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**Dr Seiji Ohsumi**

It is with deep sadness that I am sending the attached obituary for Dr Seiji Ohsumi, kindly supplied by Professor Hidehiro Kato.

As many of you know, Dr Ohsumi was a long-standing, valued and active member of the IWC Scientific Committee, and we remember him fondly for his years of dedication to scientific research. Dr Ohsumi was also committed to supporting young researchers through mentoring of their studies and research, and many of these continue to serve with us today.

Please join me in remembering this remarkable scientist and his many contributions to the work of the Scientific Committee.

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