

## Arbeiten aus dem Bereich des Instituts

In the year under review a total of 8 numbers appeared of the Deutsche Hydrographische Zeitschrift, 3 numbers of which belong to the 10th annual set (1957). The 10th annual set closes with a 10-year index.

The library receives at present 1529 periodicals comprising a total of 25 489 single numbers per year from 86 different countries of which after Germany the United States of America range in the first place.

In 1958 the exchange of publications was handled in a more strict manner with the aim of intensification; the number of exchange partners has, therefore, not changed very much, but as a consequence the volume of exchange in both directions has risen again.

The "Ausschuss des Seeverkehrsbeirat für die Angelegenheiten des Deutschen Hydrographischen Instituts" (Committee on the Sea Transport Advisory Council for the Affairs of the D.H.I.) held its 15th meeting on 11 March 1958. As the most outstanding results two resolutions are to be mentioned which have been passed on to, and approved by, the "Seeverkehrsbeirat". The resolutions concern first, the re-institution of a medal to bestowed upon deserved voluntary cooperators; secondly, the danger of contamination of the sea-water if nuclear-powered ships collide. The "Ausschuss" furthermore carried a motion which will reduce the correction work in charts.

Cooperation with the Bundes-Marine (Federal Navy) proved harmonic again also in the year under review.

Information about the active cooperation of the G.H.I. in international meetings can be found on page 10. It may be mentioned at this place that of late increased importance is attributed by international organizations to the comparatively young and in parts neglected marine science. The problem of radioactive waste disposal in the sea, the change of our climate as well as the resources of albumen from the sea for human nutrition - to mention only some of the questions - call for an intensified furtherance of marine sciences. For this reason the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) has founded a Special Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), and the UNESCO has established the International Advisory Committee on Marine Sciences (IACOMS). In both Committees the G.H.I. takes either an active or a consultant part.

Details can be seen from the preceding chapters.