

2019 Governing Council Decisions

(The following decisions were taken at the Intersessional Governing Council Meeting in Yokohama, Japan April 21, 2019.)

2019/A/1: Recommendation to increase Annual Fees in 2020

Council reviewed the options presented. Four Contracting Parties (Canada, Japan, Korea and the U.S.A.) agreed to the proposal to temporarily increase the annual fees paid by each Contracting Party by \$8000 CAD per year until the Pension Plan liability is discharged, beginning in 2020. This additional amount would be shown separately from the “regular” annual fees and would not be subject to the practice of annual increases by the rate of inflation in Canada. This extra payment would be eliminated when the Pension Plan liability is discharged at which time the Organization would return to the regular pattern of annual fees. Two Contracting Parties (China and Russia) were unable to confirm their support at the time of the meeting. **Due to lack of consensus, no decision to increase fees was made. China and Russia were requested to review this proposal with their national authorities and report back to the Chairman and Executive Secretary within one month.**

2019/S/1: Inter-sessional symposia/session/workshops and meetings

Council approved the following activities:

Event	Dates	Location	PICES Role	Support Provided
Intersessional Workshops/meeting of PICES Expert Groups				
FUTURE Open Science Meeting	April 2021	TBD (Possibly Hawaii?) Recommend joint event with ISB-2021.	Primary Sponsor	Note 1
Co-sponsorship of other Organizations activities				
International Symposium on “Plastics in the arctic and subarctic regions”	April 21-23, 2020	Reykjavik, Iceland	Co-Sponsor with PICES, PAME, IOC and others	Co-convenor Seung-Kyu Kim (KOR) and one or two ECS - not to exceed \$10K
5th International Symposium on the Effects of Climate Change on the World’s Oceans (ECCWO-5)	Spring, 2023	Bergen, Norway	Primary International Sponsor with ICES, IOC and FAO.	Note 1
7th International Zooplankton Production Symposium	Spring 2021 or 2022	TBD	Co-Sponsor with ICES	Note 1
International Symposium on Small Pelagics	Spring 2021 or 2022	TBD- possibly Spain or Peru	Co-Sponsor with ICES and other partners	Note 1
Summer Schools and capacity building				
WG-37/AP-NPCOOS Summer School “Understanding marine ecosystem responses to climate change	March 3-9, 2020	Kagoshima, Japan	Sponsor	Not to exceed \$15K

Note 1: Tentative approval granted for the purpose of entering into more detailed planning including discussions with partners. Final approval will require a more complete assessment of schedule, costs and workload.

2019/S/2: Publications

- i. The short FUTURE video was approved for publication, subject to revisions.
- ii. Most publications of PICES except Special Publications and brochures will be published in electronic format (PDF) only and accessed from the PICES website.

2019/S/3: Future of Current Expert Groups

Council approved a 1-year extension of Working Group 37: Zooplankton Production Methodologies, Applications and Measurements in PICES Regions. This Working Group is now scheduled to complete their activities in October 2020 upon submission of their final report.

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