

SCOR WG 47 OCEANOGRAPHIC PROGRAMMES FOR FGGE

Report by Chairman

The activities of SCOR Working Group 47 (Oceanographic Programme for the FGGE) were last summarized in the Chairman's Status Report to the IOC/WMO Second Planning Meeting on Ship Operations for the FGGE, which appeared in October 1977.

Since that time, the following planning meetings have taken place:

1. Jan 1978 Indian Ocean Panel Meeting Miami
2. April 1978 Pacific Ocean Panel Meeting Honolulu
3. May 1978 Atlantic Ocean Panel Meeting Paris
4. Sept 1978 Indian Ocean Panel Meeting Paris

Individual meeting reports have been circulated to the participants. Commitments of ship time and other resources for the experiment are now quite firm and I believe the latest plans resemble closely what will actually take place in the field during the FGGE. Dr Simmons, in consultation with Drs Hisard, Swallow, Taft and myself, is preparing a final summary programme plan which, together with other necessary materials, will comprise Volume 7 of the *FGGE Implementation/Operations Plan*. It is scheduled for wide distribution to participants in November 1978. Others may request copies through Dr Simmons at WMO Headquarters in Geneva.

With the appearance of the Implementations/Operations Plan and the onset of the Operational Year (1 Dec 1978–30 Nov 1979), Working Group 47 will have completed the first of its terms of reference

“to develop plans for comprehensive oceanographic programmes associated with FGGE,”

and nearly completed the second,

“to advise appropriate international and national bodies in the implementing of such programmes.”

SCOR may therefore wish to consider terminating Working Group 47. However, because circumstances may arise during the Operational Year (1 Dec 1978–30 Nov 1979) which may require further assistance by the Working Group in implementation, it may be desirable that the Working Group should continue to stand. Dr Simmons, who will be at the FGGE Operations Centre during the Operational phase could provide necessary liaison. Furthermore, each panel of Working Group 47 has called for an international workshop in early 1980. I propose a general meeting of the Working Group in late 1980 or early 1981 to review the overall scientific results.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that Drs Swallow and Taft, who have served as such faithful chairmen of the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Panels of Working Group 47, are not formally members of the Working Group. I would like to nominate them for membership at this time.