

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

16.1 The report of the Twenty-fourth meeting of the Scientific Committee was adopted.

## CLOSE OF THE MEETING

17.1 In closing the meeting, Dr Fanta thanked all the Secretariat staff for their dedicated support, the interpreters for facilitating the plenary discussions, the conveners of working groups, subgroups and other groups for developing the intersessional work of the Scientific Committee, and the rapporteurs and participants for their major contributions to the success of the meeting. Dr Fanta noted that all participants had enjoyed the new meeting venue and the facilities available to delegates.

17.2 Dr Fanta also thanked Dr Hewitt, the outgoing Convener of WG-EMM, and Prof. Croxall, both of whom are leaving CCAMLR, for their very significant contributions to the work of the Scientific Committee over many years. In addition, Dr Fanta had greatly appreciated their guidance during her first meeting in the Chair.

17.3 Dr Holt, on behalf on the Scientific Committee, thanked Dr Fanta for her excellent work in her new role. The Scientific Committee was very appreciative of her leadership and looked forward to the next meeting.

17.4 Dr Holt also expressed the Scientific Committee's great appreciation of Prof. Croxall's long association with Antarctic research and the great expertise which he had contributed to the Scientific Committee over many years.

17.5 Dr Holt also reiterated the Scientific Committee's great appreciation of Dr Hewitt's long association with the Scientific Committee and for his great contribution to Antarctic research. Earlier in the meeting, Dr Constable, on behalf on the Scientific Committee, had also thanked Dr Hewitt for his vision and drive in developing the agenda of WG-EMM, and furthering the Scientific Committee's work in ecosystem monitoring and management.

17.6 Ms G. Tanner (Communications Officer) presented Dr Kirkwood with a new award for best rapporteur at the meeting.

17.7 The meeting was closed.

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