostep.org
- a twitter account was established: you may follow @scostep1 and use #scostep on your own solar-terrestrial tweets
- mailing lists were developed to facilitate communication
  - scostep-all@listserv.bc.edu – includes over 2300 members
  - Scostep-bureau@listserv.bc.edu – for the bureau members
  - Scostep-adherents@listserv.bc.edu – for adherent members and representatives
  - Scostep-sdr@listserv.bc.edu – for the scientific discipline representatives
- Dedicated email contact was established for SCOSTEP: scostep[at]bc.edu
In addition to thanking Marianna Shepherd for assistance in the transition, Patricia Doherty thanked Nat Gopalswamy for his encouragement and advice in establishing SCOSTEP in the US.

4. Report on the PRESTO Program (Ramon Lopez)

Dr. Ramon Lopez (Chair of the PRESTO Committee) presented an update on this new scientific program. PRESTO is a science program that seeks to improve the predictability of energy flow in the integrated Sun-Earth system on time scales from a few hours to centuries through promoting international collaborative efforts.

Dr. Lopez remarked that PRESTO is a scientific program that is becoming more and more important. Dr. Lopez referred to a recent geomagnetic storm where localized thermospheric upwelling was the likely cause of 40 Starlink spacecraft to deorbit. These types of events make solar-terrestrial predictability an essential research topic. (Manuela Temmer commented that the opinion of the developers is that Starlink may have failed due to design mistakes.)

The following graphic was presented to illustrate the three pillars for PRESTO.

Dr. Lopez continued by identifying the leadership teams for each of the three Pillars of PRESTO. He thanks them for their continuing efforts to define study groups and host sessions at various scientific conferences. He also invited the participants to view the website for updated information on this program. The information can be found on the website: https://scostep.org/presto/.
Dr. Lopez continued by illustrating the SCOSTEP/PRESTO funding opportunities for meetings, campaigns and database development support. Announcements for these opportunities are made in the fall of each year with deadline of December 31st. Six meeting/campaign proposals were accepted for funding in 2021. Unfortunately, three are delayed due to COVID imposed limitations. The other 3 have been funded and were held virtually. Six database proposals were also funded in 2021. All have accepted their awards and the databases are currently under development.

Dr. Lopez added that the proposals for 2022 have been reviewed recently by the PRESTO committee and they will be announced soon. For more information on these opportunities, visit the website: https://scostep.org/grant-proposals/

Even under COVID limitations, PRESTO has successfully held sessions both in-person and virtually at major scientific conferences including IAGA-IASPEI 2021, URSI 2021, AGU Fall Meeting Town Halls, and most recently at STP-15. Future events planned for in-person participation include COSPAR sessions for Pillar 1 and 2. Franz-Josef Leubken added that a SCOSTEP PRESTO session was held in the EGU 2021 meeting and is also planned for the upcoming EGU 2022 meeting.

As COVID prevented many opportunities for workshops and schools, an online seminar series was initiated. This series of seminars is organized with the support of the Institute for Space- Earth Environmental Research (ISEE), Nagoya University, Japan. Eleven seminars have been held to date with the most recent one held on February 10th. That seminar was titled “Solar-Terrestrial Coupling via Energetic Particle Precipitation”, presented by Dr. Cora Randall of the University of Colorado. The next seminar will be in May. All of the recordings of the seminars are held on an ISEE website. The links are provided on the SCOSTEP website: https://scostep.org/online-seminar-series/
Dr. Lopez ended this update on PRESTO with a thank you to the PRESTO co-chairs and Pillar leaders for their efforts, especially during the difficult times imposed COVID.

5. The 15th Quadrennial Solar-Terrestrial Physics Symposium (STP15) S. Gurubaran

Dr. Subramanian Gurubaran, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for STP15, thanked SCOSTEP for the opportunity to host the STP15 in India. He also thanked the Scientific Organizing Committee for their dedication to making this such a successful event. The STP15 was a virtual event hosted by the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) on February 21-25. This was a unique time as it coincided with the Golden Jubilee of the IIG and marked the 180th year of continuous geomagnetic field measurements in India.

There were 8 sessions including 3 dedicated to the PRESTO Pillars together with overarching topics on the Sun-Earth Connection, Space Weather Prediction, Modelling, Ground and space-based initiatives and a Special Session on Geomagnetism. A total of 346 abstracts were submitted. There were 401 registered participants from 40 countries.

The STP15 was preceded by a workshop on Solar-Terrestrial Physics for Students and Young Scientists (STEPSYS). The objective of this workshop was to provide tutorials on the topics related to Sun-Earth connections. The lectures were given by eminent scientists from the worldwide SCOSTEP community. Dr. Gurubaran noted the great success of this workshop as it prepared the young scientists and students for the presentations of STP15. He recommends that the next STP symposium include a similar opportunity for students and young scientists.

The details of the STP15 can be viewed on the website: stp15.in

Dr. Shiokawa expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of SCOSTEP to Dr. Gurubaran and the IIG for their efforts. The program was very well organized and successful. He particularly noted the benefits of the breakout sessions.

Dr. Shiokawa also noted that there is a plan to have a special issue from the conference. The details of that will be announced soon.
Dr. Nat Gopalswamy added his thanks to Dr. Gurubaran for leading this wonderful meeting and the STEPSYS program. He asked if the STEPSYS lectures could be downloaded and made available through the SCOSTEP website. Dr. Guruburan agreed that this is possible. He will work with Patricia Doherty to make this happen.

Finally, Dr. Shiokawa announced the call for letters of Interest to host the next STP16 in 2026. This call was emailed to the SCOSTEP mailing list a few days ago. It will also be available on the SCOSTEP website.

6. UPDATES OF THE ISC, UN_STSC, UN_COPUOS and ISWI Activities (K. Shiokawa)

SCOSTEP is a thematic organization of the International Science Council (ISC). ISC recently released a short booklet titled “Unleashing Science: Delivering Missions for Sustainability”. This booklet identified a number of topics of importance. One of the topics was “Improving understanding of the solar influence on climate change” - a topic with significant relevance to SCOSTEP.

The ISC Science Community also hosted a meeting to discuss opportunities for targeted science messaging for the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) prior to its meeting held in the UK in late October 2021. Dr. Shiokawa joined this meeting that was held virtually on Oct 21, 2021. Presentations centered on goals for COP26.

As SCOSTEP is a permanent observer of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN-COPUOS), Dr. Shiokawa made presentations on SCOSTEP and PRESTO in the 64th Session of the UN-COPOUS on September 1, 2021 and in the 57th, 58th, and 59th Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (STSC) of the UN-COPUOS. The 59th STSC was held virtually on February 16, 2022.

SCOSTEP supported the International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI) in a workshop on Space Weather: Science and Applications that was held virtually on 2-3 November 2021. This meeting was jointly organized by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, and the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), India. During this workshop, scientific presentations were made by Nat Gopalswamy, Pat Doherty and Kazuo Shiokawa.

7. The SCOSTEP VISITING SCHOLAR (SVS) PROGRAM (P. Doherty)

The objectives, funding, eligibility, application and review process for the SVS program were presented. The list of host institutions were also displayed with a welcome for additional hosts.

The SVS program is quite successful having contributed to the training of 36 PhD students since the program’s inception in 2015. Each year, there is an increase in the number of students applying to this program.
Travel and closures of laboratories around the world certainly had an effect on the program in 2020 and 2021. Of the 22 SVS awards made in 2020 and 2021, only 3 awardees have been able to complete the fellowship to date. SCOSTEP will allow these awardees to begin their award when the conditions are more favorable, as long as the awardees are still eligible and the host institution agrees with the new dates.

Jorge Chau asked how many will be funded in 2022. Pat responded that as many as possible will be funded. The SVS proposals for 2022 have been received and will be reviewed by the SVS committee soon.

Many of the past SVS students have documented their experience in articles that have been published in the SCOSTEP/PRESTO newsletter. Nat Gopalswamy added that some of these students have gone further by publishing professional articles in peer reviewed journals and they have acknowledged SCOSTEP for their support.

8. Capacity Building Schools Supported by SCOSTEP (K. Shiokawa)
SCOSTEP is actively involved in the advancement of Capacity Building by supporting schools and workshops held around the world. The COVID pandemic had a marked effect on this mission with just 1 event supported in early 2020, and 3 hybrid events held in 2021. For comparison, 7 in-person schools were supported in 2019. For 2022, we certainly hope for more success with hybrid and in-person events.

For more information on applications for Capacity Building Schools, see the website: https://scostep.org/sssww/

9. Capacity Building Online Lectures (K. Shiokawa)
As in-person events for Capacity Building have been limited in the last couple of years, SCOSTEP initiated a series of Online Capacity Building Lectures. Dr. Claudia Martinez-Calderon of ISEE was appointed to lead this lecture series as a coordinator. The lectures provide both basic background and an introduction to the latest scientific topics in solar-terrestrial physics for students and young scientists. There have been 11 lectures to date. The last one was delivered on January 22, 2022 by Dr. Michael Kosch of SANSA. The list of lectures and the links to the recorded presentation are available on the website: https://scostep.org/capacity-building-lectures/

10. SCOSTEP/PRESTO Newsletters (K. Shiokawa)
SCOSTEP/PRESTO develops newsletters on a quarterly basis. The newsletters include scientific articles, highlights on young scientists, meeting reports and news related to SCOSTEP/PRESTO. Since August 2019, 10 newsletters have been issued. All issues are sent to the SCOSTEP community via email and the full archive of newsletters is available for download on the website: https://scostep.org/newsletter-archive/

11. SCOSTEP Comic Books (P. Doherty)
The SCOSTEP comic books are designed to introduce the public, particularly young people, to Solar-Terrestrial Physics. They were originated by Professor Yohsuke Kamide at the Solar-
Terrestrial Environment Laboratory at Nagoya University, Japan, in collaboration with SCOSTEP’s CAWSES scientific program. Since then, they have been translated into English and French with a subset of the comic books available in 8 other languages.

Dr. Shiokawa designed a postcard for these comic books. The postcard was widely distributed with copious response. These responses led to offers of new translations and further distribution. Pat Doherty is currently working with these new translations to bring them to worldwide availability via the SCOSTEP website. These comic books may be downloaded from the SCOSTEP website: https://scostep.org/space-science-comic-books/

Nat Gopalswamy suggested that the comic books be printed for distribution at the next UN COPUOS meeting. They are easy to read and have the ability to generate an understanding and importance of the topics.

Spiros Patsourakos added that oral readings of the books via you tube may also be a way to advance the usefulness of these books and general understanding of their topics.

12. SCOSTEP Awards 2019-2021 (K. Shiokawa)
Recognizing the societal importance of studies in the fields of solar-terrestrial physics and to credit scientists who contribute significantly to these studies and SCOSTEP activities, SCOSTEP make biennial awards for Distinguished Scientist, Distinguished Young Scientist and Distinguished Service. SCOSTEP was pleased to make the following awards in 2020 and 2021.

Dr. Franz-Josef Leubken thanked the community for his award. He noted that he has enjoyed SCOSTEP science and service and will continue his efforts going forward.
Nominations are currently under considered for Distinguished Scientist and Young Scientist for 2022. Announcements of the winners will be made soon.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. **Appointment of the Financial Committee Members (K. Shiokawa)**
   Dr. Shiokawa presented his nominations for the financial committee for the next two years. These nominations included the reappointment of Dr. Daniel Marsh and Dr. Yoshizumi Miyoshi to this committee. They also served for 2020-2021. These nominations were accepted by the council without contest.

2. **Financial State of SCOSTEP (P. Doherty)**
   Pat Doherty presented the financial statements for SCOSTEP for the years ending in 2019 to 2021. The presentation included the following table showing the closing statement numbers for each of these three years.

   The table shows three sections including Assets (referring to cash and other assets at the beginning of the year); Revenue (primarily limited to membership and other small items for the current year); and Expenditures (operating costs for SCOSTEP, its capacity building and scientific programs).

   **Financial State of SCOSTEP Closing Statements 2019 - 2021**

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Patricia explained that the costs for 2020 and 2021 were lower that the anticipated expenses due to the limitations placed on activities by the COVID pandemic. The Closing Net Assets show that SCOSTEP is in very good financial order with a steady flow of income, stable and anticipated expenses and a growing cash balance.
Franz-Josef commented that we should expand activities in the coming year, as COVID recedes, to expend some of the excess funds. Patricia responded that it is SCOSTEP’s plan to fund as many valid activities as possible in the coming year.

Patricia provided more details on the final budgets for 2020, 2021 and the anticipated budget for 2022. The following table shows these details. Note that the expenses in 2020 and 2021 were lower than normal. SCOSTEP is planning for some programs to return to normal in the coming year.

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**Secretariat Expenses**

| Materials and Supplies                                  | $-                 | $281               | $500                  |
| Meetings and Meals (Bureau and other)                   | $-                 | $-                 | $500                  |
| Accounting Fees (Annual Compilation/Tax Returns/Filing Fees) | $3,352         | $1,820             | $1,850                |
| Consultant (non-profit compliance)                      | $1,269             | $1,270             | $1,270                |
| Filing Fees 501c3 (Initial & Amendment)                 | $753               | $0                 | $0                    |
| Website Costs (Consultant, domain, annual fees)         | $1,010             | $3,564             | $150                  |
| Secretariat Office Grant in Aid (secretarial, website maintenance, IT support) | $-                | $18,000            | $18,000               |
| Bank wire and cash management fees (Incoming, Outgoing Wires; Fees) | $315             | $-                 | $200                  |
| Printing Materials (Comic Books, Brochures, Flyers)      | $-                 | $-                 | $200                  |
| **Sub-total Expenses**                                  | $6,699             | $24,934            | $22,470               |

**General Activities**

| Bureau Meetings (annual)                                 | $-                 | $-                 | $2,000                |
| Travel for Representation at ISC, UN and SCI. Meetings   | $-                 | $73                | $5,000                |
| Contingencies                                            | $-                 | $-                 | $1,000                |
| Scientific Programs (Travel)                             | $-                 | $-                 | $7,500                |
| STP Symposium Expenses (held every 4 years; next in 2022) | $-                 | $-                 | $-                    |
| Award Expenses (Distinguished Science, Young Scientist and Service) | $-              | $2,351             | $1,500                |
| **Sub-total Expenses**                                  | $-                 | $2,424             | $17,000               |

**Capacity Building, Scientific Programs**

| Capacity Building and Education                          | $6,000             | $8,370             | $25,000               |
| Programs Support - SVS                                   | $7,417             | $25,000            |
| PRESTO Events (Science Team Meetings, AGU Town Hall)     | $-                 | $450               | $5,000                |
| PRESTO Program Support (Meetings/Campaigns)              | $-                 | $9,090             | $25,000               |
| PRESTO Program Support (Database development)            | $-                 | $29,060            | $25,000               |
| **Sub-total Expenses**                                  | $6,000             | $54,386            | $105,000              |

**Total Expenses**                                        | $12,699            | $81,744            | $144,470              |

Balance at Year End (positive balance carried over to next year) | $127,075           | $133,248           | $95,968               |
Patricia noted that all of the adherent membership fees for 2021 have not yet been received. However, she is in contact with these adherent agencies and the fees are promised for payment in early 2022.

The Council was also advised that the Adherent Membership fees are the only source of support for SCOSTEP. SCOSTEP appreciates their active membership and their response to the annual invoices. Invoices for 2022 were delivered to the Adherent agencies in February.

**NEW TOPICS & DISCUSSION (K. Shiokawa)**

1. **Committee Bylaws**
   Kazuo presented the SCOSTEP Structure defined by the Constitution. This document clearly identifies the membership and responsibilities of the Council, Bureau, Steering Committees and Workshop Groups. However, other committees have not been formally identified. As such, Bylaws are in development to identify the following committees and their responsibilities.

    **Committees Defined by the Bylaws:**
    Award Nomination Committee  
    Award Selection Committee  
    SVS Selection Committee  
    Membership Committee  
    Finance Committee  

   Kazuo illustrated the document for the Award Selection Committee as an example of the Bylaw committee descriptions.

2. **SCOSTEP Fellow /Honorary Members**
   In the past, the SCOSTEP Bureau has made an award to persons who made invaluable contributions to the entire STP community. These awardees were identified as “Honorary Members”. They are shown on the SCOSTEP Awards website: [https://scostep.org/awards/](https://scostep.org/awards/)

   The SCOSTEP Bureau has decided to establish a SCOSTEP Fellows Program that will replace the Honorary Member awards. All members of the Solar-Terrestrial physics community will be eligible. The winners (past and new) of the Distinguished Science and Service Awards will be awarded the Fellow title. In addition, former awards titled as Honorary Member of SCOSTEP will also be recognized as Fellow.

   The final details of this program are still under development. Announcements for nominations will issued by the middle of 2022.

3. **Constitution Amendment (K. Shiokawa)**
   As SCOSTEP President, Dr. Shiokawa presented a proposal for amendments to the SCOSTEP Constitution. These amendments were proposed by Dr. Jorge Chau and Dr. Taro Sakao in a letter to Dr. Shiokawa on February 16, 2022. The amendments were reviewed by the SCOSTEP Bureau.
These amendments include the following:
   a) change the name of our parent organization from ICSU to the ISC
      a. the International Council for Science (ICSU) merged with the International Social
         Science Council (ISSC) to form the International Science Council in 2017.
   b) Move the World Data System from its designation as a SCOSTEP affiliate to SCOSTEP
      participating body
   c) changing gender specific terms, such as Chairman to Chairperson

Dr. Shiokawa explained the process for making Amendments to the Constitution which includes
presenting it to the General Council for a vote. The Amendments may take effect if it is adopted
by at least two-thirds of those entitle to vote and actually voting. Normally, the adoption of
amendments takes place at the General Council meeting – but it may also be conducted by mail.

The Constitution was displayed illustrating these changes.

As not all General Council members were present at this meeting, Patricia Doherty will send the
constitution amendment request to all General Council Members for their vote.

**CLOSING ADDRESS**

Dr. Shiokawa and Patricia Doherty thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished
everyone well in the coming year. Franz Josef remarked on the well organized and presented
Council meeting. He appreciated the timeliness and clear presentations.

Thanks to all who were able to attend. See you in 2 years.
Participants of the SCOSTEP General Council Meeting – February 25, 2020