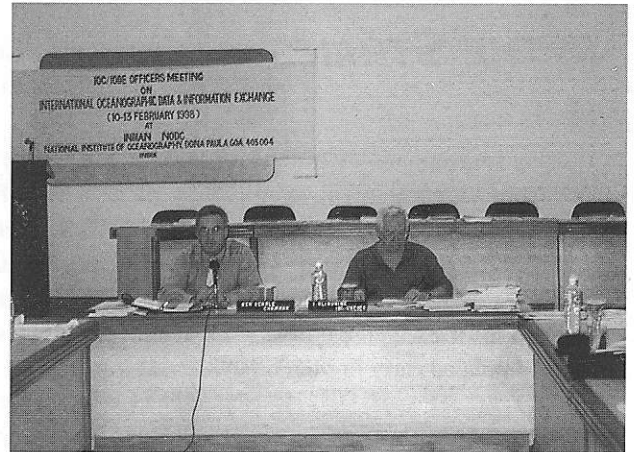


## IOC/IODE OFFICERS MEET AT INODC, INDIA

An IOC/IODE (International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange programme under the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO) Officers Meeting was held at INODC/NIO (Indian National Oceanographic Data Center, National Institute of Oceanography) in Goa, India, from 10 to 13 February 1998.

The meeting was attended by 15 officers involved in the IODE system from 13 countries; Australia, Canada, P.R. China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Russia, UK and USA. They are mainly in charge of IODE secretariat, WDCs, RNODCs or Regional Co-ordinators of IODE. Among them were Mr. I. Oliouline, Deputy Executive Secretary for IOC and Mr. Toshio Nagai,



Mr. B. Searle, Chairman (left), and Mr. I. Oliouline, IOC



Participants of IOC/IODE Officers Meeting held at Indian National Oceanographic Data Center, Goa, 10 - 13 February 1998

Director of Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC), as the regional co-ordinator for WESTPAC.

Mr. Ben Searle, Australian Oceanographic Data Center and Chairman of IODE, chaired the meeting through many agenda items including "Review of Action Sheet", "Activities in Support of GOOS", "Status of IODE Regional Co-ordinator", "Data Policy Issue", etc.

Mr. T. Nagai presented the Activity Reports on RNODCs for WESTPAC, IGOSS, MARPOLMON and ADCP, and Report on Regional Co-ordinator for WESTPAC. These reports also covered the new Marine Information Research Center estab-

lished in the Japan Hydrographic Association, NEAR-GOOS Data Management as well as dispatch of a JICA expert from JODC to Malaysia for extending expertise in establishing its national oceanographic data center (NODC).

Discussions made during the meeting were also focused on the promotion of regional cooperative activities, particularly on the necessity of frequent meetings of the heads of NODCs in each regional programme, including WESTPAC. The meeting adopted many recommendations and action plans as well as provisional agenda items for the sixteenth session of the IOC Committee on IODE scheduled to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in the first quarter of the year 2000.