

## BUDGET FOR 1999 AND FORECAST BUDGET FOR 2000

14.1 The Scientific Committee considered its budget for 1999 and 2000, and discussed the:

- (i) allocation of funds for the Workshop on *C. gunnari*;
- (ii) revised cost of producing the working group reports; and
- (iii) participation by the Data Manager at the Eighteenth Session of CWP in 1999, the synoptic survey planning workshop in 1999, and the workshop to analyse data from the synoptic survey in 2000.

14.2 The Scientific Committee agreed that:

- (i) funding for the Workshop on *C. gunnari* would be carried over to 2000;
- (ii) the cost of producing the working group reports be revised in line with expenditure incurred in 1998; and
- (iii) the Data Manager should participate at the Eighteenth Session of CWP in 1999 and the workshop to analyse data from the synoptic survey in 2000, but his participation was not required at the synoptic survey planning workshop in 1999.

14.3 The Scientific Committee reviewed the current practice of providing 12 copies of its annual report to Members free of charge. The Scientific Committee considered the option of producing an electronic version of the annual report which would be suited to dissemination via the website. This electronic version would include hyperlinks between the table of contents and the text of the report, and between table and figure references and the actual tables and figures. The report would also be divided into small computer files, so as to allow selective, and rapid, downloading of sections of the report.

14.4 The Scientific Committee was informed that the difference between the costs of production and dissemination of a hard copy of the report and those for producing an electronic version were:

- (i) cost of printing and postage for the hard copy; and
- (ii) cost of formatting for the electronic version.

14.5 The Scientific Committee noted that the costs of producing and disseminating four free hard copies of the report and developing the electronic version was equivalent (i.e. break even) to the costs of producing and disseminating 12 hard copies. In the context of the 12 copies of the report currently distributed free of charge to Members, producing and disseminating only two hard copies of the report to Members, and developing the electronic version, would result in an annual saving of approximately A\$5 000.

14.6 The Scientific Committee concluded that there was no clear cut off point with regard to the number of copies issued to Members free of charge each year. However, the required number would be, at minimum, five copies per Member per year. This should be reviewed by the Scientific Committee at its next meeting in the light of experience in the forthcoming year and following analysis of the utilisation of the website.

14.7 The budget of the Scientific Committee for 1999, and the forecast budget for 2000, as agreed by the Scientific Committee is summarised in Table 9.

## ADVICE TO SCOI AND SCAF

15.1 Advice to SCOI and SCAF is given under Agenda Items 3 and 14.

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

16.1 Dr Siegel nominated Dr Miller for a second term as Chairman of Scientific Committee. This nomination was seconded by Dr K. Shust (Russia). No further nominations were received, and Dr Miller was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Scientific Committee for 1999 and 2000. The Scientific Committee congratulated Dr Miller on his re-appointment. Dr Miller thanked the Scientific Committee for their vote of confidence and indicated that he very much valued the support and friendship of all the Committee's members. He hoped that he would be able to serve the Scientific Committee well during his second term.

## NEXT MEETING

17.1 The next meeting of the Scientific Committee would be held in the current venue from 25 to 29 October 1999.

## OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 Dr Everson reported he had been informed by Dr S. Kim (Republic of Korea) that the Subgroup on International Coordination plans to continue the coordination of work to be undertaken in the Peninsula area during summer 1999/2000. Data collection activities will include acoustic surveys, net sampling and oceanographic studies. Activities will be conducted by Japan, the Republic of Korea and USA around the South Shetland Islands from December 1999 to February 2000. Efforts will be made to use the same methodologies as used by participants in the synoptic survey. It is expected these results will complement the synoptic survey objectives and activities included under SO-GLOBEC. The Scientific Committee thanked Dr Kim for his role in coordinating the activities of this subgroup.

18.2 Dr Everson informed the Scientific Committee that the annual symposium for the year 2000 of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles would be held in Cambridge, UK, and that the theme is 'Biology of Polar Fish'. The program is still being prepared, but it is anticipated that, subject to demand, there will be sessions on harvested species. He agreed to include all participants at WG-FSA on the mailing list for information.

18.3 Concern was expressed at certain aspects of the conduct of Scientific Committee business, in particular the time taken up by items relating to 'housekeeping' and 'networking', often at the expense of allowing more time for substantial discussion of the main agenda items from which advice to the Commission needs to be formulated.

18.4 In particular, tabled documents for the Scientific Committee are often unclear as to whether (or what) action or advice is required from the Scientific Committee and/or whether they are simply for information. If the former, the proposed actions/advice needed should be clearly identified; if the latter, a summary paragraph should be provided which can be taken directly into the report of the meeting.

18.5 It was proposed that, wherever possible, papers tabled for the Scientific Committee should be taken as read. Consideration would be limited, at least initially, to matters indicated in the papers as requiring action or advice from the Scientific Committee.

18.6 To this end:

- (i) the reports of the working groups of the Scientific Committee should have a section on 'Advice to the Scientific Committee' (carefully and thoroughly)

cross-referenced to the appropriate paragraphs of supporting text) at the end of each part of their reports. Initial discussion by the Scientific Committee would be confined to consideration of these sections;

- (ii) other papers tabled for consideration would, by means of an executive summary, abstract or highlighted appropriate text, indicate those elements of their content to which Scientific Committee attention is directed; and
- (iii) all reports from observers (whether to or from CCAMLR) shall have similar summaries or highlighted items. These elements of each document shall be collated by the Secretariat on the opening day of the Scientific Committee meeting into a summary document, which will be the main item considered by the Scientific Committee under the relevant agenda item.

## ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

19.1 The report of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee was adopted.

## CLOSE OF THE MEETING

20.1 On behalf of the Scientific Committee, Dr Everson thanked the Chairman for his contribution to the work of the Committee, and for successfully leading it through the difficult tasks it had encountered over the past year. The meeting had been very productive, and the Scientific Committee looked forward with pleasure and high hopes to Dr Miller's renewed term as Chairman.

20.2 Dr Miller thanked the rapporteurs listed in paragraph 1.5 who had worked very hard and under serious time constraints. He also thanked the other members of the Scientific Committee for their contribution to the meeting. He thanked Drs Ramm and Sabourenkov, Ms Marazas, Slicer and Tanner, Mr Appleyard and Mr Williams, the translators and the other staff of the Secretariat for their dedicated work in support of the activities of the Scientific Committee. In particular, the Scientific Committee had appreciated Mrs B. Graham (French translation team) who had worked under the trying circumstance of the recent loss of her father. Dr Miller also acknowledged the hard work of the interpreters and the sound technicians.

20.3 The Chairman then closed the meeting.

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