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ICES 102nd Statutory Meeting
22–23 October 2014

Day 1 (09:00 – 17:00)

(Followed by a reception at the Icelandic Embassy
from 18:00 – 20:00, leave on foot 17:30)

Day 2 (09:00 – 18:00)

1 Adopt the Agenda

The meeting is invited to adopt the agenda. (CM_2014_Del-01.1).

1.1 Follow-up of 2013 Council meeting (CM_2014_Del-01.2)

The Meeting is invited to review the follow-up, in relation to actions decided at the 2013 Council meeting.

2 ICES Strategic Plan and Implementation plan

The meeting will be updated on implementation of the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 (ISP) (CM_2014_Del-02a).

As a means to support the implementation of the ISP, the meeting will be invited to discuss the statement by Bureau on a proposal to strengthen the Advisory leadership (CM_2014_Del-02b)

3 Report from the Council Steering Group on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (CSG MSFD)

The Chair of CSG MSFD, Bill Turrell will be invited to update Council on the group's activities. (CM_2014_Del-03)

4 Reports from the Council Working Group on Maritime Trans-Atlantic Cooperation (CWGMTC)

First Vice-President Cornelius Hammer will report on the activities of CWGMTC, and initiatives taken to follow-up on defining the role and contribution of ICES to the Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance (CM_2014_Del-04)

5 Finance

5.1 Finance Committee Report

The meeting is invited to comment and approve the report from the Finance Committee (CM_2014_Del-05.1), as well as to:

- approve the final accounts 2013, including Audit Book;
- vote on the proposed budget for 2015, noting that the national contributions have already been decided;
- vote on the forecast budget for 2016, with a 2% increase in the national contributions.

The meeting is invited to comment on the status of and outlook for the 2014 budget, and the outlook for the 2015 proposed budget, based on additional information to be provided by the General Secretary on expected reduced income.

5.1.1 ICES Science Fund

Based on the recommendation by SCICOM, Finance Committee, and Bureau, and with additional information to be provided by the General Secretary on reduced income, Council will be asked to approve:

- the use of equity for the Science Fund, 2014 and 2015. (CM_2014_Del-5.1.1)

5.1.2 Proposal for investment in SCICOM activities 2015–2018

The meeting will be asked to consider and approve a proposal for investment in SCICOM activities (CM_2014_Del-5.1.2)

6 Elections and Appointments (CM_2014_Del-6)

6.1 Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

Council will be invited to approve, based on the nomination by ACOM, a one – year prolongation of ACOM Vice-Chair, Carmen Fernandez.

Rules of Procedure¹

Rule 30 (iii)

The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) of the Advisory 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.)

6.2 Vice-Presidents

Council is invited to nominate and elect four new Vice-presidents. Vice-Presidents Fritz Köster (DK), Fred Serchuk (US), Tore Nepstad (NO), and Carmela Porteiro (ES), will all have completed their terms at the end of 2014.

Rules of Procedure

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

Rule 11 (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.

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 Paul Connolly, Ireland, First-Vice President Cornelius Hammer, Germany and Piotr Margonski, Poland)

6.3 Council delegate member of the Award Committee

Council is invited to appoint a new delegate member to the Awards Committee to replace Fredrik Arrhenius, Sweden.

ICES Recognition Programme (CM 2006 Del-20)

The Council endorsed the proposed Recognition Programme consisting of a Service Award, Merit Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and the ICES Prix d Excellence Award. The ICES Awards Committee will manage the ICES Recognition Programme with administrative support from the Secretariat. The Awards Committee will consist of the following members: The Chair and one other Delegate to be appointed by Council from among the Delegates, three members appointed by the Consultative Committee of which there should be a least one person a member of ConC. In the event, Ed Houde (USA) and Carmela Porteiro (Spain) were appointed to the Awards Committee.

Current composition of the awards committee:

Council members: Pierre Petitgas (Chair) and vacant (member).

SCICOM members: Begoña Santos (Spain), Henn Ojaveer (Estonia), and Daniel Duplisea (Canada).

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 sought in order ensure progress towards the ICES Strategic Plan. (CM_2014_Del-7.1)

The meeting will be informed about the annual science work, including the ToRs for the expert groups.

7.1.2 Aquaculture

The meeting will be invited to review and comment on the revised and updated aquaculture document and the possibility of an ICES dialogue meeting to further refine and strengthen ICES position in this area.

7.1.3 Arctic

The meeting is invited to review and comment on the discussion document with the aim to develop a strategy and roadmap to ensure ICES is well positioned to contribute in this area

7.2 2015 and forthcoming Annual Science Conferences

The meeting will be invited to discuss strategies for identifying hosts for future Annual Science Conferences in a more structured manner to ensure hosts are secured within an appropriate timeframe. Proposals for hosting the 2016 ASC will be welcomed.

7.3 Joint ACOM/SCICOM scientific strategic initiatives

The meeting will be invited to consider information on activities and work carried out to further the joint ACOM/SCICOM scientific strategic initiatives.

7.3.1 Integrated Ecosystem Observation and Monitoring

The meeting will be updated on the ACOM/SCICOM review of surveys.

7.3.2 Integrated Ecosystem Assessments

The meeting will be updated on the progress of integrated ecosystem assessments.

7.3.3 Benchmarks

The meeting will be updated on the progress of the Benchmark steering group, including information on the outcome of the Baltic cod seminar on 1–3 October.

8 ICES Advisory Services

8.1 Report from the ACOM Chair

8.1.1 Annual Progress Report

The Chair of ACOM, 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 sought in order ensure progress towards the ICES Strategic Plan. (CM_2014_Del-8.1)

8.1.2 Resolutions/ToRs

ACOM has adopted a two-step process for planning the annual advisory work with (1) most of the recurrent expert groups and ToRs developed during the ASC, submitted to Council in October; and (2) any additional ToRs needed being set following the ACOM meeting in December.

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

8.1.3 Status of ICES-EU MoU renewal

The meeting will be invited to take note of the status of the discussion with the European Commission on the renewal of the MoU.

8.1.4 Resource Coordination Tool

Information will be submitted for consideration by the meeting regarding the development of the ICES resource coordination tool.

9 Data and Information Services

The Head of Data and Information, Neil Holdsworth will provide a 2014 status report on the activities and deliverables by Data and Information Group and the Data and Information Centre. (CM_2014_Del-09)

10 Secretariat

The General Secretary, Anne Christine Brusendorff will provide a 2014 status report on the activities and deliverables by the Secretariat. (CM_2013_Del-10)

11 The Arctic

To further the discussion on the ICES strategy and roadmap for work to be carried out to implement the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014–2018 and the Arctic as an area identified for strategic development. An outline of ICES Arctic work has been submitted for commenting, and identification of areas of joint cooperation, to the Arctic Council Secretariat. ICES has submitted an application of observer status with the Arctic Council (to be considered at the 2015 Ministerial meeting).

12 Any other Business

12.1 UN Observer Status

The meeting will be updated on the application procedure for UN Observer status. In order to apply for UN observer status a Member State or group of Member States needs to request that an appropriate agenda item is added to a meeting of the UN General Assembly. This request will be forwarded to Council to find support from an ICES member country. (CM_2014_Del-12.1)

12.2 Proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure

The meeting will be invited to approve the proposed change to the Rules of Procedure (revised) as distributed on the 15 August 2014, in accordance with Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure. (CM_2014_Del-12.2)

Section/Rule	Proposed text
Section 10/new Rule 30 vii)	For nominations and appointments the procedures in Rule 5 shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> .

12.3 Date of the next meeting

The next statutory meeting will take place 21–22 October 2015.