

PUBLICATION

15.1 The first issue of *CCAMLR Science* was distributed at the Scientific Committee meeting. The Scientific Committee congratulated the Editor (Dr E. Sabourenkov) and his Secretariat team on producing a first volume of high technical and scientific quality.

15.2 The Scientific Committee was informed that the Editorial Board had met on 24 October 1994 and considered the report of the Editor on the publication of *CCAMLR Science* (SC-CAMLR-XIII/BG/10). Copies of the journal were provided to the Editorial Board for evaluation. The report addressed the experience gained by the Secretariat in publishing the first issue.

15.3 The Scientific Committee agreed that to avoid overtaxing the Secretariat's resources, the overall limit on any one issue of the journal should be set at approximately 200 pages. This size corresponds with volumes of other similar publications and would be sufficient to allow the annual publication of a diversity of articles on science related to CCAMLR. Should the papers selected exceed this limit, some will be deferred to a later issue. If a sufficient backlog of papers were to build up, publication of a second volume in one year might be necessary. However, the Scientific Committee recognised that this would involve an increased cost since contract personnel would have to be obtained to augment the Secretariat, and agreed that this be brought to the attention of the Commission.

15.4 The Scientific Committee agreed that if any deadline for authors is passed by more than 10 days, the decision on whether publication of the paper concerned should be postponed until the next edition would reside with the Editor. It was also proposed that the Secretariat should provide each author and reviewer with a return postcard containing standard replies for advising the Secretariat in a timely fashion of any delays or other problems with deadlines imposed.

15.5 The Scientific Committee endorsed several changes that the Editorial Board had made to the journal editorial policy. It was decided that, as a general rule, articles describing preliminary results or results of one year's survey would not be encouraged for submission. Papers on fishing gear construction and other subjects of fishing technology would be considered for publication only if they directly relate to fisheries in Antarctic waters. A new section 'Short Notes' was introduced for publishing short scientific articles of particular importance to CCAMLR.

15.6 The Secretariat was asked to maintain an up-to-date list of reviewers. Members were asked to submit more names to the list of reviewers, and to facilitate this the Secretariat was requested to circulate the current list.

15.7 The Secretariat should maintain the practice of reviewing selected papers from the point of view of language (in addition to other technical aspects) and should draw the attention of authors to any deficiencies when requesting the final manuscript. In all instances the authors should have the ultimate responsibility for the quality of the English expression within their papers.

15.8 More stringent requirements will be set concerning the quality of figures presented. Authors must provide 'camera-ready' originals of a standard acceptable to the Editor in order for their work to be considered for publication.

15.9 In response to the Commission direction to investigate the feasibility of obtaining an independent review of the quality of the *CCAMLR Science* publication, the Secretariat wrote to the editors of a number of international journals and asked whether they would be able to carry out such a review. Editors of *Marine Biology*, *Biological Conservation*, *Antarctic Science* and *Marine Mammal Science* have indicated that they will be happy to comment on the first issue of *CCAMLR Science*, or to provide names of people with special knowledge of marine resources who could review it if this was desirable.

15.10 The Scientific Committee agreed that these journals should be requested to provide reviews of both the layout and scientific content of *CCAMLR Science*.

15.11 A flier leaflet explaining the objectives of the new journal, its layout and contents of the first issue, was widely distributed by the Secretariat to relevant scientists and institutions. So far, from the responses received and the previous circulation list for the *Selected Scientific Papers*, 380 of the 450 copies of the first volume which have been printed will be distributed.

15.12 Members were urged to support *CCAMLR Science*.