

PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1962-1963

I. General

Composition of the International Council

Delegates

- France M. Rouge has been nominated Delegate for France.
- Ireland Dr. F. A. Gibson has been nominated as temporary Delegate for Ireland.
- Poland Dr. J. Elwertowski has been nominated Delegate for Poland.

Composition of the Bureau

No change.

Committees and Editors

Mr. B. J. Muus has consented to act as co-editor of the Plankton Sheets during Mr. Vagn Kr. Hansen's absence on leave.

Meetings

A meeting of the Working Group on the 1962 Iceland Trawl Mesh Selection Experiment was held, under the chairmanship of Mr. Jón Jónsson, at Charlottenlund from December 3rd to 7th, 1962, and was attended by experts from Iceland, England, German Federal Republic, Norway, Scotland, U.S.S.R. and by the Secretary to the Liaison Committee and an Observer from FAO. A report was prepared and has been submitted to the Permanent Commission through the Liaison Committee.

Following a decision of the Near Northern Seas Committee the Working Group on Age-Determination of Sole held a meeting in Lowestoft in March 1963. A report will be submitted to the Near Northern Seas Committee.

Experts from Denmark, England, German Federal Republic, Netherlands and Scotland met in IJmuiden on March 26th and 27th, 1963, to examine the data collected during the conjoint North Sea Young Herring Survey in 1960 and 1961. Mr. J. J. Zijlstra acted as Convener and a report was prepared and will be submitted to the Herring Committee.

The North Sea Herring Working Group held a meeting in IJmuiden on March 28th and 29th, 1963, again under the chairmanship of Dr. D. H. Cushing. The meeting was attended by herring experts from Belgium, Denmark, England, France, German Federal Republic, Netherlands and Scotland. A report will be presented to the Herring Committee.

The Working Group on International Forecasting of Herring Fisheries in the North Sea held a meeting in IJmuiden on March 30th, 1963, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. B. Parrish. The meeting was attended by experts from Belgium, Denmark, England, German Federal Republic, France, Netherlands, and Scotland. A report will be submitted to the Herring Committee.

A meeting of the Bluefin Tuna Working Group was held in Bergen from April 2nd to 5th, 1963. A report was prepared and will be submitted to the Scobriform Fish Committee.

A meeting of the Working Group for the joint summer cruises in the Norwegian Sea was held in Bergen on April 20th and 21st, 1963, and was attended by experts from Denmark, Iceland, Norway, U.S.S.R. and the Chairman of the Herring Committee. Mr. F. Devold acted as Convener of the meeting.

The postponed meeting of the Atlanto-Scandian Herring Working Group was held in Bergen from April 22nd to 26th, 1963, under the chairmanship of Mr. Finn Devold and was attended by experts from the German Federal Republic, Iceland, Norway, Scotland and U.S.S.R. A report was prepared and will be submitted to the Herring Committee.

A meeting of the Bureau took place in London on May 6th, 1963, and was attended by all members of the Bureau, and Dr. C. E. Lucas attended the meeting in his capacity of Chairman of the Consultative Committee.

The Chairman of the Liaison Committee, Dr. C. E. Lucas, had an opportunity of holding a meeting of the Committee on May 7th, 1963, in connection with the annual meeting of the Permanent Commission in London in order to discuss matters to be considered by the Commission.

A meeting of Delegates of ICES was held in London on May 7th to discuss the Draft Convention.

The Working Group on Salmon Research in the Baltic held a meeting in Riga from June 22nd to 28th, 1963, under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Carlin. A report has been prepared and submitted to the experts concerned.

Preliminary Account for the Current Financial Year

1. November 1962 - 31st October 1963

Together with this report the Delegates will receive a Preliminary Account for 1962/1963, shown in comparison with the Approved Estimates for the same period, and a Preliminary Balance Sheet.

II. Central Office

Staff

Mrs. M. Fries left her position as assistant in the Publication Department on March 31st, 1963. Mrs. Lise Ewertsen has been appointed in her place as from April 1st, 1963.

Publications

Rapports et Procès-Verbaux, Vol. 154	"Contributions to ICES' Herring Symposium 1961!" In preparation.
" " " " Vol. 155	"Special Meeting to consider Problems in the Exploitation and Regulation of Fisheries for Crustacea". In preparation.
Journal du Conseil, Vol. XXVIII, No.1	Issued in June 1963.
" " " " " No.2	Issued in September 1963.
" " " " " No.3	In preparation.
Annales Biologiques, Vol. XVIII (1961)	Distributed in August 1963.
" " " XIX (1962)	In preparation.
Zooplankton Sheets, Nos. 92-102	To be distributed in October 1963.
Cooperative Research Report, No.2	In preparation.
Bulletin Statistique, Vol. XLVI	For 1961. In preparation.
Statistical Newsletter, No. 15	Issued in December, 1962.
" " " No. 16	Issued in March 1963.
" " " No. 17	Issued in September 1963.
ICES Oceanographic Data List, 1957, No.1	Issued March 1963.
" " " " " No.2	Issued July 1963.
" " " " 1958, No.1	Issued September 1963.

Statistical Department

Bulletin Statistique. Extensive changes and re-arrangements of tables in the Bulletin Statistique have delayed the publication of the volume (XLVI) pertaining to 1961. The introduction of a close collaboration with the Fisheries Statistical Unit of FAO has also involved some difficulties in the beginning. It was decided last year that the proof of the "List of Fish Names", which will be printed in this volume, should be finally revised at the Madrid Meeting this year. Owing to these facts it has not been possible to complete the printing, but it is very much hoped that the volume will appear before the end of November 1963.

Every effort will be made to make up for the delay, when the volume for 1962 is to be prepared. Contributions to this volume have already been received from all member countries except Greenland, Portugal and Spain, but additional STANA's are expected from some of these countries.

Statistical News Letters. Information regarding stock records etc. on demersal species was received from Belgium, England, German Federal Republic, France, Iceland and Scotland. This material has been prepared and issued in December 1962 as Statistical News Letter, No. 15.

In October 1961 the Herring Committee decided to collect more detailed herring data not only from the North Sea but also from all other ICES sub-areas and divisions. Material has been received from Belgium, German Federal Republic, Poland, Scotland and Sweden, and it has been prepared and issued in March 1963 as Statistical News Letter, No. 16.

In February 1963 a circular letter was distributed asking for material for Statistical News Letters (1962). Material has so far been received from Belgium, Denmark, England, German Federal Republic, Netherlands, Poland, Scotland, and Sweden. Volume No. 17, containing data on fishing effort and yields for North Sea herring in 1962, has recently appeared. The greatest part of the material to be printed in the two other volumes (Nos. 18 and 19) relating to 1962, has been received and the volumes are at an early stage of preparation for printing. One of these, corresponding to Vol. 15, will deal with demersal species, while the other, corresponding to No. 16 contains stock records on North Sea herring.

Hydrographical Department

ICES Oceanographic Data Lists. Of this new series which replaces the series Bulletin Hydrographique three volumes have been published, viz., 1957, Nos. 1 and 2, and 1958, No.1. Several volumes are in preparation. Also the printing work is carried out by the staff.

Punching Work. The main part of the data hitherto received for the years 1957-61 incl. has been punched. Furthermore, the older data from an area of the Norwegian Sea are being punched. In total about 200,000 cards are now available.

Distribution of Data. A number of requests for copies of data have been received. The following list gives an idea about the extent of this service:-

Fisheries Laboratory, Lowestoft:

Observations collected by "Clupea", "Jens Væver" and "Willem Beukolsz" during the herring tagging cruises in 1958.

Observations by "Anton Dohrn" and "Gauss" in 1958.

Observations from the central North Sea for 1960 and 1961.

Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen:

Serial data collected during the years 1957-60 in the area 58°N-63°N, 0°-10°W.

Hydrographical Department, British Admiralty:

Observations for the years 1957-59 from the area 54°N-57°N, 6°W-12°W.

Instituto de Investigaciones Pesqueras, Vigo:

Sea temperature and cloud cover at 5 points of the western North Atlantic during the period 1945-60.

In total 9,000 sets of observations have been extracted and copied for the above institutions.

National Physical Laboratory (Ship Division), London:

State of sea observations wanted generally. ICES Oceanographic Data Lists delivered.

Kungl. Fiskeristyrelsen, Göteborg:

Copies of punched cards from transbaltic waters for 1957 onwards. 8,000 punched cards delivered.

Geofysisk Institutt, Bergen:

All existing serial data from the area 59°N-63°N, 1°W-9°W. Up to now 20,000 cards have been punched and verified and copies delivered. The total number of cards to be prepared amounts to about 60,000.

Oceanographical Laboratory, Edinburgh:

All surface temperatures and salinities from the whole region 41°N-66°N, 38°W-11°E for the years 1957-60. For each month of 1957 and 1958 we have calculated monthly means over fields of 1° x 2°. 48 sheets have been delivered.

Deutsches Hydrographisches Institut, Hamburg:

Copies of punched cards containing soundings for the northern North Atlantic, 1957 onwards. In preparation.

Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut, de Bilt:

Copies of punched cards recording all data collected by Dutch vessels (except light vessels) 1957 onwards. Not yet prepared.

Institut für Meereskunde, Kiel:

Copies of all existing temperature and salinity data from the western Baltic, i.e., south of 56°30'N and west of 15°E. Not yet prepared.

Exchange of Data. In return for the ICES data from the International Geophysical Year, sent on punched cards to the U.S. National Oceanographic Data Centre (NODC) we have received lists recording interpolated values for standard depths together with certain computed quantities. These data lists have been transmitted to the IGY Working Group set up by the ICES.

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

List of Fixed Oceanographic Stations. In concert with ICES the UNESCO Office of Oceanography has set up a scheme for listing the Fixed Oceanographic Stations of the world. Using this scheme the Service Hydrographique has listed and plotted the stations situated in the ICES area. The lists have been circulated to the member countries for annotation and amendment. On the basis of the comments received final lists and chart have been prepared and forwarded to the Office of Oceanography for inclusion in its world-embracing publication on the subject. Copies of final lists and chart have also been circulated to the members of the Hydrographical Committee and will replace the annual lists on "Routine Observations from Commercial Vessels, Lightships and Fixed Stations" prepared in the preceding years.

Contributions to Salinity Means for the North Sea. Several years ago some preliminary work was carried out for the preparation of monthly mean charts of temperature and salinity at a number of levels in the North Sea. This project which was based on data for the period 1902-39 had to be postponed for pressure of other work. However, the salinity material for the period mentioned has now been completed and will be used in an atlas, covering the period 1902-54, to be published by the German Hydrographic Institute.

Study of Variations of Temperature and Salinity. For the following areas monthly anomalies of the surface temperature or salinity have been worked out and will be published in the Annales Biologiques, Vol. XIX:-

- (a) Monthly anomalies of the surface salinity in an area of the southern North Sea during the period 1951-58, a continuation of the anomalies for the same area during the years 1902-50 published earlier.
- (b) Monthly anomalies of the surface salinity in two areas of the Celtic Sea during the period 1903-58, a supplement to the temperature anomalies for the same areas published earlier.
- (c) Monthly anomalies of the surface temperature in 14 areas, and at one station, of the North Atlantic in 1961.
- (d) Monthly anomalies of the surface temperature in an area off the Scottish east coast in 1961.

Other Work. As usual the Service Hydrographique has acted as Secretariate to the Hydrographical Committee.