

2011/3/SSGSUE05 A World Symposium on “Stock Assessment Methods” will be held during February 2013, at Boston, USA with Steve Cadrin, Mark Dickey-Collas and Rick Methot as Conveners.

A Scientific Steering Group, linked to SISAM, will be set up to assist the Conveners in planning the Symposium. In consultation with the Conveners and SISAM leadership, the ICES Secretariat will solicit appropriate co-sponsorship from other international organizations.

The symposium will be structured as described in Annex 1 below, with presentation sessions, participatory workshops and open floor discussion groups.

Supporting Information

Priority:	High, to further develop stock assessment methods in the ICES community and others users of stock assessment methods around the world.
Scientific justification:	The justification for SISAM is given in its preparatory resolution (see above). The proposed symposium relates to the ICES Science Plan section 4.3- Development of options for sustainable use of ecosystems; specifically under marine living resource management tools.
Resource requirements:	Additional support will bge requested from ICES and other contribution orgainsations
Participants:	The symposium is hoped to attract 80-100 research scientists.
Secretariat facilities:	The Secretariat should be involved in general professional and secretarial support, and the Secretariat will be requested to provide direct assistance during the Symposium.
Financial:	SISAM expects ICES to contribute €10 000 towards the Book of Abstracts, rent of conference facilities, travel and subsistence of keynote speakers or ICES conveners, and to support for early career scientists.
Linkages to advisory committees:	Yes, this symposium is directly linked to the advisory work of ICES
Linkages to other committees or groups:	The Symposium is part of SISAM and relates to WGMG.
Linkages to other organizations:	FAO, all RFMOs, fisheries research institutes, marine institutes, NOAA,
Publication of proceedings	A collection of papers will be published in the standard issue of IJMS. This has already been discussed with the editor in chief of the journal and the chair of PUBCOM.