

these studies so as to build up a record of the diversity, abundance and range of the organisms which occur, and

(2) to process and edit the data received and add to them from national collections and the literature, so that the final results could be made available on request to all biologists.

"This centre is being developed by the addition of staff and equipment so that it can undertake the central storage and analysis of site data collected for Section CT throughout the world, and can play a leading part in the review of IBP areas.

"Jordan International Biological Station, Azraq, Jordan:

"During Phase I of the IBP this centre has been used as a testing ground for the concepts and techniques of CT Section, and also by scientists in other Sections. It is now placed on a continuous and effective footing throughout the period of IBP, after which it is expected to provide a link between the growing scientific community in Jordan and the scientific world generally.

"The University of Jordan at Amman, in consultation with the National Research Council, will serve as the station's base and will participate in its work, which will be organized by a Board of Trustees. Local facilities and staff for the station will be provided through Jordanian channels, while initially a director and a second resident scientist with up to six visiting scientists, together with a simple field laboratory will be provided and financed from outside sources. Responsibility for the station will pass wholly into Jordanian hands by progressive stages.

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"Plankton Statistical Centre, Auckland, New Zealand: This centre is being established at the University of Auckland under the supervision of Dr. R. M. Cassie. It is in response to the need for the development of more dependable methods for the design of sampling of plankton populations in space and time; also for the analysis of the results in ways which will give statistically significant information concerning the structure and distribution of the populations. The New Zealand Academy of Sciences and the University of Auckland are providing the centre with research space, computer time and technicians. Two senior fellows and two junior