

INTERSESSIONAL WORK

Intersessional Activities during 2003/04

13.1 The Scientific Committee accepted with great pleasure Italy's invitation to host the 2004 meeting of WG-EMM. The Working Group looked forward to returning to Siena for its 10th meeting, and recalled the very successful first meeting which was held there in 1995.

13.2 The Scientific Committee reviewed and endorsed the intersessional work plans of WG-EMM (Annex 4, Table 3), WG-FSA (Annex 5, Table 12.1) and ad hoc WG-IMAF (Annex 5, Appendix E). Major activities scheduled by the Scientific Committee in the 2003/04 intersessional period are listed in Annex 8.

13.3 The following CCAMLR meetings are planned during the 2003/04 intersessional period:

- WG-FSA-SAM, Siena, Italy, 5 to 9 July 2004, immediately prior to WG-EMM-04
- WG-EMM, Siena, Italy, 12 to 23 July 2004
- WG-FSA, including ad hoc WG-IMAF, Hobart, Australia, 11 to 22 October 2004.

Convener of WG-FSA

13.4 The Scientific Committee noted that this was the last meeting that Dr Everson would be Convener of WG-FSA. He has been active in CCAMLR for many years having served as Chair of the Scientific Committee, Convener of WG-FSA (twice) and Convener of WG-EMM. He will be greatly missed by all Members of the Scientific Committee.

13.5 As agreed at last year's meeting, Dr Hanchet will take over as Convener of WG-FSA, starting from the end of this year's meeting. Members welcomed Dr Hanchet and looked forward to working with him.

Revision of the Scientific Committee Agenda

13.6 The Scientific Committee noted that the Chair had further considered the format of the agenda in consultation with the conveners of WG-EMM and WG-FSA. No further changes had been proposed.

Invitation of Observers to the Next Meeting

13.7 The Scientific Committee agreed that all observers invited to the 2003 meeting would be invited to participate in SC-CAMLR-XXIII.

Next Meeting

13.8 The Scientific Committee noted that arrangements have been made for the next meetings of the Scientific Committee and the Commission to be held in Hobart from 25 October to 5 November 2004.