

out to provide "corporate memory" for science systems support rather than to re-train for each mission.

The next scheduled meeting of the AICC will be in New Orleans, probably in January 1998.

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Appendix X

RVOC 1997- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Great Lakes Research Vessel Workshop

On March 11-12 1997 a workshop sponsored by the Great Lakes Commission was held in Detroit, Michigan.

The purpose of this meeting was to respond to reduced or otherwise constrained funding for research and related resources. Questions they sought to address included how to better communicate/share resources to maximize capabilities? Is there unnecessary duplication to eliminate and/or unmet needs to address? Is some new institutional arrangement needed to improve, the operational efficiency of the Great Lakes Research Vessel Fleet?

The meeting was attended by approximately 80 people representing Canadian and U.S. marine operators, scientists and program managed. In preparation for this meeting an effort was made to develop an inventory of Great Lakes Research Vessels which resulted in 60 R/V's being identified. The majority of these vessels were under 65 ft. in length. These vessels were owned and operated by a number of different sources; federal, state/provincial, municipalities, university and private.

As part of this meeting a series of initial presentations were given one of which was an overview of UNOLS. The principal effort was directed towards work groups divided along the lines of scientist, marine operator, and scientist. Prior to adjournment each work group was asked to summarize and present their recommendations. The recommendations coming from each of the three groups were striking in terms of their similarities. These recommendations included:

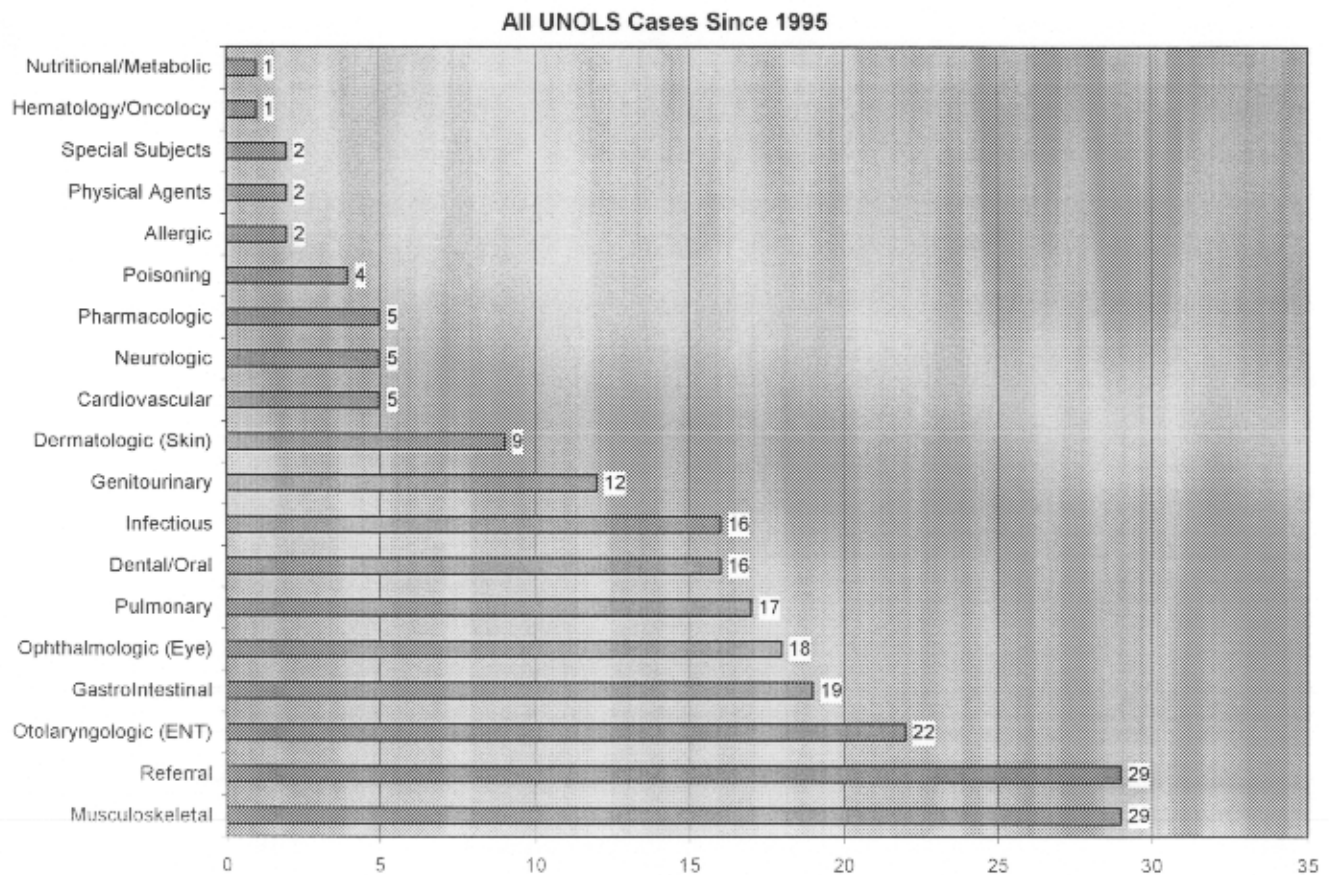
- Greater need for exchange of information with WWW home page seeming to be the initial direction. This need for exchange of information was quite broad, ranging from ship's schedules, to science programs being planned, to inventories of vessels, vessel's equipment, specialized skills, personnel available, etc.
- For a large number of attendees (particularly the operators) this seemed to be the first time they had

met as a group to discuss common problems and 11 groups seemed to feel that regularly scheduled meetings would be beneficial.

- What seemed to follow the preceding recommendations was the need for a more formal organization. As a result of these work groups a more comprehensive list of recommendations for coordination and management of science vessels on the Great Lakes has been developed.

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Appendix XI



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