

PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964-1965

I. General

Composition of the International Council

Delegates

Italy Professor Gabriella Connicci Giacometti has been appointed
Delegate for Italy, succeeding Professor C. Maldura.

Sweden Fil.lic. S. Sahlin has been appointed Delegate for Sweden.

Composition of the Bureau

No changes.

Committees and Editors

No changes.

Meetings

The Working Group on Herring and Herring Fisheries in the North-Eastern Atlantic held a meeting in Hamburg at the "Bundesforschungsanstalt für Fischerei" from January 6th to 9th. The meeting was attended by experts from Denmark, England, France, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, U.S.S.R. and the Secretary of the Liaison Committee. The Chairman of the Herring Committee, Dr. G. Hempel, acted as Chairman. The meeting was preceded by a Drafting Group meeting from January 3rd to 5th. A report was prepared and submitted to the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission through the Liaison Committee and will be presented to Herring Committee.

A meeting of the Arctic Fisheries Working Group was held in Hamburg from January 18th to 23rd under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Hylen. The meeting was attended by experts from England, Germany, Norway, U.S.S.R. and the Secretary of the Liaison Committee. The Group prepared a report which was presented to the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission through the Liaison Committee and will be presented to the Gadoid Fish Committee.

A third meeting of the Working Group on the Atlanto-Scandian Herring was held in Moscow at VNIRO from May 4th to 8th. The meeting was attended by experts from Norway and the U.S.S.R. Dr. K. A. Lyamin acted as Convener. A report will be presented to the Herring Committee.

The Working Group on the Establishment of an International Herring Research Scheme was held in Bergen under the chairmanship of Mr. B. B. Parrish from March 25th to April 3rd. The meeting was attended by experts from Denmark, Germany, Norway and Scotland. A report of the meeting will be submitted to the Herring Committee.

A meeting of the Working Group on International Young Herring Surveys was held in Copenhagen from June 14th to 19th under the chairmanship of Mr. J.J.Zijlstra. The meeting was attended by experts from Denmark, England, Germany, Netherlands and Scotland. A Progress Report is being prepared.

A meeting of the Liaison Committee was held in Copenhagen on March 22nd and 23rd and was attended by Mr. A. Hylen (Norway) and all members except Dr. J. Furnestin and Professor P. Korringa. The main concern of the meeting was the production of the Committee's Report to the Third Meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission.

A meeting of the Bureau took place in Moscow on May 10th and was attended by all members except Dr. J. Claussen. The Chairman of the Consultative Committee, Dr. C. E. Lucas, also attended the meeting.

A meeting of the Working Group on Committee Structure was held in Moscow on May 17th and 18th under the chairmanship of Dr. H. A. Cole and was attended by all members. A report is being prepared.

Dr. J. B. Tait held a short meeting of the "Overflow" Sub-Committee in Copenhagen from May 18th to 20th attended by Dr. W. Krauss (Germany) and Mr. F. Hermann (Denmark).

Preliminary Accounts for the Current Financial Year

1.November 1964 - 31.October 1965

Together with this report the Delegates will receive the Preliminary Accounts for 1964/1965, shown in comparison with the Approved Estimates for the same period, and a Preliminary Balance Sheet.

II. Central Office

Staff

On September 1st Mr. Hans Tambs-Lyche took up his post as Assistant General Secretary.

Mrs. H. Harder retired as Assistant Secretary of the Publication Department on June 30th, and the Bureau appointed Mrs. L. M. Bech as her successor. From July 10th Miss J. Marcell was engaged as Assistant in the same department.

Publications

Rapports et Procès-Verbaux, Vol. 156	"Contributions to Special Meeting 1962 on Problems in the Exploitation and Regulation of Fisheries for Crustacea". Issued in January 1965.
" " " " Vol. 157	"The Iceland-Faroe Ridge International (ICES) 'Overflow' Expedition May/June 1960". In preparation.
Journal du Conseil, Vol.XXIX, No.2	Issued in November 1964.
" " " Vol.XXIX, No.3	Issued in April 1965.
" " " Vol. XXX, No.1 (including a 3rd edition of "Guide to Fish Marks")	In preparation.
Journal du Conseil. Vol.XXX, No. 2	In preparation.
Index to Volumes I - XXV	In preparation.

Publications (continued)

Cooperative Research Report, A, No.3	"The Icelandic Trawl Mesh Selection Working Group Report". In preparation.
" " " A, No.4	"The Herring Working Group Report". In preparation.
" " " A, No.5	"The Sole Working Group Report". In preparation.
" " " A, No.6	"The Coalfish Working Group Report". Issued in August, 1965
" " " B, No.1	Liaison Committee Rep. for 1965. In preparation.
" " " B, No.2	Liaison Committee Reports for 1963 and 1964. In preparation.
Annales Biologiques, Vol. XX (1963)	Distributed in September 1965.
" " Vol. XXI (1964)	In preparation.
Zooplankton Sheets, Nos. 103-107	Issued in August.
Zooplankton Sheet, No. 108	In preparation.
Identification Sheets on Fish Eggs and Larvae, No. 1	Issued in August.
Sheets on Ammodytidae, Pleuronectidae and Gadidae	In preparation.
Statistical Newsletters, No.22	"Herring North Sea 1963 - Stock Records". Issued in July 1965.
" " No.23	"Demersal Species 1963. Fishing Effort, Yields and Stock Records". Issued in August 1965.
" " No.24	"Routine Methods used by ICES Member Countries for Determining Catch per Unit Effort". Issued in May 1965.
" " No.25	In preparation.
" " No.26	In preparation.
Bulletin Statistique, Vol. XLVII (1962)	Issued in April 1965.
" " Vol. XLVIII (1963)	In preparation.
ICES Oceanographical Data Lists, 1958, No.5)	
" " " " 1958, No.6)	
" " " " 1958, No.7)	
" " " " 1958, No.8)	All 8 volumes issued in 1965.
" " " " 1959, No.2)	
" " " " 1959, No.3)	
" " " " 1959, No.4)	
" " " " 1959, No.5)	

Statistical Department

Bulletin Statistique. Volume XLVII covering the year 1962 was printed and distributed in April 1965. Vol. XLVIII (for 1963) is in print and will be ready within one month. It had been hoped that this volume could have been distributed prior to the Council Meeting, but various circumstances have delayed the work.

Material for 1964 has been received from most of the member countries.

The proof of the revised "List of Fish Names" has been sent to member countries and corrections have been received from most of them. The List may appear as an Annex to the Bulletin Statistique for 1964.

Statistical Department (continued)

Statistical News Letters. Statistical News Letters No.22 (Stock Records of the North Sea Herring in 1963) was sent out in July. No.23 (Demersal Species in 1963) has just been finished and will be distributed at the beginning of September. This is the largest volume issued so far, containing 165 pages. No.24 (Routine Methods Used by ICES Member Countries for Determining Catch per Unit Effort) was sent out already in May 1965.

Requests have been sent out for material relating to 1964 and material has been received from Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom (England & Wales and Scotland). All the material for North Sea Herring for 1964 (Effort and Yield) has been prepared for printing, and this volume will be Statistical News Letters No.25. The material for North Sea Herring (Stock Records) is in preparation and so is the "Demersal Species for 1964".

Hydrographical Department

ICES Oceanographical Data Lists. Of this series which replaces the series Bulletin Hydrographique 8 volumes have been published during the year, viz.:-

1958, No.5	XI	+ 284 pp.
1958, No.6	XIII	+ 199 pp.
1958, No.7	XI	+ 192 pp.
1959, No.2	XXIII	+ 194 pp.
1958, No.8	XII	+ 286 pp.
1959, No.3	XIII	+ 213 pp.
1959, No.4	XIV	+ 224 pp.
1959, No.5	XVIII	+ 158 pp.

Other volumes are in preparation. The publications are multilithed, and also this work is carried out by the staff.

Punching System. An appendix to the manual "ICES Oceanographic Punch Cards", describing the amendments adopted by the Hydrographical Committee in 1964, was circulated.

Punching Work. This has been continued, and the main part of the data for the years 1957 and onwards are now on punched cards.

Exchange of Data. The following institutions have been furnished with copies of data, or with mean values derived from them:-

Service Hydrographique de la Marine, Paris:

54,000 punched cards from the area 59°N-63°N, 1°W-9°W of the Norwegian Sea have been furnished, i.e. all data from this area for the period 1902-1956.

Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, Hamburg:

Copies of all Hydro-Master Cards from a certain area within the limits of 42°N-72°N, 65°E-75°W for the years 1957 onwards were delivered, totalling 8,000 cards.

Oceanographic Laboratory, Edinburgh:

Monthly averages during the years 1959-1960 of surface temperature and salinity over a great many areas, covering the North Sea and the northern North Atlantic, were calculated and delivered as monthly charts.

National Oceanographic Data Center, Washington:

50,000 punched cards were delivered this year as part of an exchange arrangement.

In return we have from the National Oceanographic Data Center, Washington, received about 400,000 punched cards, covering the Bulletins Hydrographiques of the years 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1955.

Hydrographical Department (continued)

Data Quality Control. The data received have been checked. Doubtful data have given rise to a considerable amount of correspondence.

Study of Temperature Variations. Monthly anomalies of the surface temperature during 1962 and 1963 were calculated for the standard areas A₁-N of the northern North Atlantic and for the standard Area F off the eastern coast of Scotland. The anomalies will be published in Annales Biologiques, Volumes XX and XXI.

Other Activities. From 13th to 16th July the Hydrographer visited the German Hydrographic Institute to discuss with Dr. Tomczak and Dr. Goedecke details of a joint project of monthly mean salinity charts for a number of levels in the North Sea.

As usual the Service Hydrographique has acted as Secretariat to the Hydrographical Committee and its Sub-Committees.

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