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ICES 104th Statutory Draft Meeting Agenda

Copenhagen, Denmark

Chair: Cornelius Hammer

19–20 October 2016

Day 1 (9:00 – 17:15)

Followed by a reception at the US Embassy

Day 2 (8:30 – 15:00)

1 Adopt the Agenda

The meeting is invited to adopt the agenda.

1.1 President's review

The Meeting is invited to review the follow-up, in relation to actions decided at the 2015 Council meeting.

2 ICES Strategic Plan and Implementation plans

2.1 Midway review of ICES Strategic Plan

The meeting will be updated on progress towards achieving the goals of ICES Strategic Plan and further action needed.

2.2 Council-SCICOM Working Group on ICES Science

Tammo Bult and Pierre Petitgas, Co-chairs of CSWGIS will report on the work of the group including the components:

- Strengthening the Science Leadership
- Review of ICES Science
- Science Funding

Council is invited to discuss and approve the Bureau recommendations:

- to support the SCICOM proposal to use 500,000 DKK (core funding/annually) for supporting the work of SSG Chairs, and to request SCICOM under the incoming SCICOM Chair to elaborate a work plan and framework administrative guidelines;

- to support the SCICOM proposal to use 50,000 DKK (core funding/annually) for a Science Working Group Chairs meeting;

- to respond to the SCICOM request for funding of Strategic Initiatives, action areas, and cooperation with scientific partners with a total of 350,000 DKK (from equity) for three years, 2017, 2018, and 2019;

- to discontinue the Science Fund;
- to invest 1.3 million DKK, from equity, in an introductory training package for chairs of expert working groups, activities to strengthen and streamline data and information products for the ecosystem approach, and support to the production of Aquaculture overviews. This includes a reallocation of 300.000 DKK set-aside for demonstration advice by 2015 Council meeting.

3 Finance

3.1 Finance Committee Report

The meeting is invited to comment and approve the report from the Finance Committee, as well as to:

- approve the final accounts 2015, including Audit Book;
- vote on the proposed budget for 2017, noting that the national contributions have already been decided;
- discuss a long-term strategy for achieving increases in the national contributions, including how to deal with the vote on the forecast budget for 2018.
- Take note of the recommendations regarding the level of the Capital Reserve fund and the discontinuation of the Science Fund.

3.2 New Clients and MoUs

Council will be informed about the status of negotiations with Member Countries wishing to also be recognized as “Advice requesters”.

Council will be invited to consider a discussion document on MoU income outlining the issues and reflecting on the products, the processes to deliver these products, their cost, the interaction between science and advice, and the relation to ICES Strategic Plan. Council will be invited to discuss how to attract (new) clients for new strategic areas.

3.3 Project update

The Council will be provided an update on the status of ICES involvement in projects and the outcome of considerations on how ICES can be more proactively involved in projects.

3.3.1 ICES Project participation

The Council will be invited to approve, based on the current project policy that ICES proactively seeks the lead on Coordinated Support Action (CSA) projects.

4 Report from the Council Strategic Initiative on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ecosystem Approach (CSIMSFDEA)

The Chair of CSIMSFDEA, Eugene Nixon will be invited to update Council on the group's activities.

5 Reports from the Council Strategic Initiative on Maritime Trans-Atlantic Cooperation (CSIMTC)

First Vice-President Fritz Köster will report on the activities of CSIMTC.

Council will also be updated on, and invited to discuss, on the ICES contribution to the Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance.

6 Elections and Appointments

6.1 Vice-Presidents

Council is invited to nominate and elect one new Vice-president. Vice-President Johann Sigurjónsson (IS) has stepped down as ICES Delegate.

To facilitate the election process, nominations will occur on the first day of the meeting. If nominated and willing to stand, potential candidates are encouraged to introduce themselves and give a short introduction to how they will contribute to the work of Bureau. The election procedure will then be completed on the second day of the meeting.

Rules of Procedure

Rule 11

i) The First Vice-President shall be elected for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term;

ii) Any other Vice-President shall be elected for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term;

iii) Any Vice-President may resign at any time and shall vacate office on ceasing to be a Delegate;

iv) In the event of an office of any Vice-President falling vacant the Council shall elect a new Vice-President at its next meeting.

Rule 5 (iv)

At any time not more than one member of the Bureau shall be from the same member country. (Currently Bureau consists of President Cornelius Hammer, Germany, First-Vice President Fritz Köster, Denmark, Pierre Petitgas, France, Tammo Bult, Netherlands, Kai Myrberg, Finland, and Bill Karp, USA).

6.2 Appointment of Science and Advisory Committee Chairs

Council will be invited to appoint the ACOM Chair according to the outcome of the recruitment panel, and thus approving that the process has been carried out according to the established procedure.

Council will be invited to appoint the SCICOM Chair according to the outcome of the recruitment panel, and thus approving that the process has been carried out according to the established procedure.

With reference to the decision by the 2015 Council meeting, and the approved changes to the ACOM Chair nomination process, the General Secretary will make similar required changes to the Rules of Procedure for the SCICOM Chair nomination process.

Rules of Procedure¹

Current Rule 30 (i)

The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) of the Science Committee shall be nominated by the Advisory Committee and appointed by the Council. The Chair and Vice Chair(s) shall hold office for a term of three years, with the possibility of a one year extension, subject to approval by the Council. They shall assume office on the first day of January next following their election. They shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term.)

Revised Rule 30, (iii)

i) The Chair of the Science Committee shall be **nominated** by the Science Committee and **appointed** by the Council, according to the established procedure². The Chair shall hold office for a term of three years, with the possibility of a three year extension, subject to approval by the Council. They shall assume office on the first day of January next following their election. They shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term.

iv) If, for any reason, the Chair of any Committee is unable to complete his/her term of office, or is temporarily unable to act, the President shall **nominate** an interim Chair who will serve for the remainder of the year, or for such shorter period as may be decided by the President. The Committee shall nominate a new Chair at the first opportunity, who will be appointed by Council. The interim Chair will be eligible for appointment as Chair.

6.3 Appointment of Awards Committee Chair

Council will be invited to appoint a new Chair for the Awards Committee, noting that the current Council (and ACOM) member Carl O'Brien has confirmed his willingness to become chair.

Guidelines for ICES Expert Groups:

¹ http://www.ices.dk/explore-us/who-we-are/Documents/ICES_Rules_of_Procedure.pdf

² The recruitment procedure as agreed by Council in 2015.

The membership of the Awards Committee is selected from SCICOM members for a three-year term. The Chair is appointed by Council for a similar length of service, subject to re-appointment.

7 ICES Science

7.1 Report from the SCICOM Chair

7.1.1 Annual Progress Report

The Chair of SCICOM, Yvonne Walther, is invited to give a report on the activities of SCICOM, with a specific focus on activities carried out to further the implementation of the ICES Strategic Plan as well as issues for which support is needed in order ensure progress towards the ICES Strategic Plan.

The meeting will be informed about the annual science work, including the ToRs for the expert groups, and an update on SSGs, and training.

7.1.2 Aquaculture

The Council will be updated on latest developments within Aquaculture, and invited to discuss how to further ICES role.

7.1.3 Arctic

The Council will be updated on latest developments within the Arctic, including ICES participation in various meetings under the Arctic Council and the Scientific Experts on Fish Stocks in the Central Arctic Ocean, and invited to discuss how to develop ICES role, including the different potentials for how new Member Countries/scientist from these countries can take part in the work of ICES.

7.2 2017 and forthcoming Annual Science Conferences

The 2017 Annual Science Conference will be hosted by the US. The 2018 Annual Science Conference will be hosted by Germany.

Proposals for hosting future ASCs will be welcomed.

8 ICES Advisory Services

8.1 Report from the ACOM Chair

8.1.1 Annual Progress Report

The Chair of the Advisory Committee, Eskild Kirkegaard, is invited to give a report on the activities of ACOM, with a specific focus on activities carried out to further the implementation of the ICES Strategic Plan as well as issues for which support is required to ensure continued progress.

8.1.2 Resolutions/ToRs

The meeting will be informed about the annual advisory work, and the ToRs for the expert groups.

8.1.3 Progress on the pilot project on update assessments

Council will be provided an update on the project: Transparent Assessment Framework.

9 Data and Information Services

The Head of Data and Information, Neil Holdsworth will provide a 2016 status report on the activities and deliverables by Data and Information Group and the Data and Information Centre.

9.1 Updated ICES Data Policy

Council will be invited to approve an updated ICES Data policy.

10 Secretariat

The General Secretary, Anne Christine Brusendorff will provide a 2016 status report on the activities and deliverables by the Secretariat.

10.1.1 Resource Coordination Tool (RCT) and Content Administration for Reports and Advice (CARA)

Information will be submitted for consideration by Council regarding the further progress on the development of the tools for streamlining working procedures.

11 Any other Business

11.1 Conflict of Interest

Council will be requested to approve a Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest (CoI) policy for ICES.

11.2 Date of the next meeting

The next statutory meeting will take place 18–19 October 2017.