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Confirmation of Dates and Venue for 63rd Annual Meeting of the Commission in 2011

Scientific Committee

As previously stated, the Government of Norway will host the meeting of the Scientific Committee in the city of Tromsø. The meeting will start on Monday 30 May and conclude on 11 June, and any necessary pre-meetings are expected to take place on 28-29 May. Additionally a Convenor's post meeting is planned for 12 June.

A draft schedule for the meeting including details of the pre-meetings, as well as booking and travel arrangements will be circulated in mid-December.

Commission and sub-groups

I am delighted to confirm that the 63rd Meeting of the Commission and its sub-groups will take place at the Hotel De France, St. Helier, on the Channel Island of Jersey. The dates of the meeting will be as previously indicated, 3-15 July 2011, with the sub-groups meeting in the first week and the Commission plenary taking place in the second week.

Jersey is not part of the United Kingdom, but is a British Crown Dependency with its own parliamentary democracy. I am grateful to Senator Alan Maclean, Minister for Economic Development for granting permission for the Secretariat to host this meeting of the IWC on Jersey. I also wish to acknowledge the partial offer of sponsorship towards the costs of the meeting made by the Hotel De France and the States of Jersey Convention Bureau.

Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands and enjoys frequent transport links via many of the principle airports in the United Kingdom and also France.

A draft schedule of meetings for the period 3-15 July will be circulated in mid-December, and at that time we will also confirm booking, travel & accommodation arrangements for delegates.

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