

scientific importance of the region there was no need to do more than draw attention to the desirability of more intensive investigations there. For this purpose, the proposed symposium on oceanography of the South Pacific (see 7.5 below) should be effective. In addition, it was decided to stimulate the preparation and publication of review papers on the present status of scientific knowledge of the South Pacific and on the problems remaining to be investigated there.

## 6.2 International Directory of Oceanographers

Most oceanographers are familiar with "An International Directory of Oceanographers", the Fourth Edition of which was published by the U. S. National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council in 1964. The First Edition of this directory appeared in 1950 and listed 750 scientists from 48 countries. Subsequent editions appeared in 1955 and 1960, and by the time of the Fourth Edition, the list had grown to 2563 names from 93 countries. This edition was prepared as a staff activity of the U. S. National Committee for SCOR, was distributed at no cost to each of the individuals identified in the Directory, and was sold to others by the NAS Publications Office.

In a letter of 7 October 1966, the Executive Secretary of the U.S. Committee wrote "While recognizing the need for a continuation of this series of directories, the Committee on Oceanography does not feel that an international directory should be prepared by a national organization. Therefore, the Committee suggests that the next edition be prepared under the auspices of SCOR and suggests that this item be added to the agenda for the next SCOR Executive Committee meeting. Of course, the Committee as the U.S. National Committee to SCOR would be happy to cooperate to the extent of helping to identify U. S. nationals for a 5th edition."

The Executive Committee felt that this task could more effectively be undertaken by an intergovernmental body such as UNESCO. A proper role for SCOR, together with ACMRR, would be to advise on the criteria for inclusion in such a directory and on mechanisms for assembling the required information. Accordingly it was decided to explore the matter in correspondence with the secretariats of UNESCO and FAO, and to return to it at the next Executive Meeting.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 Third International Oceanographic Congress

A formal invitation has been received from the Government of Chile for the Third Congress to be held in Valparaiso in 1971. The IOC Bureau thanked the Chilean Government for this invitation, and asked SCOR, together with ACMRR, to consider the most effective way of organizing any future

oceanographic congresses. During the Fifth IOC Session a decision could then be taken on the date, location and method of organization of the Congress. The Executive Committee decided to ask National Committees for comments and suggestions on this matter, which would be further discussed in correspondence among Executive members prior to the next Executive meeting.

#### 7.2 Further revision of SCOR Constitution

Some interest in SCOR membership has been shown by a country which has no formal relationship with ICSU. It has been pointed out that SCOR is one of the few ICSU committees that requires adherence to ICSU as a condition for membership. The Executive Committee decided to request the ICSU Executive Committee to amend the SCOR Constitution by deleting the words "adheres to ICSU and" in Article 2 a.

#### 7.3 Time and place of next meeting

Because of the series of meetings between 25 September and 28 October, the only convenient time for the next Executive Meeting appears to be 11-13 October 1967. This coincides with the last few days of the ICES meeting in Hamburg and precedes the meeting of the IOC Working Group on Mutual Assistance scheduled for 16-18 October. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the meeting to be held in either Warnemünde or Kiel.

#### 7.4 Time and place of next General Meeting

It was agreed that the next General Meeting should be held in May or June 1968 and should include a symposium on oceanography of the South Pacific. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held either in the United States or in the United Kingdom. The Secretary was instructed to obtain additional information on the possibilities of holding the meeting in one of these locations, and in consultation with other members of the Executive Committee, to proceed with organization of the meeting.

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