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Dr S.B. Sells,  
Aquatic Sciences Information Center,  
Taft Laboratory,  
University of Rhode Island,  
KINGSTON R.I., U.S.A.

Dear Dr Sells,

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2. To state what improvements marine scientists would like.
3. To state how these improvements can be brought into practice.

SCOR would like you to be Chairman of the group. It is hoped that you would arrange for correspondence between members of the group and interested organizations such as FAO, UNESCO, WMO, etc. This should be followed by a meeting of a few days and SCOR would like to receive a report of your activities about 12 months from now. The expenses of members of the group (but not of representatives from interested organizations) to attend the meeting would be met by SCOR, which would also pay your postal and duplicating costs.

It has been suggested that Dr F. Model (Chairman, Committee on Bibliographical Classification of IAPC) should be a member of the group and I have written to our Vice-President, Professor V.G. Kort asking for the name of a Soviet scientist. In addition to these two, I think there should be three or four other scientists on the group to make it representative on both a geographic and a subject basis. I have asked Mr Holt of FAO for his suggestions and I would also like your comments.

I hope you can help SCOR by accepting this responsibility and I look forward to your early comments.

Yours sincerely,

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WMO (Vanderplas)  
FAO (Holt & Ahyuz)  
IAEA (Gyros)  
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Professor V.G. Kort,  
Institute Okeanologii,  
USSR Akademia Nauk,  
Bachrushina St. 8,  
MOSCOW J-127 USSR


Dear Professor Kort,

SCOR WG 12 : ABSTRACTS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Following the decision at our recent Executive Meetings  
I am establishing the above WG.

Please give me the name and address of a Soviet  
scientist who can participate in the activities of the  
WG. There will be correspondence for several months  
and then a meeting probably about the middle of 1963.

Yours sincerely,

  
(G.F. HUMPHREY)  
President

**AQUATIC SCIENCES INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER**

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

KINGSTON, RHODE ISLAND  
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November 9, 1962

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Dr. G.F. Humphrey, President  
SCOR - International Council of Scientific Unions  
C.S.I.R.O.  
Box 21, Cronulla  
Sydney, Australia

Dear Sir:

It is a great honor to accept your kind offer to become Chairman of a working-group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of Use in Marine Sciences." It seems to me that the terms of reference indicated by you are adequate. As I understand them, this working group would not be involved with oceanographic data storage and retrieval, but would concern itself exclusively with existing and proposed mechanisms for abstracting and indexing the oceanographic literature, on an international basis. Could I also suggest that this committee consider the role of information retrieval systems such as (1) the National Oceanographic Data Center, the Center now contemplated at Lehigh University, and our Center, in this country, (2) the Japan Information Center of Science and Technology and, (3) perhaps the VINITI system of the USSR? While I recognize that SCOR seems to have wisely refrained from considering the whole of the "information problem" too hastily, it does seem apparent that the potential of mechanized information retrieval will have some real implications for the form of abstracting and bibliographic services in the near future. Thus, while I think we are in agreement regarding the primary need for well integrated abstracting services, I would appreciate the liberty to consider these needs in the light of developing non-conventional documentation systems.

I am sure that Dr. Holt of FAO would be in a better position than I to suggest representative members. However, I would like to mention the name of Dr. E.F. Akyuz, Editor, Current Bibliography for Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries, FAO, Rome as a candidate with extensive experience and potential value to the working group. Another potentially valuable contributor to this group is Dr. K.H. Meyer - Uhlenried, Centre de Traitement de l'Information Scientifique, Group Documentation Automatique, EURATOM, Centre Commun de Recherche, Casella Postale No. 1, Ispra (Varese), Italy.

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and Japan*

He is particularly interested in scientific documentation problems and has considerable experience in this area. May I also suggest that you consider approaching the International Federation for Documentation to permit them to act in an advisory capacity to our group?

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I look forward to a stimulating association with this group, and I anxiously await your complete list of membership.

Respectfully,



Saul B. Salla  
Director

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Dear George,

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Dr. Saila dated 2 November and concerning the establishment of a SCOR Working Group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of Use in Marine Sciences". I must say at once that we heartily welcome the establishment of this Group and are glad of the opportunity to work with it. We shall certainly do our best to advise the members on the basis of our experience in devising and operating intelligence and bibliographic services, and if it should prove necessary and within our abilities, to make any special studies which the Working Group might wish to see done as the basis for its deliberations.

I have discussed with my colleagues the question of membership of the Group. Certainly, we are very glad that you have invited both Dr. Saila and Dr. Model to membership. The difficulty is that those persons who have seriously concerned themselves with the problem of exchange of information in the field of marine sciences are very few, though many oceanographers and fisheries biologists have fairly firm opinions about the needs. We feel however that it is not much use for the Working Group to operate by asking marine scientists what they need, because we have done this, and the result is that so many do not realise what they need until they are offered certain possibilities, and they come to recognise rather late the value of having documentation and bibliographic services. When eventually such services are provided they are then taken completely for granted by those who have first said they were unnecessary, or were a diversion from the real tasks of conducting research in field and laboratory. We need then to find persons for the Working Group who have deeply considered this problem, have some awareness of practical possibilities, and perhaps are aware of what has been done or is being done in other subject fields. Those who can consider your questions 1 and 2, that is stating present position and what improvements should be made, are not necessarily those who can state how the improvements can be brought into practice. The latter question immediately brings one into the whole realm of documentation

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science, and very few marine scientists have, in our experience, any substantial knowledge of that field. The two scientists you have named, indeed, are almost the only ones we know, who know both the subject field of marine science and the field of documentation research and methods. We believe that Dr. Kesteven would be a very useful member of the Working Group, since he became, while he was with FAO, thoroughly familiar with the general problem, and some of the possibilities of solution, and at the same time having returned to the direction of research, he has renewed his experience of the problems of following literature and improving its followup.

Although I do not know him, Mr. Paul Macay of the Literature Research Unit, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Seattle, who is working on the maintenance of lists of translations, may well be a useful member of the Working Group. That would give you four, including the Russian, and five including a FAO representative.

I would think at this stage it would not be desirable to bring in people from the various abstracting periodicals, many of which are commercial organisations, although at a later stage their presence would be necessary to look into the techniques of improving services. Mr. Malcolm Rigby, the Editor for the American Meteorological Society of "Meteorological and Geostrophysical Abstracts" could be particularly useful at that later stage, since the abstracting journal which he edits, contains oceanographic material, and he has personally paid a lot of attention to problems of special indexing and other technical problems of producing a useful reference service. We do not really know whether anyone connected with the new abstracts section of "Deep Sea Research" could be useful in the Working Group, but we doubt it, since, as far as we know, no one connected with that venture has made any preliminary studies as a basis for it. Also, since ICES dropped its Current Bibliography and instead decided to cooperate with us, no one connected with ICES has concerned themselves much with the broad general questions, but only a few individuals have concentrated upon particular problems such as subject indexing.

That is about all I can say at this stage, but I shall have the opportunity of talking to Dr. Saila in the next couple of weeks, and we may cook up some more ideas.

Yours sincerely,

  
S. J. Holt  
Chief, Fisheries Biology Branch

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The Director,  
Aquatic Sciences Information Retrieval Center,  
Taft Laboratory,  
University of Rhode Island,  
KINGSTON,  
RHODE ISLAND U.S.A.

Dear Dr Saila,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of November 9 saying that you will be able to help SCOR with the important task on marine abstracts. I agree that you should include the information retrieval systems which you mention.

I shall certainly invite Dr Meyer-Uhlenried as you suggested and I shall leave it to FAO to decide whether Mr Holt or Dr Akyuz should represent them.

When you have your meeting I suggest you have it near a laboratory so that some working scientists (the consumers of the information) can attend and give their opinions. There seems to be no suitable Japanese for the group. If we cannot think of a useful person and if there are imported procedures in Japan, it might be worth your while visiting there. If you wish to do this please tell me so I can make financial arrangements.

I enclose copies of letters I have written about the working group.

Yours sincerely,



(G.F. HUMPHREY)  
President

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The Chief,  
Fisheries Biology Branch,  
FAO,  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,  
ROME ITALY

Dear Sidney,

I have just received your letter of November 16. Saila has agreed to be Chairman of the WG on "Abstracts and Bibliographies" and suggests it should also discuss role of retrieval systems such as:

- (1) the National Oceanographic Data Center, the Center now contemplated at Lehigh University, and our Center, in this country, *Saila's*
- (2) The Japan Information Center of Science and Technology, and,
- (3) perhaps the VINITI system of the USSR.

I have agreed to this.

I am now asking Model and, at Saila's suggestion, Meyer-Uhlenried (Euratom, Ispra) to be members and I am awaiting a Soviet name from Kort, our vice-president. This gives 4 members. Names that have occurred to me are Scheele, Holmstrom and Scattergood. What do you think of these? I feel I should tell Saila about Macy and Rigby and any of the three above if you think they might be valuable and let him say if he wants me to invite them. Is there anybody useful in Japan? Geoff is away at the moment but I shall discuss his participation with him in the light of our overseas travel troubles.

I am also writing to F.A.O., UNESCO, ICES, WMO, IAEA, and the International Federation for Documentation asking if they wish to nominate somebody to participate in the correspondence and perhaps attend the meeting. In the case of F.A.O. I shall write to Mario as the SCOR correspondent; I suppose you or Akyuz will be the actual participant.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr F. Model,  
Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut,  
Bernhard-Nocht-Strasse 78,  
HAMBURG 4,  
GERMANY

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Dr Salla (Director, Aquatic Sciences Information Retrieval Center, University of Rhode Island, U.S.A.) has agreed to be Chairman and in discussion, he and I have agreed that the working group should also consider the role of information retrieval systems.

I would like you to join the group, not only because of your personal qualifications but also as a link with your work as Chairman of the Committee on Bibliographical Classification of IAP0. In addition to some other scientists we hope to have participants from FAO, UNESCO, ICES, WMO, IAEA, and the International Federation for Documentation.

There will be some preliminary correspondence among the members of the group and other participants and then a meeting, probably in conjunction with a marine laboratory. SCOR would pay your expenses to attend the meeting.

I hope you can help SCOR by arranging to participate in this work and I look forward to your early comments.

Yours sincerely,



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Dr K.H. Meyer-Uhlenried,  
Centre de Traitement de l'Information Scientifique,  
Group Documentation Automatique, EURATOM,  
Centre Commun de Recherche,  
Casella Postale No. 1,  
Ispra (Varese),  
ITALY

Dear Dr Meyer-Uhlenried,

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Dr M. Ruivo,  
Fisheries Division,  
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Viale delle Terme di Caracalla,  
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Dr W.S. Wooster,  
Office of Oceanography,  
UNESCO,  
Place de Fontenoy,  
PARIS 7 FRANCE

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The Secretary-General,  
International Council for the Exploration  
of the Sea,  
Charlottenlund Slot,  
CHARLOTTENLUND,  
COPENHAGEN DENMARK

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Mr G.W.C. Tait,  
International Atomic Energy Agency,  
Kaerntnerring,  
VIENNA 1 AUSTRIA

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The Secretary,  
International Federation for Documentation,  
7, Hofweg,  
THE HAGUE,  
NETHERLANDS      HOLLAND

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November 28, 1962

Dr. K. Langlo,  
World Meteorological Organization,  
Avenue de la Paix,  
Campagne Rigot,  
GENEVA

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Dear Dr. Humphrey,

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With reference to your letter of 28 November 1962 concerning the working group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of Use in Marine Sciences", I wish to say how highly interested is the Biology Branch in the activities of this working group.

Sidney in his letter of 16 November has already presented to you some suggestions for possible names of participants and also concerning the work of the group. As you know, Sidney is at present on a duty travel in the States and Canada and he will not be back until near Xmas time. I am sure that he will be sending you other suggestions and ideas based on the result of contacts and discussions he has made and had in the past few weeks.

Concerning the participation of our Branch in the working group, Sidney should be considered the official contact for this purpose.

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Yours sincerely,

M. Ruivo

Chief, Research Programs Section  
Fisheries Biology Branch

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6 December 1962

Dear Dr. Humphrey:

Thank you for your letter of 28 November concerning the establishment by SCOR of a working group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of use in Marine Sciences". We are very much interested in this subject and would be pleased to participate in the work. For this purpose I suggest that I be considered the representative of Unesco.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren S. Wooster".

Warren S. Wooster  
Director  
Office of Oceanography

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Dr. G.F. Humphrey  
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cc: Dr. Saila



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18 December 1962

Dear Dr. Humphrey,

Thank you for the information on the working group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of Use in Marine Sciences". Your letter is being called to the attention of our Division of Scientific and Technical Information and of Professor Hela. The extent of likely participation in the group work will be indicated when the Agency's interests have been clarified. In any event we shall be pleased to pass on any constructive comments that appear appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

G.W.C. Tait  
Division of Health, Safety  
and Waste Disposal

Dr. G. Humphrey  
President  
Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research  
Box 21  
Cronulla  
Sydney

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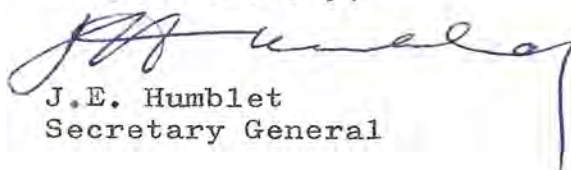
21 December 1962

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your invitation to participate in the working group on "Abstracts and Bibliographies of Use in Marine Sciences".

Our Executive Bureau will meet at the end of January 1963 and we should be able to give you our reply by the middle of February.

Yours sincerely,

  
J.E. Humblot  
Secretary General

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Dear George,

I have been carrying around with me your letter of 28 November concerning the SCOR Working Group on Abstracts and Bibliographies. I did not answer it until I returned to Rome because apart from discussions with Dr. Saila I hoped to talk to people in Seattle, including Macy. As it happened I could not get down to seeing Macy but my impression is that they are, at Seattle, taking a rather narrow view of literature problems being concerned almost entirely with Salmon and its very special problems.

I believe that data retrieval systems such as the National Oceanographic Data Center should be considered in relation to the abstracting and bibliographic problem, but the problems of bibliographic retrieval and data retrieval and processing are not quite the same, and I feel that the terms of reference of the Working Group should not be broadened so far that it becomes virtually impossible to take decisions, or at least make precise recommendations in the fairly near future. At the NODC there is a tendency to use the term "data" to include numerical results, qualitative observations and the literature itself. This, I honestly believe, is for the purpose of empire building, such as some people wish to use fisheries oceanography as a catch-all phrase to help them with their budgets.

I am afraid I do not know anyone in Japan who could be useful but that is not to say that there are not such people. We have just somehow not been able to make contact with them.

I think all your suggestions of Holmstrom, Scheele and Scattergood are fine, especially for correspondence. I am not sure which of them should be included on the Working Party. You obviously have to keep the numbers down to something manageable in view of the need for a meeting of the group at some time. Scheele has concerned himself only with inland problems as far as I know and certainly knows the limnological literature pretty well. He certainly knows a great deal about the use of machines for literature retrieval but then so does Saila himself, and as I said in a previous letter a knowledge of the subject itself is rather more important at this stage than knowledge of information retrieval methods. Rigby, I think, would be

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a good correspondent but not necessarily a Working Group member. Holmstrom could be especially helpful since he knows something now about the situation in marine sciences and is also specialized in non-machine methods. On the other hand, he is now retired from UNESCO and set up as a private consultant, and I suspect this would preclude him from giving his time to the Working Group. Scattergood knows the marine literature very well and I think could be most useful as a member of the Group. I still think Geof Kesteven would be one of its most useful members since he knows the subject well, has some knowledge of possible methods, and would take a very keen interest in the work of the Group I am sure.

With regard to FAO participation in the Working Group, it depends where the Group meets eventually but Akyüz and I will certainly contribute to its work and if possible both of us will attend its meetings.

Can I take this opportunity of wishing you and your family a very happy and successful 1963?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S.J. Holt', written in a cursive style.

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