

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

18.1 The Scientific Committee reflected on the career of one of its stalwarts, Dr Denzil Miller, who is due to retire as Executive Secretary in early 2010. Dr Miller joined CCAMLR on the South African Delegation in 1984, the third meeting of CCAMLR and the year of the first full meeting of the ad hoc Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment. Since then, he has participated in all of the working groups of the Scientific Committee as well as the Commission's Working Group on Developing Approaches to Conservation (1987–1990), was the Convener of the Working Group on Krill for its duration from 1989 to 1994, Chair of the Scientific Committee from 1997 to 2000 and Executive Secretary since 2002. Dr Miller's first recorded intervention in the Scientific Committee (SC-CAMLR-IV, paragraph 4.40) was indicative of his attention and dedication to implementing Article II throughout his career with CCAMLR. The Scientific Committee is indebted to his dedication, honesty and integrity in helping CCAMLR fulfil its potential and for that, the Scientific Committee expressed its deepest appreciation.

18.2 In recognition of the work of Dr Miller in promoting the ecosystem approach to fisheries, especially in the management of the krill fishery, the Scientific Committee presented him with a selection of gifts that, as an ensemble, reflected 'an ecosystem in a bag'. The Scientific Committee also presented Dr Miller with a large photographic portrait of a krill.

18.3 Dr Miller thanked the Scientific Committee, noting that he was very proud to have been associated with CCAMLR for such a long part of his career. He recalled that what made CCAMLR special was that it was made up of very special people who had also committed a great deal of their time and energies to the organisation. There was no doubt in his mind that working in CCAMLR required a positive attitude and that this was one of the critical attributes that also made it so enjoyable, if somewhat addictive! He thanked his very many friends in the Committee noting that he would miss them all.

18.4 In pondering upon his long involvement with the Scientific Committee, Dr Miller recognised that while on occasion his interventions in CCAMLR meetings may have involved a 'mangling of the English language', he felt sure that there was no doubt as to positive intention and sincerity of his contributions.

18.5 Dr Miller presented Mr Iversen with an engraved gavel, as is traditional for the outgoing Chair of the Scientific Committee.

18.6 Mr Iversen thanked Dr Miller and all of the participants in the meeting for their support and hard work. He also asked that when delegates returned home that they pass on the thanks of the Scientific Committee to all those who have contributed data and papers to the working groups as these are the fundamental building blocks on which the success of the Scientific Committee is based.

18.7 On behalf of the Scientific Committee, Dr Agnew expressed his thanks to Mr Iversen for expertly chairing the meeting through what has become a very full and complex agenda.

18.8 The meeting was closed.

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