

## OTHER BUSINESS

### New Computer Facilities for the Secretariat

16.1 It was agreed that CSIRONET should not be used for data management for the reasons described in CCAMLR-VI/11, paragraph 11. The Scientific Committee recommended that the Commission make alternative arrangements for handling fine-scale catch, fishing effort and biological data.

16.2 Three options for the purchase of computer equipment described in a background paper (SC-CAMLR-VI/BG/51) were reviewed by a small task group and it was agreed that each of the options would meet the basic needs of the Commission. It was recommended that further deliberations of the subject of new computer equipment be based on the options described in this background paper.

16.3 It was emphasised that the new computing system should include facilities for reading and writing magnetic tapes.

### Effects of Atmospheric Ozone Layer Depletion on Antarctic Marine Living Resources

16.4 Dr K. Sherman mentioned that during a joint USA/Polish research cruise aboard the Polish vessel RV *Professor Siedlecki* in the 1986/87 season, some experiments were carried out to test the effects of ultraviolet radiation on Antarctic phytoplankton (SC-CAMLR-VI/BG/17). In the context of recently observed phenomenon of ozone depletion above Antarctica, the preliminary result may be of importance for the Working Group for the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program. A more detailed report of the US/Polish cruise will be available soon.

### Plankton Sorting Facilities in Poland

16.5 Dr W. Slosarczyk informed the Scientific Committee that the Plankton Sorting and Identification Centre in Szczecin, Poland offers low cost services in sorting and identification of zooplankton samples, including ichthyoplankton, to any interested countries and institutions. The Centre can also arrange for phytoplankton samples in Poland. Interested persons should contact:

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#### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17.1 The Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Scientific Committee was reviewed and adopted.

#### CLOSE OF THE MEETING

18.1 The Chairman thanked Members and other participants, in particular the Conveners of Working Groups, Rapporteurs and the Secretariat for their co-operation and support. He also extended his thanks to the interpreters and translators, and closed the meeting.