

PUBLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

14.1 The first volume of *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts* was published in 1993 and has been well received by Members.

14.2 The Scientific Committee considered at its present meeting the proposal made last year to upgrade the standard of *Selected Scientific Papers (SSP)* to that of an internationally recognised scientific journal (SC-CAMLR-XI, paragraph 11.2).

14.3 The Secretariat had submitted a paper describing the decisions of the Editorial Board at its meeting of 26 to 27 October 1993 and the actions taken by the Secretariat towards developing the framework for publication of a journal by CCAMLR (SC-CAMLR-XII/7 Rev. 1).

14.4 The Board recommended that the Scientific Committee approve publication of the new peer-reviewed Journal with the first issue to be published in 1994. The Science Officer will be the Editor-in-Chief of the new Journal. The Journal will be published in English with abstracts and captions to tables and figures in all CCAMLR official languages.

14.5 The Board suggested that the Journal be named “*CCAMLR Science*” with the following subtitle: “*Journal of the Scientific Committee and the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources*”. This name emphasises the Journal’s affiliation to CCAMLR. It was also proposed that a cover page design for the Journal should reflect patterns and colours already used on the cover page of the *CCAMLR Scientific Abstracts*.

14.6 The question of processing papers submitted in languages other than English (French, Russian, Spanish) was discussed. The Board recommended that the following policy be adopted:

For discussion at CCAMLR meetings, papers are accepted in any of the official CCAMLR languages: English, French, Russian and Spanish. However, if the author wishes his/her paper to be considered for publication in the *CCAMLR Science* Journal, the paper should be submitted in English. If only a copy in English is submitted, it is the responsibility of the author to ensure that the language is of a high standard. In order not to discourage any author whose native language is one of the other official CCAMLR languages and in order to assist in the review of the English version, a copy in the other language is also helpful.

14.7 The report of the meeting of the Editorial Board is given in Annex 7.

14.8 The Scientific Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Editorial Board. It drew the attention of the Commission to the fact that the upgraded journal will be of considerable benefit since it will not only allow peer review of scientific research undertaken as part of the Commission's activities, it will also ensure that important research findings are documented in such a way as to raise the profile of CCAMLR within the international scientific community. Both these factors would serve to further the Commission's work and status.

14.9 To further increase the international profile of CCAMLR science, a suggestion was made that the Scientific Committee might benefit from the publication of a 'digest' of its work in a journal such as *Polar Record*, *Antarctic Science* or *CCAMLR Science*. Other organisations, such as SCAR, regularly submit such digests for publication.

14.10 The Scientific Committee asked the Secretariat to contact various journals which specialise in polar science (e.g., *Antarctic Science*, *Polar Record*) to see whether they would be interested in publishing a digest of the proceedings of the Scientific Committee. It was agreed that should this suggestion be favourably received, the Chairman should be responsible for compiling such a digest.

14.11 The Scientific Committee suggested that the Commission might consider whether it should contribute an abstract of its activities suitable for publication in this digest. Some Members felt that the CCAMLR Newsletter, prepared annually by the Secretariat, would be an ideal format for publication as such a digest.

14.12 The Scientific Committee decided that the question of the digest should be addressed at its next meeting.