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Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and
Members of the Scientific Committee
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**Identification of National Delegates to the
2021 Meeting of the Scientific Committee**

Commissioners are reminded of the need to identify the members of their national delegations, including the name of the Head of Delegation, to the forthcoming meeting of the IWC's Scientific Committee to be held online 27 April - 14 May 2021. Note that there is no limit to the size of a national delegation.

It is particularly important this year for the Secretariat to receive this information in a timely fashion, as there are several pre-meetings to cover specific agenda items that are scheduled before the start of the Scientific meeting proper. In addition, Robert Suydam, Chair of the Scientific Committee, will be facilitating work on the selection process for the Committee's next Vice-Chair. The Scientific Committee Rules of Procedure state *"The election process shall be undertaken by the heads of national delegations who shall consult widely before nominating candidates."*

Kindly provide the Secretariat (secretariat@iwc.int) with the names of all nationally nominated delegates to the Scientific Committee, along with their contact details by **8 March 2021**. The nominations should also identify the **Head of Delegation and any alternates**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.



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