

ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
DURING THE 1996/97 INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD

13.1 An offer was made by the USA to host WG-EMM in 1997. This was gratefully received by the Scientific Committee.

13.2 A WG-EMM workshop to examine changes in krill recruitment and abundance in Area 48 will be held in La Jolla, USA, in June 1997.

13.3 WG-EMM will also meet in La Jolla in late July 1997 and will be convened by Dr Everson.

13.4 The Subgroup on Statistics will meet immediately prior to the meeting of WG-EMM and will be convened by Dr Watters.

13.5 Dr Kim advised the Scientific Committee that a second joint research program in the Peninsula area will take place from December 1996 to February 1997. The main aims of this international cooperation are to detect interannual and interseasonal changes in the Antarctic marine ecosystem and to investigate the processes and relationships between the environment and life forms. Brazil, Germany, Republic of Korea and USA plan to conduct cruises in the area, and the study area will be covered six times with standard methodologies during the forthcoming austral summer. Details of these activities are given in SC-CAMLR-XV/BG/25.

13.6 A second workshop to analyse the results from the research cruises referred to in paragraph 13.5 above will be held prior to the WG-EMM meeting in La Jolla in July 1997.

13.7 Dr Kock congratulated Dr Kim for his ongoing effort with this international collaboration.

13.8 Dr Nicol suggested that, in the light of the success of Dr Kim's efforts in coordinating research in the South Atlantic, there might be merit in attempting similar coordination efforts in the Southern Indian Ocean. In this regard, he agreed to initiate correspondence with Members operating in Subareas 48.4 and 88.1 and Divisions 58.4.1 and 58.4.2 and report back to the next meeting of WG-EMM.

13.9 WG-FSA will meet in Hobart, Australia from 13 to 22 October 1997.