

APPENDIX 8

STAR Report

The STAR component of the 23rd Annual Session of SOPAC was held on Friday 16 September. The Technical Program was opened by the STAR Chairman, Dr Keith Crook, of Hawai'i Undersea Research Laboratory, University of Hawai'i. Seventeen oral and poster papers were presented, one of which was delivered as an interlude during the TAG Session on Monday 19 September due to late arrival of a participant. Five short informational presentations were also given. More than 60 people participated. Saimone Helu, Naomi Biribo and Stevie Nion chaired segments of the STAR meeting.

A brief business session was held after the conclusion of Technical Program. The following decisions were made:

SOPAC's STAR network should henceforth be known as the SOPAC **Science, Technology and Resources network (STAR)**.

The STAR Working Groups need not meet during the 23rd Annual Session. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were asked to arrange for meetings of relevant STAR Working Groups during next year's Annual Session.

The STAR participants asked the SOPAC Secretariat if the 1994 STAR Abstracts Volume (including abstracts distributed during the session), could be published as a SOPAC Miscellaneous Report (Miscellaneous Report No. 182), and to publish the title and number of that Miscellaneous Report in "SOPAC News".

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of STAR, the representative of the UNESCO Office for the Pacific States, and the SOPAC Secretariat were asked to explore ways of strengthening relations between the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, SOPAC-STAR and scientists in the SOPAC region.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were requested to arrange for presentations on global and local sea level change during the STAR Program at the 24th Annual Session of SOPAC.

The Chairman of STAR, Keith Crook, and the Vice-Chairman of STAR, Saimone Helu, were re-elected to hold office until the end of the next STAR meeting.