Congressman Blumenauer was delighted to give the welcome at the opening reception to the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) on Sunday evening. SCAR is responsible for the coordinate of scientific research, considering issues of climate change, bio diversity and new ideas to address global issues that impact the Antarctic region. Portland State University is very proud to be hosting this international conference; it has been 26 years since this body has met in the United States.

In his comments, Blumenauer noted the importance of the Antarctic to the world and the purpose of the original treaty to ensure “in the interests of all mankind that Antarctica shall continue forever to be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and shall not become the scene or object of international discord.”