

JOINT OCEANOGRAPHIC ASSEMBLY

STEERING COMMITTEE

Report of meeting on 31 January 1974

The Steering Committee met in Canberra on 31 January 1974 under the chairmanship of Professor Wooster (SCOR/ACMRR); other members of the Steering Committee present were Mr Hemmen and Mr Currie (Royal Society), Professor Lacombe (IAPSO), and Dr Gaskell (CMG). Other participants included Sir George Deacon, Chairman of the British Organizing Committee; Professor Charnock, President of IUGG; Dr Humphrey, Chairman of IOC; Professor Postma, President of SCOR; Dr Giermann (IOC); Dr Steyaert (UNESCO) and representatives of National Committees of South Africa, Portugal, Italy, United Kingdom, Sweden and Australia (see Annex I).

On the basis of decisions reached at the previous meeting of the Steering Committee (see Proceedings, Vol. 9, Annex XI), the following were discussed:

Program: A draft program had been circulated by the Chairman in August 1973, and some comments and suggestions had been received. After some discussion, it was agreed to request the British Organizing Committee to review the draft program in the light of the discussion and to prepare an improved version for consideration by the Steering Committee. The proposals should include topics and possibly speakers for one or two evening public lectures. It was hoped that agreement on a final program could then be reached by correspondence, and that assignments of responsibility for organizing the various symposia could then be negotiated, also by correspondence.

Announcement: A draft announcement of the Assembly had been prepared by Mr Hemmen. After further review of this draft by the Chairman, it should be distributed to SCOR Members and Affiliated Organizations, National Committees, sponsoring agencies (UNESCO/IOC, FAO, WMO, UNEP), ICSU and its components (IUGS, IUBS, IUGG, SCAR, SCOPE, etc), and to certain publications, such as Science, Nature, Deep-Sea Research, EOS.

Publications: It was noted with appreciation that FAO was prepared to undertake compilation and publication of preprinted abstracts for both invited and contributed papers, on the condition that the editing of the abstracts should be arranged by the Steering Committee and that a realistic timing for submissions and processing is agreed upon. With regard to the full texts of papers, it was agreed to publish only the invited papers of the General Symposia, estimated as 24 in number. The British Organizing Committee, after exploring the interest of several publishers, should make the selections and the necessary arrangements for publication.

Logistics Committee: That Committee had met in Paris on 1 November 1973, under the chairmanship of Mr D. P. D. Scott, Secretary of IOC. The discussions were principally concerned with obtaining funds, to bring conveners and invited speakers who cannot obtain national funding, and with providing support for scientists from developing countries.

Other Matters: The British Organizing Committee was asked to organize an exhibition of oceanographic equipment by Scientific Laboratories, largely in the United Kingdom and northern Europe. Invitations will also be extended to visiting research vessels.

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place at the time of the 12th SCOR General Meeting.

ANNEX XV

SOME FUTURE MEETINGS OF SCOR AND ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

1974

4 - 9 February	Paris	IOC Tsunami Warning System 6th session
11 - 15 February	Paris	ICES/FAO/IOC Joint Coord. Gp. CINECA
12 - 16 February	Paris	ICES/FAO/ICES Coord. Gp. 3rd session
26 - 28 February	London	SCOR WG 43: GATE Oceanography
5 - 8 March	Geneva	WMO/IOC/SCOR/SCAR <u>ad hoc</u> meeting expendable buoy programmes
March - April	Singapore	UNESCO Adv. Pan. Mar. Biol. Centres
23 - 29 March	Geneva	IMCO/FAO/UNESCO/WMO/IAEA/UN: GESAMP
25 - 27 March	Leningrad	SCOR WG 43: GATE Oceanography
1 - 5 April	Madison	W'shop Math. & Stat. models quantific. paleo-ocean. data
1 - 6 April	Paris	IOC - Ed. Bd. ICITA Atlas Vol. II
15 - 19 April	Paris	IOC-Gp. Exp. Ocean Res. IGOSS (IRES)
22 - 24 April	Paris	IOC - Ed. Bd. IIOE geol. /geoph. atlas
?	Buenos Aires	UNESCO Symp. Biol. of Benthos of E. S. American Cont. Shelf
25 - 27 April	Paris	IOC/IHO GEBSCO Guiding Cttee.
April	Leningrad	SCOR WG 43: GATE Oceanography