

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

15.1 Prof. J.-C. Hureau (France) and Mr W. Slosarczyk (Poland) were nominated and unanimously elected as Vice-Chairmen of the Scientific Committee. Their terms will be from the end of the 1985 session to the end of the 1987 session.

15.2 The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Scientific Committee to outgoing Vice-Chairmen Drs W. Ranke (German Democratic Republic) and D. Robertson (New Zealand) for their service over the past years.

NEXT MEETING

16.1 The United Kingdom delegation proposed that the date of the Scientific Committee's annual meeting be changed to May in order to allow more immediate implementation of conservation measures in the following fishing season.

16.2 It was agreed that regardless of the date of the meeting, it would be highly desirable to maintain the current practice of having the Scientific Committee and Commission meet during the same general period at the same location. This arrangement is desirable because of the interactive relationship between the Commission and the Scientific Committee as well as for financial reasons.

16.3 Support for the proposal to move the meeting date to May was split within the Scientific Committee due to potential conflicts with field work, other meetings, and lack of time to analyse recent fishery data.

16.4 The French delegation proposed moving the meeting to late October. Such a date would allow the Scientific Committee to have the benefit of the most recent fishery data available, which are to be submitted by 30 September each year.

16.5 The Scientific Committee recommended to the Commission that it consider changing the dates of the Scientific Committee and Commission meetings to the period of late October-early November.