

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES DURING
THE 1997/98 INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD

13.1 The following Scientific Committee activities are planned for the 1997/98 intersessional period:

- (i) workshop on processes within the South Atlantic Sector of Southern Ocean (Area 48);
- (ii) Second International Symposium on Fish Otolith Research and Application;
- (iii) meeting of WG-EMM;
- (iv) workshop on *C. gunnari* immediately prior to WG-FSA;
- (v) meeting of WG-FSA; and
- (vi) Workshop on International Coordination.

13.2 The Workshop on Area 48 is scheduled for the last two weeks of June 1998 at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, California, USA.

13.3 The Second International Symposium on Fish Otolith Research and Application is sponsored by CCAMLR, and will be held in Bergen, Norway, from 20 to 25 June 1998.

13.4 Dr V. Ravindranathan (India) extended a formal invitation from the Government of India to hold the meeting of WG-EMM in India, at a time and date suitable to CCAMLR, and a venue to be selected. The Scientific Committee gratefully accepted the invitation.

13.5 The Scientific Committee noted the extreme workload of WG-FSA this year, and examined ways of alleviating this problem at future meetings. It discussed the possibility of holding concurrent meetings with provision for appropriate interaction on agreed agenda items.

13.6 The Scientific Committee agreed that concurrent meetings would be appropriate, subject to:

- (i) sufficient attendance of members of WG-IMALF; and
- (ii) adequate resources and facilities available from the Secretariat.

13.7 Delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, UK, Ukraine and USA discussed the possibility of joint research in the near future. Members reviewed the activities which had been conducted twice in the Antarctic Peninsula area during the 1994/5 and 1996/97 seasons, and emphasised that the major purpose of the Workshop on International Coordination is to aid the activity of WG-EMM as well as other organisations which have interconnection with CCAMLR.

13.8 The Workshop on International Coordination encouraged Members to:

- (i) participate in the CCAMLR synoptic krill biomass survey in Area 48 in 1999/2000;
- (ii) support the survey and research activities of SO-GLOBEC, especially in relation to life history and demography studies of krill, between 1998 and 2001; and

- (iii) assist in developing a survey of oceanic ecosystems in Area 48 incorporating research on phytoplankton, zooplankton and oceanography, by participating in either or both of the synoptic survey and SO-GLOBEC activities.

13.9 Therefore, members of the Workshop on International Coordination agreed to continue communication during the intersessional period to finalise appropriate sampling protocols.