

PICES holds its 6th meeting in Pusan, Korea

The 6th assembly of the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES) was held in Pusan, Republic of Korea, from 14 to 26 October 1997, during which the meetings of its Governing Council and various Committees as well as a workshop and a symposium were held.

Among various committees of PICES, the Technical Committee on Data Exchange (TCODE) also met on 18 and 23 October, chaired by Mr. Robin M. Brown of the Canadian Institute of Ocean Science and attended by its members of China, Japan, Korea, Russia and the United States, including some from national oceanographic data centers. The Japanese representatives and observers included Dr. Ichiro Hara, Research Coordinator of National Research Institute of Fisheries Science, Fishery Agency of Japan, Mr. Toshio Nagai, Director of Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) and Dr. Yutaka Nagata, Director of Marine Information Research Center (MIRC).

At the TCODE meeting, discussions were focused particularly on the subjects of long term time series data inventory, Internet sources, Bearing Sea meta-data base, data management for International Program on Climate Change and Carrying Capacity (CCCC Program), communication means (Internet, E-mail) among PICES members, information on national oceanographic cruise, and the TCODE work plan for 1997 and 98.

Mr. T. Nagai, Director of JODC, briefed its members the activities of the new Marine Information Research Center (MIRC), which was established under the Japan Hydrographic Association in May 1997.

PICES is an intergovernmental organization established in accordance with the Convention for North Pacific Marine Science Organization in 1992, composed of six Member States; Canada, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States, and its permanent office is located in

the Canadian Institute of Ocean Science. The assembly of PICES is regularly held once a year at one of the Member States in turn. The next (7th) PICES meeting is scheduled to be held in Alaska, USA, in 1998.



TCODE meeting held on 18 October 1997

