

Follow-up from the Council meeting

Meeting participants are invited to take note of the follow-up from the Actions decided at the October 2017 Council meeting.

Item # (from the Council 2017 minutes)	Description/Action	Follow-up (Agenda Item # (AI), refer to the Annotated Council Agenda)
2.1	Action: The strategic planning process will continue to be developed during 2018, with a final draft to be presented at the 2018 Council meeting. Further consideration of how to reflect national science priorities into the process will be done. Council will be updated by email correspondence, and will be requested to provide input to the development of the strategic plan and the process throughout 2018, following the Bureau meetings.	Council delegates were informed about the development of the strategic planning process by email (7 May, 13 August). Meeting participants will be invited to adopt the Strategic Plan under agenda item 2.
3.1	Action: The Secretariat will, with contribution from the Chair of the Finance Committee, prepare a letter to be sent to member countries requesting an increase in contributions for 2019 by 1.3%, derived from the Danish inflation rate.	Letters were sent to all Member Countries 22 November. An e-voting procedure on national contributions for 2019, requesting an increase of 1.3% resulted in 14 “yes” votes and 6 “no” votes, and thereby the required 2/3 majority needed for the increase. Invoices for 2019 were forwarded to member countries.
4	Action: Tammo Bult conditionally agreed to Chair the group (CSIMSFDEA) pending discussions with the Dutch Ministry, if the appropriate conditions are met, revised terms of reference will be circulated for Council approval early in 2018.	No new ToRs were developed. An update on developments will be provided under agenda item 8.2
5	Action: CSIMTC will continue to work on its Terms of Reference during 2018 and will support ICES engagement and response on appropriate CSA project calls, specifically referring to BG1 and BG 8A in the H2020, 2018-2020 programme. Member Countries, interested in participating in seabed mapping activities in the Northern part of the North Atlantic should contact the two co-chairs, Fritz Köster or Alain Vezina.	An update will be provided under agenda item 4
7.1.3	Action: Council endorsed the proposal to support Arctic research and/or monitoring programme with an offer of the ICES platform for presentation by Eskild Kirkegaard, ACOM Chair at the 5th FiSCAO meeting, 24-26 October 2017.	A short summary of the outcome of the FisCAO meeting where Eskild Kirkegaard, ACOM Chair, presented the proposal agreed during the Council meeting was circulated 22 November. A further update will be provided under agenda item 7.2

	The General Secretary will investigate the potential to organize a joint ICES–PICES Arctic meeting inviting representatives from Asian countries.	
7.2	Action: Council welcomed the invitation from United Kingdom to host the 2021 Annual Science Conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The indication by Portugal of its intention to host the ASC in 2020 in Lisbon. This initial indication will be confirmed in advance of the 2018 Council meeting.	Future Annual Science Conferences will be discussed under agenda item 7.3.
8.1.1	<p>Action: The ACOM Chair will work with ACOM, and engage Council Delegates as necessary to develop job descriptions for Advisory Committee members. Following the meeting the ACOM and SCICOM chairs agreed to provide these position descriptions for review by Bureau at the February 2018 meeting.</p> <p>Delegates are to help nominate and orient the necessary expertise to support the advisory process for fisheries and ecosystem requests.</p> <p>Delegates should discuss with national ACOM members about how to ensure ACOM is capable to address fisheries and non-fisheries requests.</p>	An update will be provided under Agenda item 8.2
8.1.3	<p>Action: ACOM will further discuss advice quality and ways to improve at their meeting in November. Bureau will consider the Council discussion and ACOM deliberations and outline specific actions at the June 2018 Bureau meeting.</p> <p>ACOM, and the Secretariat will issue a communication on improvements in the ICES system in order to ensure quality controlled advice, and the role of the member countries herein by 30 November.</p>	<p>This issue has been discussed in various settings throughout 2018 (MIRIA, MIACO, ACOM, Bureau).</p> <p>For further discussion under agenda item 8.2</p>
8.1.4	Action: Council established a Working Group on ICES Code of Conduct (CWGCODE) to engage primarily by correspondence during 2017/2018 to review and evaluate ICES procedures related to experts in the advisory process, code of conduct, and conflict of interest. The group will use the existing code of conduct as a starting point. CWGCODE will provide an update on progress to the February and June Bureau meetings, with the aim to present a proposal for Council decision at the 2018 meeting.	An update will be provided under agenda item 5. Council delegates will be invited to adopt the updated code of conduct and conflict of interest policy.

	Tammo Bult (NL) will Chair the group with participants: Per Sandberg, Olafur Astthorsson, Pierre Petitgas, Alain Vezina, Chris Zimmermann, Carl O'Brien and/or Matt Gubbins, Eskild Kirkegaard, Simon Jennings, Anne Christine Brusendorff.	
10	<p>Action:</p> <p>The Secretariat will present information to Council at the next meeting on the development of the staff at the Secretariat over the past 5-10 years to show the development of the departments and profiles over time.</p> <p>Delegates from Ireland, Poland, Portugal, UK, and US volunteered to provide feedback on reports from the Resource coordination tool, and the nominations portal, during 2018.</p>	An update will be provided under agenda item 10.
11.1	Action: Bureau will discuss this (proposed changes to the Rules of procedure) again at its February meeting, and report back to Council in 2018.	To be discussed under agenda item 11.1.