

## Category 4 Resolutions

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2009/4/SCICOM03 That ICES redirect residuals funds that accumulated under the Marine Science Symposia series to [1] cover costs for consultation and design costs for the redevelopment of the ICES website, [2] cover the costs of production to deal with the increasing number of submissions to the technical document series (*Cooperative Research Reports; Techniques in Marine Environmental Sciences*), [3] plan to increase the base budget for the production of the two technical reports series starting in 2012 to meet the anticipated needs for publication of Expert Group findings.

### Supporting information

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Priority	High strategic priority for wider core role of ICES.
Scientific justification	<p><b>ICES Website</b></p> <p>The ICES website provides the first view of ICES to the marine science community and the public. The current website, although it contains most of the elements that are essential for communication, currently lack clear and rational structure and consists of a variety of page designs that lack a common look-and-feel that related to the overall structure. The problem stems from the way the website has grown. When it was first organized, the scope of the material that it must offer was, perhaps, not clearly recognized, and no overview of its scope was developed or consistently updated. Items and areas of information were added without considering sufficiently the impact on the site's logical structure.</p> <p>The solution is to reorganize the website will be based on Special Areas of Interest (SAI), which will group information around logical areas of interest to ICES website users. Basic page templates must be developed. All content will be fashioned to fit one of the templates. Note that the definition of these basic page types is crucial. Only by limiting the kinds of pages can coherence and clarity be achieved. To achieve this solution requires that ICES hire a consultant to guide the structuring and design of the website. The process should be viewed in two stages; [1 – user consultation] identify all user needs and develop recommendations for designs that are to be vetted by the user groups; and [2 web design] implement the design selected through ICES consultation. This is considered to be a high priority initiative. The costs are to be covered by redirecting funds from the accumulated publications budget.</p> <p><b>Technical Series</b></p> <p>Demand for the use of the Cooperative Research Report (CRR) and Techniques in Marine Environmental Sciences (TIMES) series has been growing consistently following improvements in the overall quality of production, the introduction of peer review and the assignment of authorship (or editorship) to those involved in the development of each document. Improved quality has two benefits; [1] expert opinion developed under the auspices of Expert Groups becomes more readily available and citable to the marine science community; and [2] the association of the work with the ICES trademark provides a greater profile for the organization.</p>

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Scientific justification (continued)	<p>There are currently 12 outstanding (prior to 2009) and 9 resolutions for new CRRs, and 11 outstanding (prior to 2009) and resolutions of 11 new TIMES documents. The costs of production exceed current budget allocations by more than twice what is available. Lack of funds will result in delays in publications.</p> <p>To meet the current demands for increased publication activities by ICES Expert Group, funds are to be reallocated from the accumulated publications budget.</p>
Resource requirements	Time for consultation among ICES users to establish the needs of various website user groups.
Participants	N/A.
Secretariat facilities	The website redesign initiative should be overseen by the Secretariat. Time for individuals to provide the leadership will have to be identified by the Secretariat.
Financial	<p><b>Website</b></p> <p>[1] User consultation 100 000 DKK</p> <p>[2] Web design 250 000 DKK</p> <p><b>Technical Series</b></p> <p>Increased production costs 300 000 DKK from accumulated publications fund to cover current commitments.</p> <p>Redirection of the accumulated publication funds will be used totally in 2010 and 2011 to cover the costs of redesigning the website and additional publications in those years.</p> <p>From 2012 onwards, increase the overall annual publications budget to address the long term need for additional publication activities. Approved under the condition the amount can be found in the budget without increasing national contributions</p>
Linkages to advisory committees	The website design must meet the needs of both the Science and Advisory activities of ICES. The CRR and TIMES series serve as key outlets to the marine science community for the expert opinions and advice developed by Expert Groups under both Science and Advisory Committees.
Linkages to other committees or groups	The website design must meet the needs of both the Science and Advisory activities of ICES. The CRR and TIMES series serve as key outlets to the marine science community for the expert opinions and advice developed by Expert Groups under both Science and Advisory Committees.
Linkages to other organizations	The website is a key means of providing information to the public and the marine science community.

**2009/4/SCICOM05** Funding will be provided by the Secretariat to cover the cost of a 10th issue of the *ICES Journal of Marine Science* in 2012 for the Symposium on “**Comparative studies of climate effects on polar and sub-polar ocean ecosystems: progress in observation and prediction**” to be held during late May or early June 2011, in Seattle, Washington, USA with George Hunt (USA), Ólafur Astthórsson (Iceland), and Michio Kishi (Japan) as Co-conveners (2009/3/SSGEF02).

## Supporting Information

Priority	High strategic priority for wider core role of ICES.
Scientific justification	<p>The GLOBEC Regional Program, Ecosystem Studies of Sub-Arctic Seas (ESSAS), which is now also part of IMBER, was established in 2005. Its object was to use a comparative approach in developing predictions of how climate change would affect the sustainability of goods and services obtained from the sub-arctic seas. ESSAS held an initial symposium, sponsored by GLOBEC and PICES and supported by ICES, in May 2005, in Victoria, British Columbia. The meeting will be used to help identify remaining gaps in our knowledge and point the way for future work within ESSAS. The symposium will provide an opportunity for exploring ways ESSAS can interact with IMBER, ICED, ICES, PICES and other international programs, as we proceed in our comparative ecosystem studies.</p> <p>The comparative nature of the symposium will provide a base to contrast processes in both Arctic and Antarctic environments that is likely to have a significant impact on the understanding of regions that are poorly covered by ICES activities. The Editors of JMS believe this is a highly topical symposium that addresses important elements of the ICES Science Plan, and highly appropriate for the remit of the Journal.</p>
Resource requirements	None
Participants	N/A.
Secretariat facilities	The ICES Executive Editor will coordinate the copy-editing of the volume by a contracted Editor.
Financial	260 000 DKK from the publication fund to cover Publisher, copy-editing and honorarium for JMS in-house Editor.
Linkages to advisory committees	In the long term, links to the ecosystem elements of ACOM.
Linkages to other committees or groups	In the long term, links to the ecosystem elements of SCICOM.
Linkages to other organizations	Significant global fisheries, biological and oceanographic linkages, and with the academic world.

**2009/4/COUNCIL06** The Awards Committee recommends that the Council provide DKK 20,050 per year for purchase of gifts for presentation to ICES awardees and contributors: Outstanding Achievement and Prix d'Excellence Awardees, Invited Speakers, and also for Service and Merit Awards, and Theme Session, Symposia Chairs, and Expert Group Conveners.

### Supporting information

Priority	High. Recognition is of vital importance in a system based on voluntary contributions.
Scientific justification	Scientific excellence and a sound career in research are prerequisites for all the merit and service awards.
Resource requirements	Total amount of 20,050 DKK.
Participants	As appropriate and decided by the Council, SCICOM and Awards Committee
Secretariat facilities	Purchase, organizing and coordination of the Recognition Programme, Merit and Service Awards
Financial	To be taken from the ASC income, advancement of science
Linkages to advisory committees	Nominations may be received from ACOM
Linkages to other committees or groups	All ICES EGs and committees
Linkages to other organizations	Where applicable, depending on nominations

*This resolution was approved by the Bureau in February 2009:*

**2009/4/SCICOM07** The General Secretary will establish the post of a C4 Secretary in the ICES Science Programme at ICES Headquarters, Copenhagen, Denmark, for a three-year period.

## Supporting Information

Priority:	High priority for supporting and implementing the reformed Science Programme.
justification	<p>2009 will see a major restructuring of the roles and functions, and of the structures of the intermediate level between the new SCICOM and the Expert Groups. This means substantial additional workload on the secretariat/Science Programme secretaries in the ICES Headquarters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expert Group Chairs will have no immediate contact on the (former) science committee level because these have ceased to exist. This will likely result in more communication with the secretariat.</li><li>• New structures are being established pulling together Expert Groups and developing ToRs, etc. Meeting schedules, reporting schemes, etc., have to be developed and communicated which means substantial secretarial work, new Sharepoint sites, DLs etc.</li><li>• There will be additional meetings of the new SCICOM devoted to the implementation of the reform, adding on the workload.</li><li>• The 83 Science Expert Groups of ICES rely heavily on the administrative support provided by the ICES Science Programme. Expert Groups need support before, during and after the meetings, including report formatting, maintenance of membership lists and SharePoint sites. The Science Programme has lost an Assisting Secretary, who was promoted to become the Personal Assistant of the General Secretary in 2008. The implementation of the new Science structure will increase the workload and it is critical that this Science Programme Assisting Secretary be replaced</li></ul>
Resource requirements:	Funding from the SIF is required over a period of three years.
Participants:	N/A.
Secretariat facilities:	ICES Secretariat will solicit applications, hold interviews and employ the successful incumbent.
Financial:	No financial implications other than personnel.
Linkages to advisory committees:	As required by SCICOM
Linkages to other committees or groups:	All Science Programme and structural bodies.
Linkages to other organizations:	As appropriate.