

5.0 FUTURE MEETINGS

5.1 SYMPOSIA

The First Announcement has been issued of the Symposium on the Biology of the Indian Ocean with particular reference to the International Indian Ocean Expedition, to be held in Kiel, Federal Republic of Germany, 31 March-6 April 1971. The Symposium is being organized by SCOR and IBP/PM, with the assistance of FAO, UNESCO and IABO. Program arrangements are being made by Dr. Humphrey on behalf of SCOR and Professor Krey on behalf of IBP/PM.

The Executive Committee commended Dr. Humphrey and Professor Krey on the valuable work they had done in putting together this important symposium and agreed to pursue negotiations with FAO and UNESCO on the necessary financial support. The desirability and feasibility of publishing the invited papers should also be explored with the conveners and with UNESCO, FAO, IBP and IABO.

5.2 JOINT OCEANOGRAPHIC ASSEMBLY

Since the last Executive Meeting, the Second Announcement has been printed and distributed by SCOR. A Program, listing speakers and the titles of their lectures, is to be issued by the Japanese Organizing Committee in June. FAO, through its Fishery Resources Division, has agreed to assist in the compiling and printing of abstracts of all invited papers in time for distribution at the opening of the Assembly.

The conveners of all symposia have been selected, and the invitation by them of speakers is well in hand. In order to facilitate the compilation of abstracts and programs, and the estimation of required travel expenses, it is essential to obtain promptly from members of the International Steering Committee a complete list of their speakers and topics.

The principal problem facing the organizers of the Tokyo meeting is the shortage of "international" funds. National Committees have been asked to help by supporting from national sources as many participants as possible. The IOC has adopted a resolution endorsing the Assembly and urging member states and international organizations to provide the necessary financial support. Although UNESCO, FAO and WMO have not made an adequate budgetary provision for the Assembly, it is likely that support for several symposia will be forthcoming. The Executive Committee agreed to request ICSU to provide \$2500 to assist the associations in funding their invited speakers.

It was noted that arrangements should be made for the General Session "International Union of Marine Sciences?" scheduled for the afternoon of 22 September. It seemed appropriate for SCOR to take the responsibility for organizing this session, in consultation with other organizations concerned.

5.3 BUSINESS MEETINGS

The 15th Executive Meeting, following the 10th General Session, should be in May 1971. The President was requested to explore possible sites for this meeting and to report to the 10th General Meeting. The 11th General Meeting will be in the United Kingdom, possibly in Oban, in September 1972.

A number of resolutions dealing with various aspects of ocean affairs were adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 24th Session. These are reproduced in Annex IX. A list of future meetings of SCOR and associated organizations is given in Annex X.