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100th Council meeting explores ICES role in the Arctic

The governing body of the **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)** will hold its 100th statutory meeting in Copenhagen 24–25 October. During the two-day meeting the ICES Council will discuss new initiatives including sustainable aquaculture. A special session will be held to explore how ICES can contribute to current and future research activities in Arctic waters.

The Council will also consider how ICES can support its member countries in implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD), and how ICES can become involved with integrated ecosystem monitoring proposals. The Action Plan for the EU Maritime Strategy for the Atlantic Ocean is also on the agenda.

To mark the 100th statutory meeting, ICES will be hosting a private reception at the Carlsberg Academy in Copenhagen in cooperation with the Carlsberg Foundation. Bo Poulsen, associate professor at the University of Aalborg, will give a presentation on the history of Denmark's contribution to global marine science.

ICES, the world's largest and oldest marine science and advisory body, was established in 1902 at a marine science conference hosted by the Danish government. Since then, Denmark has provided ICES Secretariat with offices in Copenhagen. The Statutory Meeting is the annual meeting of the ICES Council, the principal decision- and policy-making body of ICES. The Council comprises two national Delegates from each of the 20 Member Countries, as well as observers. ICES President, Michael Sinclair will chair this year's meeting at which a new president and 1st vice-president will each be elected for a three-year term.

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