



## REPORT OF THE INTER-COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT GROUP (IRG)

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Five members of the IRG (Chair, and representatives of Biological Oceanography, Hydrography, Pelagic Fish and Shellfish Committees) met to discuss the future role of the Group.

It was noted that the IRG evolved from the IREP Study Group, which was originally established in response to the IOC International Recruitment Program (IREP).

The ICES objectives were to facilitate productive cooperations between ICES and IOC, and to provide an interdisciplinary research program to better understand the factors that control recruitment. These objectives have now been accomplished.

In recent years, ICES and IOC have cosponsored several activities that are relevant to recruitment research. Most notably, the ICES Cod and Climate Change (CCC) program is a regional element of the IOC/SCOR sponsored International GLOBEC program. CCC and the Recruitment Processes Working Group are evidence that interdisciplinary research on recruitment is well established within ICES.

The IRG also noted that it is an anomalous structure within ICES, whose function could be performed in the future by the Consultative Committee (or an *ad hoc* sub-committee with similar memberships to the IRG). Therefore, the IRG recommends that the Group be disbanded.