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PICES Science Board and Governing Council hold their first joint meeting

In the over 10 year history of PICES, there has never been a joint meeting of the two senior committees of PICES, Science Board and Governing Council – that is until early April of this year. They have not met together for the simple reason that the busy schedules of the Annual Meetings do not provide enough time, nor is there time for Science Board to discuss broader issues of PICES business. There have been several disadvantages of not meeting together, including a lack of understanding on the part of Governing Council for the directions that Science Board is heading, and a lack of understanding on the part of Science Board of the issues and constraints that face Governing Council. This is why this first-ever joint meeting of Science Board and Governing Council, held April 7-9, 2003, in Victoria, Canada, was so important. It provided the time to discuss larger issues for PICES, in particular relating to future directions of the Organization, and it provided the new PICES Chairman and Governing Council with an opportunity to better understand the bases for the recommendations of Science Board.

The meeting reviewed updates from the Scientific and Technical Committees and the CCCC Program, and reviewed an excellent preliminary report from the PICES Study Group on *Capacity Building*. The Study Group was formed at PICES XI under the able chairmanship of Dr. Warren Wooster to (1)

identify the capacity building needs of PICES; and (2) develop a proposal to address the capacity building needs of PICES, including consideration of possible collaborations with other organizations. The final report of this Study Group is expected prior to PICES XII, for distribution to the standing Committees for their consideration and comments.

Science Board Vice-Chairman

Science Board and Governing Council also recognized the work and numerous meetings associated with serving as Science Board Chairman, and the difficulties that would arise should the Science Board Chairman be unable to carry out his or her duties. Therefore, by the recommendation of Science Board, Governing Council established a position titled Vice-Chairman of Science Board. The following rules were approved for the position of Science Board Vice-Chairman:

- The Vice-Chairman of Science Board shall be elected from the members of Science Board;
- Duration of the appointment shall be for 1 year (18 months for the first Vice-Chairman). Re-election for an additional term is permitted;
- The Vice-Chairman will normally reside on the opposite side of the Pacific to the Chairman;



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