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Minutes of the Consultative Committee

First Session, Monday 24th October at 12.30. Chairman: Mr. R.S. Wimpenny.



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1. Opening Remarks.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by welcoming the members and checking the membership. All members were present except Prof. Frade; Dr. Ramalho was subsequently asked to chair the meeting of the Scombriform Fish Committee.

2. Revision and Amendments of Programme.

The Chairman informed the members that the French delegation had offered to show a most important film from the great depths of the Mediterranean with Prof. Pérès as commentator. Furthermore Dr. Furnestin announced a lecture by Prof. Fontaine on the effect of atomic pollution of the oceans; The General Secretary was asked to provide facilities for these interesting lectures and Wednesday evening ** 7.00 was agreed.

The Chairman asked for further comments on the programme and various changes were suggested. The Chairman of the Plankton Committee, Prof. Braarud, wanted an additional meeting of his committee, so many papers having been submitted that it would be impossible to go over them in the time allotted; another meeting was fixed for Friday.

Mr. Rollefsen asked that time be given to a meeting of the ad hoc committee erected under the Permanent Commission, it was fixed for Tuesday at 11.30;
Mr. Rollefsen stated that this committee should consist of one member from each for country. Of the

Dr. Lucas wanted the meeting of the Comparative Fishing Committee to start on Friday at 9.30 a.m. and to be continued on Saturday in view of 17 papers having been delivered.

A meeting of the Liaison Committee was agreed for Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

Dr. Went raised comment upon the inconvenience of the two meetings of the Salmon and Trout Committee being separated by 3 or 4 days. Many people were attending the Council Meeting especially for these two meetings. Dr. Havinga said that the same was the case with the Shellfish people. The General Secretary promised to take these objections into consideration next year when drawing up the programme.

3. Synoptic Charts.

A memorandum on the subject, submitted by the General Secretary, was on the table and the Chairman asked the members to put this question before their several committees and report the answers at the second meeting of the Consultative Committee.

4. Administrative Report.

A memorandum by the General Secretary was laid round the table and the Chairman asked for the Committee's opinion. After a prolonged discussion is was not thought possible to reach an agreement on the question and it was decided to refer this point to the second meeting of the committee.

The meeting terminated at 1.10 p.m.