

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

21.1 The Report of the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the Commission was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

22.1 On behalf of all Members, Dr A. Press (Australia) thanked the Chair for his guidance during the meeting. He also thanked the Chairs of the Commission's subcommittees, the Executive Secretary and the Secretariat staff. In particular, he thanked the translators and the interpreters for their hard work. Dr Press also expressed his gratitude to all Commissioners for their work which had resulted in a very productive meeting, despite a couple of issues not reaching resolution. He thanked all for their assistance and cooperation.

22.2 The Executive Secretary said that it was always a challenge to service the needs of this dynamic, far reaching and important organisation. He expressed his sincere gratitude to his staff and hoped that the Commission would join him in thanking them for this magnificent task.

22.3 Prof. C. Moreno (Chile) supported the words expressed by the Executive Secretary. In particular, he wished to especially comment on a person who had been with the Secretariat for 24 years. He said that Dr Eugene Sabourenkov had been an outstanding Science/Compliance Officer of this Commission, helping and assisting all participants in various aspects of their work. Chile appreciated his work immensely and was extremely grateful to Dr Sabourenkov who had been the backbone in some very difficult tasks, such as the creation of ad hoc WG-IMAF. He had also played a significant role in supporting the work of SCIC. Dr Sabourenkov's work and dedication were greatly appreciated and it was with much sadness that, on behalf of the Commission, Chile said goodbye. Dr Sabourenkov received a very warm applause and standing ovation from the Commission.

22.4 Dr Sabourenkov said that he was honoured to have worked for CCAMLR and for the conservation of Antarctic marine resources for the past 24 years. He was very grateful that by chance or by providence he had been part of the team in 1979/80 which worked on the CAMLR Convention. He recalled the supervision of Dr V. Zilanov who many may remember as 'Stan'. Dr Sabourenkov said that he was happy and proud to have worked with the Secretariat and to have had the opportunity to work with all those present. He was also very grateful to have had brilliant, patient and professional mentors as supervisors, beginning with Dr Darry Powell, then Mr Esteban de Salas and Dr Denzil Miller. He said it had been a great thrill to serve the Commission and he was grateful to have been part of such a good and friendly team of friends and colleagues. Dr Sabourenkov also expressed his gratitude to Australia, as host country, for its hospitality during his tenure. Dr Sabourenkov finished by saying that he would cherish every second of his life with CCAMLR.

22.5 Before closing the meeting, the Chair thanked all Commissioners for their support, understanding, cooperation and patience to ensure the successful completion of the Commission's deliberations. He also thanked the Chair of the Scientific Committee for her unshakeable support, dedication and assistance, the Chairs of all subcommittees, the Secretariat and interpreters. He particularly thanked the sound technicians and IT personnel who had worked around the clock to ensure the smooth running of all the equipment.

22.6 The Chair then closed the Twenty-sixth Meeting of CCAMLR.