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SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 2006**Minutes of the Pre-STACPUB Meeting**

Chair: Manfred Stein

Rapporteur: Anthony Thompson

The meeting was held on Wednesday 31 May 2006 at the NAFO Secretariat, Dartmouth. In attendance were Antonio Vázquez, Manfred Stein, Johanne Fischer, Anthony Thompson, Barb Marshall, Ferne Perry and Barry Crawford. The Associate Editors were invited to the meeting and apologized that they could not attend.

Opening

The Chair opened the meeting at 15:10. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss details relating to STACPUB agenda issues and to identify further issues that may be included in the agenda.

Financing attendance of Associate Editors this meeting

It was proposed that NAFO invite the Associate Editors to come to the NAFO Secretariat to discuss JNAFS issues a day prior to the June SC Meeting. The Chair recommended that this proposal be discussed at the STACPUB meeting, and if accepted, for the Secretariat to approach STACFAD for approval of the release of funds.

Appointment of a General Editor

It was explained that the JNAFS no longer has an overall editor. The SC meeting minutes from 1987 (p. 94) and 1988 (p.99) recorded that the Secretariat provide an editor for JNAFS. For unknown reasons, this was not possible and the journal has been without an editor since this time. The advantages of having an overall editor were seen as: (i) to act as the central contact point for the authors and public, (ii) to undertake an initial screening of submitted manuscripts to ensure that the topic is suitable and that the submission follows the authors guidelines, and (iii) to assume some of the administrative tasks in dealing with reviewers currently undertaken by the Associate Editors and to ensure that reviewing is undertaken promptly (within one month if possible), and. It was made clear that the post would report to STACPUB and be guided by their overall decisions, but that the editor would take the day-to-day decisions and consult with the STACPUB Chair when necessary. The Chair proposed that a recommendation should be made to STACPUB for Anthony Thompson, SC Coordinator, to be elected as "General Editor".

Reprints

Currently JNAFS distributes 25 reprints to the first author free of charge and additional reprints upon request at cost. This was discussed and it was felt that reprints could be made by the authors from the manuscript pdf files. The Chair proposed to recommend to STACPUB that the distribution of both the free reprints and the reprints at cost be discontinued for manuscripts submitted after 15 June 2006.

New initiatives – to widen the scope of JNFAS

To fit in to the modern and wider approaches to fisheries management, it was suggested to emphasize the inclusion of social science and economics submissions. These are not really precluded at the moment, but they are not emphasized either. The web page currently reads "Emphasis is placed on environmental, biological, ecological and fishery aspects of living marine resources and ecosystems". The Chair proposed to recommend to STACPUB that we add social science and economics to this list.

The Science Citation Index

The submission of JNAFS for inclusion in the SCI would be raised at the SC meeting in June 2007 after the copyright and format issues have been resolved.

The 2006 June STACPUB Agenda

The above items were added to the STACPUB agenda.

Closure

The Chair thanked the participants and recommended that a similar pre-STACPUB meeting be held prior to the 2007 SC Meeting. The meeting was closed at 16:45.