ICES Science Fund

Based on the recommendation by SCICOM, the Finance Committee, and Bureau, Council will be asked, based on the experience from 2014, to approve the use of maximum DKK 500,000 from the 2015 budget for the 2015 Science Fund.

For the 2014 Science Fund, 80% of the total amount has been paid out and once the remainder has been paid the sum will equal DKK 500.000.

The ICES Science Fund was established by Council in 2013 and is a cost neutral investment to support innovative projects developed in collaboration with academic and government institutions from ICES member countries. More information about the Science Fund can be found on ICES website (http://www.ices.dk/community/icessciencefund/Pages/default.aspx).

The eight projects that received funding in 2014:

1. **100 years of Baltic Sea changes**

Leading scientist: Anna Luzenczyk, Fisheries Resources, National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Gdynia, Poland

2. **Catch rate standardisation of fin-fishes targeted by the Galician (NW Spain) small-scale fishery**

Leading scientist: Alexandre Alonso Fernández, Fisheries Ecology Group, Department of Marine Ecology and Resources, Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Marinas (IIM-CSIC), Vigo, Spain

3. **Comparison of trophic control dynamics between two areas of the western European Shelf Seas, the Bay of Biscay and Gulf of Cadiz**

Leading scientist: Eider Andonegi, Marine Research Division, AZTI-Tecnalia, Pasaia, Gipuzkoa, Spain

4. **Developing methods for determining a global footprint of mobile bottom fishing using VMS data**

Leading scientist: Dr. Kathryn Hughes, Ocean Sciences, Bangor University, Bangor, the UK

5. **Holistic approach to analyze benthic fauna communities on the whole Baltic Sea (BSW)**

Leading scientist: Mayya Gogina, Biological Oceanography, Leibniz-Institute for Baltic Sea Research, Rostock, Germany

6. **Insights from Behavioural Economics to improve Fisheries Management**

Leading scientist: Sarah B. M. Kraak, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences (BEES), University College Cork (UCC), Ireland

7. **Social network analysis of ICES expert groups**

Leading scientist: Friederike Lempe, Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries, Rostock, Germany

8. **The molecular mechanisms and reversibility of fisheries-induced evolution - an experimental approach**

Leading scientist: Silva Uusi-Heikkilä, Department of Biology, University of Turku, Finland