

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17.1 The report of the Twenty-sixth meeting of the Scientific Committee was adopted.

## CLOSE OF THE MEETING

18.1 In closing the meeting, Dr Fanta thanked the conveners of working groups, coordinators of other groups and all participants for their dedicated work during the meeting and intersessional period, all Secretariat staff for their high level of support, and the interpreters for facilitating the plenary discussions. These collective contributions had resulted in a very successful and friendly meeting.

18.2 Dr Fanta, on behalf of the Scientific Committee presented Dr Hanchet, outgoing Convener of WG-FSA and Dr Reid, outgoing Convener WG-EMM, with small gifts in appreciation of their service to those working groups and the Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee welcomed Drs Jones and Watters as the new conveners of WG-FSA and WG-EMM respectively (see also paragraphs 16.1 to 16.4).

18.3 The Scientific Committee presented Dr Sabourenkov, who is retiring from his position as Science and Compliance Officer in early 2008, with a small gift in recognition of his long and dedicated service to CCAMLR (see also paragraph 16.6). In thanking the Scientific Committee, Dr Sabourenkov reflected on his 24 years at the Secretariat. He had been honoured to work for CCAMLR and with so many distinguished collaborators. Dr Sabourenkov had enjoyed the satisfaction and challenges of his work which had included nurturing the close ties between the Commission and Scientific Committee.

18.4 Dr Fanta and the Scientific Committee also acknowledged the scientific achievements of Prof. J. Beddington (UK) and thanked him for his outstanding contribution to the work of the Scientific Committee and Commission. Prof. Beddington was moving away from CCAMLR to take up his new appointment as Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK Government. Dr Miller, on behalf of the Secretariat, presented Prof. Beddington with a small gift.

18.5 Prof. Beddington thanked the Scientific Committee for its good wishes. He recalled participating in the first meeting of the Scientific Committee, when he was appointed rapporteur for the entire report! CCAMLR had made great progress over the past 25 years, and he wished the Scientific Committee every success in its future work.

18.6 Dr Constable, on behalf on the Scientific Committee, thanked Dr Fanta for her leadership, great patience and ability to provide guidance across all of the issues considered during the meeting. The Scientific Committee was also pleased and thankful that Dr Fanta was able to come to Hobart, and looked forward to the next meeting.

18.7 The meeting was closed.

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