

## F. Summary

### THE GERMAN HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE IN THE YEAR 1969

The Programme Committee of the Deutsche Kommission für Ozeanographie (DKfO) (German Commission for Oceanography), which was founded in 1968 by the Federal Ministry for Education and Science with the President of the GHI as its member and vice-chairman, convened several times and set up a "General Programme for Oceanography in the Federal Republic 1969–1973" which was adopted unanimously on 6 June 1969 by the DKfO and subsequently confirmed by the Federal Cabinet. This programme comprises the projects of the Federal Departments, of the coastal states of the FRG, of the German Research Association and of the German industry. It shall serve in the above quoted period as a guideline for the endeavours to promote energetically oceanographic research and marine technology in the Federal Republic. Furthermore, the President of the GHI took an active part in the work of the "Committee on International Affairs" of the DKfO and was entrusted with the chairmanship of the newly founded "Committee on Marine Pollution". The GHI, with further members of its staff, is represented in the latter committee as well as in the "Committee on Research Vessels and Underwater Systems" and in the "Committee on Mineral Resources of the Ocean".

The special group "Oceanography" of the Working Group "Politics in the Fields of Scientific and Technical Research" of the Commission of the European Communities resumed its work under the chairmanship of the President of the GHI. A report suggesting joint activities of the six member states, of Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries in different fields has been submitted to the Council of Ministers.

According to the decisions to investigate the natural resources of the sea and their exploitation during an "International Decade of Ocean Exploration", the United Nations requested the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC, UNESCO) to draft a long-term and expanded programme for oceanic exploration and research. This programme which was drafted at the 9th and 10th sessions of the IOC-Bureau with the Consultative Council as well as at the meeting of a special working group, was adopted in September at the 6th IOC Plenary Session in Paris, as well as the new statutes which make the IOC more flexible and more effective. The President of the GHI represented the Federal Republic on the Consultative Council. He was a member of the working group and, at the Plenary Session, he headed the German delegation. The GHI continued to act as a secretariat for the German IOC Section under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 1969, as agreed upon, the research vessel *Meteor* was at the disposal of the German Research Association. Early in January, the Mayor of the Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg, Prof. Dr. Weichmann, who at the same time was also