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ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 1956  
 STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS  
 MEETING IN BIARRITZ - 1-10 MARCH 1956  
 Chairman: L.A.Walford

Proceedings No.1

Opening Meeting in the Town Hall of Biarritz  
 1 March 1956 - 10:00 a.m.

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Present: Representatives of the French Authorities  
 and the Participants of the Meeting.

In the absence of the Mayor of Biarritz, Mr. Guy Petit, the Assistant-Mayor, Mr. Giraudel extended, on behalf of the City, a welcome to the Participants. He expressed how much it was appreciated that Biarritz had been chosen for this meeting; he hoped that all participants would feel at home in Biarritz during the meeting; finally, he extended his best wishes for the full success of this important meeting.

Dr. J. Furnestin, Chef de l'Institut Scientifique et Technique des Pêches Maritimes, Paris, extended, on behalf of the French Government, a welcome to the participants. He stated that it was natural that the first ICNAF Committee meeting in Europe was convened in the Basque Province, as the fishermen from this province were the first to exploit the fish stocks in the Northwest Atlantic.

He concluded in wishing every success to this meeting which would have to treat a series of problems of the greatest importance to all the countries concerned with the fishery in the Northwest Atlantic.

Dr. L.A. Walford expressed the Committee's thanks to the French Government for making it possible to have this meeting in the beautiful city of Biarritz. He spoke about the important work that the Committee had to carry out during this meeting: the coordination of techniques and the planning of research programs towards their common purpose, the maintenance of the annual harvests from the sea at their maximum quantity.

Dr. Walford concluded by saying: "We have a very ambitious program of work planned for the next ten days. If we succeed in carrying it out, it will be largely owing to you, Mr. Mayor, and to your townspeople and to the Office des Pêches Maritimes de la France. I am sure I speak for all my colleagues in saying that we do thank you".

After the welcoming ceremonies, the Committee proceeded to consider the work that lay before it.

The Chairman welcomed the observers from Germany and the Netherlands, from FAO, ICES and CIESMM, and asked these observers to consider themselves not as just observers, but as participants in the meeting.

The Chairman described the plans for the meetings in the following days, and the separate working parties who would have to deal with the various subjects as they had been defined during the Commission's Annual Meeting in Ottawa in June 1955 (vide Proc. No. 27 of that meeting):

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- No. 1 - The problem of sampling oceanic stocks.  
Chairman: Clyde C. Taylor
- No. 2 - The catches of the salt fish fleet.  
Chairman: W.R. Martin
- No. 3 - Population dynamics. Chairman: S.J. Holt
- No. 4 - Arrangements for the best use of scientific talent, allocating of tasks and materials. Whole Committee.
- No. 5 - Assessment of the effects of Subarea 5 mesh regulation :  
H.W. Graham
- No. 6 - Techniques of measuring nets, reading ages of fish, etc.  
Chairman: B.B. Parrish
- No. 7 - Larval drift and differentiation of stocks.  
Chairman: C.E. Lucas
- No. 8 - Planning of cod symposium for 1956 Annual Meeting.  
Chairman: G. Rollefson
- No. 9 - The Atlantic halibut.  
Chairman: G. Rollefson

The Chairman further dealt with the FAO meetings which had just preceded this meeting, and which had been of the greatest interest also to ICNAF. He asked the chairmen of the various working parties to consider how they could help FAO in defining various terms to be used in the FAO classification work.

Kesteven (FAO) gave details as to what kind of help FAO would wish to have from the working parties and expressed his gratitude for the help that ICNAF had yielded FAO during the preceding meetings, and for the help which he hoped would be given also in the coming days.

Following this, the meeting adjourned. The Chairmen of the various working parties met and considered the tentative program for the following days. The considerations resulted in minor changes in the program.

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Appendix : List of participants.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND STATISTICS  
MEETING IN BIARRITZ - 12-13 MARCH 1956  
Chairman: L.A. Walford

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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