

The Chairman, Mr. R. S. Wimpenny, in the Chair.

1. Representation.

The Chairman opened the meeting in the presence of the following members:-  
 Mr. G. Rollefson, Dr. Å. V. Tåning, Dr. C. E. Lucas, Dr. A.J.C. Jensen  
 Dr. Chr. Hesse, Dr. J. Furnestin, Dr. J. Cuesta, Mr. A. Fridriksson,  
 Dr. A.E.J. Went, Dr. B. Havinga, Prof. H.U. Sverdrup, Prof. T. Braarud,  
 Dr. N. Rosén, Mr. J. R. Lumby.

Dr. Jensen, Dr. Cuesta, and Dr. Went replaced Dr. Poulsen, Dr. Ramalho, and Mr. Somme as the result of elections in the Sub-Committees, and the Chairman thanked outgoing Chairmen for their services and welcomed the newly appointed. Dr. Furnestin represented Professor J. le Gall who had been unable to attend the Council Meeting.

2. Reports.

(a) The reports of the Committees were considered and accepted with the exception of special items considered below.

(b) The appointment of Chairmen for the Northern Seas, Atlantic, and Pelagic Committees was discussed and it was decided that these should be Dr. Lucas, Prof. le Gall, and Mr. Fridriksson respectively.

(c) In connection with the letter from Mr. De Watteville on the position of international studies of seaweed studies it was agreed that there was no present need for the Council to offer any special facilities and that although no action was to be taken at present, the Council should be prepared to consider the matter with an open mind should the need arise.

(d) The recommendations of the Hydrographical Committee that (i) the Sub-Committee for the organization of combined Hydrographical-Biological Investigations should be dissolved, and (ii) the Sub-Committee for promoting measurements of currents in all their aspects should continue for another year but under the name of "The Sub-Committee for Procuring Regular Current Data" were endorsed.

Recommendation 2 of the Hydrographical Committee was withdrawn as it was not supported by the Herring Sub-Committee.

3. Special Scientific Meeting.

"The Cod" was decided upon as the subject of a Special Meeting during the next meeting of the Council and Mr. Rollefson agreed to act as convener with the assistance of Dr. Paul Hansen as reporter.

4. Publications.

(a) The position of the Secretary General in connection with the definition of his duties as laid down in the Statutes was discussed and it was agreed that he was formally responsible for the biological, hydrographical, and routine work of the Council, but that the work "conduct" in paragraph 2 of the definition of his duties was not appropriate, and a substitute for this work should be sought by the Bureau so as to produce an amendment of the Statutes at some suitable opportunity.

(b) In connection with the biological work of the Council and in particular that concerned with the Annales Biologiques and the Rapports et Procès-Verbaux it was decided that advice for the Secretary General would be arranged by Dr. Å. Vedel Tåning.

(c) Discussion of Mr. le Gall's letter on the scope of the Annales Biologiques and of the disposition of papers he submitted to the Annales Biologiques resulted in agreement that there was no need to alter the scope of the Annales as already defined and a statement from Dr. Jensen that there had been no intention of sending papers submitted to the Annales to any other journal without first obtaining the author's permission.

(d) It was noted that there had been a high standard of papers presented at the meeting of the Committees and at the General Meeting and it was resolved that papers presented at the meetings of the Council should be printed, if offered, in the Council's publications. The Chairmen of Committees are requested to ask if the paper is so offered; if not, they should ask for a copy to be deposited in the Council's archives the appropriate particulars being communicated to the Member Governments from time to time.

5. Special Questions.

(a) The Committee endorsed the Salmon and Trout Committee's recommendation that a letter be sent to the Government of Northern Ireland expressing the Council's satisfaction with the valuable work on salmon tagging being done along the northern coast of Ireland and hoping that these experiments may be continued and extended.

(b) As a result of suggestions by Prof. Sverdrup and Braarud and the Chairman it was decided to try and arrange for a final date of acceptance for papers submitted to Committees so that a full time table and copies of papers could be arranged in sets marked with the names of Committee men and to hold a further adequate number of sets of papers for guests and non-members, all to be kept at a central distributing centre.

6. Recommendations including expenditure.

(a) It was agreed in principle that a paper of about 300 pages on Neothunnus albacora by Luis Bellón should have part of its expenses paid by the Council. No detailed figure was available, but it was thought to be about Kr. 8000, and a request has been made for the cost to be estimated in two parts; (i) the cost of production and (ii) the cost of the reprints. These figures would be sent to the General Secretary for consideration at the May Meeting of the Bureau.

(b) It was recommended that in order to deal with the hydrographic observations from the joint programme in the Norwegian Sea there should be a meeting of hydrographers and others concerned in Bergen in February 1953. Prof. Sverdrup in consultation with Dr. Tåning and Mr. Rollefson would convene the meeting and decide upon its composition. The meeting should consist of not more than 6 persons and last not longer than 7 days, the expenses to be borne by the Council.

(c) The Committee recommended (i) that production and publication of the hydrographic synoptic charts, now carried out by the Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft, should be undertaken by the Service Hydrographique, from 1st November 1952, (ii) that participating countries should be entitled to receive a limited number of sets gratis, a charge being made for additional sets required by these countries and also for sets required by institutions in non-participating countries.

The estimated cost to the Council for 100 sets of charts is Kr. 4,800 pro annum, and in addition there would be the cost of visit to Lowestoft by the Hydrographer of the Council.

(d) It is recommended that an Editor of the Plankton Identification Sheets be appointed in place of the late Dr. Poul Jespersen; and in particular that Dr. Gunnar Thorsen, of the University of Copenhagen, be invited to take this appointment at the same fee as before.

(e) It is recommended that the rate payable for General Articles in the Journal du Conseil be raised to Kr. 20.- a page, to conform with the increased rate payable for reviews.

7. Conclusions.

(a) The President addressed the meeting shortly and stated that there had been a moderate improvement in the finances of the Council.

(b) The Chairman thanked all present for their effective co-operation and declared the meeting closed at 12.25.p.m.