

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

16.1 Dr Bizikov's term as Vice-Chair ended with this meeting and the Scientific Committee sought nominations for a new Vice-Chair. Dr Jones nominated Prof. Koubbi, and this nomination was seconded by Drs B. Sharp (New Zealand) and Parkes. The Scientific Committee unanimously elected Prof. Koubbi to the position for a term of two regular meetings (2011 and 2012) and extended a warm welcome to the incoming Vice-Chair.

16.2 The Scientific Committee thanked Dr Bizikov for his term as Vice-Chair.

OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 Dr T. Samaai (South Africa) reported that South Africa has continued to research possibilities for a multi-national proposal to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), under its International Waters portfolio (SC-CAMLR-XXIX/BG/4, see also WG-EMM-10/32). The proposal will support science and research in the Southern Ocean, particularly in relation to capacity building and engagement in CCAMLR initiatives, for Members that are eligible for GEF funding. In the next 12 months, South Africa will continue to engage with other GEF-eligible Members who have expressed an interest to develop a full proposal for submission to the GEF (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, India, Namibia and Uruguay). The full proposal would be submitted to the Scientific Committee, and if possible WG-EMM, for comments and advice in 2011.

17.2 The Scientific Committee endorsed WG-EMM's advice on this proposal (Annex 6, paragraph 6.3), and noted that such a project would build capacity in Antarctic and Southern Ocean science and contribute to research on climate change, large marine ecosystems, conservation planning, oceanographic processes and the management of the krill fisheries in areas beyond national jurisdiction. The Scientific Committee supported this proposal and looked forward to reviewing the full proposal in 2011.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18.1 The report of the Twenty-ninth meeting of the Scientific Committee was adopted.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

19.1 In closing the meeting, Dr Agnew thanked the Conveners of WG-SAM, WG-EMM, WG-FSA, SG-ASAM and ad hoc TASO, all participants for their outstanding work during the meeting and intersessional period, all Secretariat staff for their support, and the interpreters for facilitating the plenary discussions. These contributions had resulted in a very successful meeting.

19.2 Dr Constable and Mr S. Iversen (Norway), on behalf of the Scientific Committee, thanked Dr Agnew for his expertise in leading the Committee's deliberations, including discussions on capacity building and the science scholarship.

19.3 The Scientific Committee also acknowledged Dr Nicol's long-standing contribution to its work in krill research and ecosystem monitoring and management, and wished him every success in his future endeavours.

19.4 The meeting was closed.