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**IMPORTANT!!**

**Revised dates for the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Commission Meeting**

I would like to inform you that the dates for the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Commission Meeting in Shimonoseki have been changed slightly. **The meeting will now take place over 5 days, i.e. Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May**, rather than the 4 days initially foreseen (see Circular Communication IWC.ALL.44). The dates of all the associated meetings (i.e. Scientific Committee and Commission sub-groups) remain unchanged.

The decision to extend the meeting was made by the Chairman of the Commission after consultation with the Advisory Committee and in response to concern expressed to him that 5 days were necessary in order to ensure sufficient time to address properly the major items on this year's agenda.

**Accommodation and visitor information**

Information on hotels (including booking details), arrangements for booking delegation rooms, visa requirements and general visitor information will be circulated very shortly. Information on the meeting is also being made available via our website ([www.iwcoffice.org](http://www.iwcoffice.org)).

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Commission