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The Secretary IOC,
Office of Oceanography,
UNESCO,
Place de Fontenoy,
PARIS 7, FRANCE.

Dear Warren,

My feeling about reference stations is that the list in IIOE Information Paper I is not clear or up-to-date.

I think there should be a statement saying several meetings have discussed these and some laboratories are using some. They should be referred to as SCOR-UNESCO Reference Station X. The numbers X and information of the Stations are -

1. 32°S. 110° 50'E. Has been sampled by Australia
depth is
2. Etc.

I think you will not have all this information and therefore you would have to write to ask for it. After you have got a complete list I think you should write to countries, draw their attention to stations in their vicinity and say please make an effort. Also it would help to write to countries sending ships near the stations. In other words I am suggesting that the stations need selling. Once we can get people to talk about SCOR-UNESCO Reference Stations in their papers and reports (as the Japanese did not) we shall have gained another small piece of "esprit de corps".

It might be better of course to leave the whole thing for the proposed co-ordinators meeting. If so, one of the requests to countries attending would be to bring information on what they have done at the stations in the IIOE Information Paper.

Yours sincerely,



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President

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