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Venue and provisional dates for IWC/56 in Italy

At IWC/54 in Shimonoseki, the Commission accepted the offer from the Government of Italy to host the 56th Annual Meeting in Italy in May 2004.

Unfortunately, hosting the meeting in May is no longer possible, and the Government of Italy proposes to host it during the period 27 June to 24 July 2004 at the Hilton Sorrento Palace Hotel in Sorrento, just south of Naples. The Secretariat has contacted other relevant organizations to ask whether they have any meetings planned for this period, and we are not aware of any major clashes. Consequently, following consultations with the Advisory Committee, the Secretariat is now making arrangements for the meeting to be held within the period now proposed by the Government of Italy.

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