

Special Committee on Oceanic Research

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Dear Professor Kullenberg,

Subj.: The Working Groups and Committees of SCOR and IAPO.

Reference to my letter of September 21 and your Circular of September 23 containing the Terms of Reference of the various Committees of the IAPO. I should like to make the following remarks:

1.) Committee on General Bathymetric Chart of the Ocean.

It is quite correct that this Committee, according to your Circular, should act as advisory body to the Permanent Service on General Bathymetric Chart of the Ocean. It would be useful if ICSU and IUGG could be informed about this very soon.

But I think, the second purpose, which was agreed upon at Helsinki, is omitted in your list, that is to serve as advisory body to IHB on the nomenclature of the bottom features of the ocean. Admiral Knox asked for this one, and as far as I can remember, the proposal to give the GEBCO Committee this second task came from yourself.

2.) On behalf of the Committee on Chemical Oceanography please look into my letter of September 21, where I raised the question whether this Committee could not serve for both organizations. SCOR would be willing to accept the same members as proposed in Helsinki, and would like to have the advice of this Committee not only for the Indian Ocean Expedition but also for general chemical questions.

3.) Committee on Mean Sea Level and its variations.

Would IAPO be willing to assist SCOR in questions of the network of gauges around the Indian Ocean for the problems of mean sea level during the Indian Ocean Expedition? If so, please let me know and I should approach the Chairman of this Committee with Deacon's and your agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Copy to Dr. Humphrey,
Dr. Deacon.

(Dr. G. Böhnecke)