

the initiative in organizing the group. It was tentatively agreed to hold a meeting of the group near Rome during the week of 11 October, with the ACMRR Secretariat making the local arrangements. A report should be prepared for consideration by the IOC VII Session in late October. With regard to the proposed integration of relevant documents, this appeared to be an appropriate task for a consultant, to be arranged by one of the participating organizations; action has since been taken by SCOR.

3.0 RELATION WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

3.1 ADVISORY MATTERS CONCERNING UNESCO AND IOC

The IOC Bureau, during its 12th Meeting with the Consultative Council (Bordeaux, 1-6 March 1971), adopted a number of recommendations involving action by SCOR. The following were discussed by the Executive Committee:

12.2 Joint Oceanographic Assemblies: After reviewing the experience of the Joint Oceanographic Assembly in Tokyo, the Bureau decided to "recommend to the Seventh Session that it encourage the scientific organizations concerned to consider the possibility of organizing the next Joint Oceanographic Assembly in 1976, and to develop plans for that meeting in time to permit governments, intergovernmental agencies and other sponsors to make adequate budgetary provisions".

The SCOR Executive Committee accepted this proposal in principle. A steering committee for the 1976 assembly should be established, to consist initially of the presidents and secretaries of SCOR, IAPSO, IABO and CMG. UNESCO and other UN bodies should be informed that financial support would be required for the meeting. The cooperation and participation of ACMRR and ACOMR should be sought, together with the support of their parent organizations, FAO and WMO. The general format of the Tokyo assembly was considered acceptable; SCOR members and national committees should be asked for suggestions on design of the meeting and on themes to be emphasized. A suitable location for the assembly must be found.

12.4 Long-term and Expanded Program of Oceanic Exploration and Research: The Bureau requested the scientific advisory bodies to examine a number of proposals in the report of the IOC Group of Experts on Long-Term Scientific Policy and Planning (GELTSPAP), in some cases to take appropriate steps as indicated therein and in other cases to prepare more detailed plans for consideration by the Commission. The Executive Committee took the following action on those proposals where SCOR appeared to have some immediate responsibility (numbers refer to paragraphs of the GELTSPAP report):

- 23.1 Coastal upwelling - WG 36 was established (see item 2.3).
- 39 Biological remains in sediments - WG 37 was asked to look into this (see item 2.3).
- 24 International Advanced Institute for Physical Oceanography - this proposal has been submitted for comment to members of WG's 21, 27, 28 and 34, and comments are being compiled for consideration by the IOC.
- 98 Storm surges - SCOR will offer to cooperate with ACOMR (see item 3.3).
- 32 South Atlantic studies - this proposal was considered appropriate for development by the International Coordination Group on the Southern Ocean in cooperation with FAO.
- 34 Polar oceanography - the symposium proposed for 1973 (see item 5.0) should contribute to elaboration of this proposal.