

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

13.1 Dr Sahrhage was nominated as Chairman of the Scientific Committee. The great desirability of continuity during the early phases of the Scientific Committee was expressed by several members. No other nominations were made.

13.2 Dr Sahrhage was re-elected as Chairman for another term of office. This term will be from the end of this session to the end of the 1986 session.

## NEXT MEETING

14.1 Noting that preliminary bookings had been made by the Secretariat for the period 2-16 September, 1985 at the Wrest Point Hotel, the Scientific Committee agreed to propose to the Commission that the Fourth Session of the Scientific Committee should commence on 2 September, 1985. It was felt that 7–8 days may be required for the Scientific Committee to fulfil properly its tasks. It was agreed that it was preferable to start the session on Wednesday, 28 August or Wednesday 4 September, 1985, if meeting facilities could be booked for that period.

14.2 It was noted that because much useful work is done outside of plenary sessions, it would be desirable to make provision for *ad hoc* groups to meet prior to or early in the plenary session with translation services.

## OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 The Commission requested that the Scientific Committee consider in what manner observers and inspectors may assist in achieving CCAMLR objectives.

15.2 Members of the Scientific Committee were invited to consider this matter during the intersessional period, and come to the next session prepared to discuss this issue at greater length.

15.3 It was noted that in considering this matter, it may be helpful to make a distinction between scientific observers (who could assist in improving the procurement of quality scientific data) and fishery inspectors (who could assist in monitoring compliance with fishery regulations).

15.4 Dr Lubimova (USSR) noted that she saw no advantage in making a distinction between observers and inspectors on fishery vessels. Dr Shimadzu (Japan) noted that there might be no such useful distinction since the Commission itself has requested that the Executive Secretary collect information on existing international practices for conducting systems of inspection.

#### CLOSE OF THE MEETING

16.1 The Chairman thanked all members and observers for their cooperation during the session and expressed on behalf of the Scientific Committee thanks to the Rapporteurs, to the Secretariat and the Interpreters. He then closed the meeting.