

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report for the year ended 31 March 2005.

OBJECTS, PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATION

The Charity's object and principle activity continues to be that on encouraging the prevention of marine pollution and promoting and conducting research into its cause and effects. Its subsidiary, ACOPS Limited, remains dormant.

These activities are currently pursued principally as managers of regional programmes in the Russian Arctic and Sub-Saharan Africa. ACOPS is also currently working with the government of Libya, through the Gaddafi Foundation for Charitable Organisations, to co-execute a conference on Ocean Security to be held in Tripoli in July 2005.

The charity also known as ACOPS is a company Limited by Guarantee and is therefore governed by its Memorandum of Articles of Association. It is a registered Charity (Number 290776).

DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE YEAR

The past year has continued to be extremely trying for ACOPS board and staff. ACOPS executives continue to be frustrated by the inability to commence the particle start-up of the Russian Arctic project. Last year the trustees reported that they remain confident that with continued strong support by the project bilateral partners that these frustrations will be overcome and expected an operational start in early 2005. This has in fact been well founded, and at the time of writing the trustees can report a practical start was made to this project in late 2005.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Dr Viktor Sebek has spent the past year based in Washington, and this has led to his initiating an Ocean Security Conference, in partnership with the Gaddafi Foundation for Charitable Organisations, which has held in Tripoli in July 2005. The trustees continue to record their appreciation to Congressman Curt Weldon (an ACOPS Vice-President) who facilitated both the Ocean Security Conference and substantial US Government bilateral funding towards the Russian Arctic Project by continuing to offer our Executive Director, Dr Viktor Sebek, a congressional fellowship.

At the conclusion of the Tripoli Conference Dr Sebek decided to set up a parallel organisation, based in the USA, to concentrate on further Ocean Security initiatives. The Trustees wish Dr Sebek well in this new direction, and remain hopeful that ACOPS can continue in a co-operative manner with this new organisation. Dr Sebek has dedicated close to 30 years as Executive Director of ACOPS and the trustees would like to record their appreciation for these many years of dedicated service to ACOPS.

The trustees continued to recognise the difficulty in attracting "unrestricted funding", and have continued to reduce the London based Head Office overheads. While the Dartmouth Street office has been maintained, staffing has been dramatically reduced to cater for this "new reality". The trustees would like to record their thanks to Terry Jones, who took up the role as Assistant Executive Director and managed the Head Office administration single headedly throughout the year.

ACOPS continues to play a lead role with its United Kingdom Oil Pollution Surveys. These have been going for over a quarter of a century and the trustees recognise the work of Trevor Dixon, who has been pivotal in completing the internationally recognised surveys.