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Southern Ocean Research Partnership
Announcement of dates and venue for a symposium and workshop

I have been asked to circulate the attached letter from Ambassador Jose Luis Balmaceda (Chilean Commissioner to the IWC) which announces the dates and venue for a symposium and workshop organised by the Southern Ocean Research Partnership (SORP).

The SORP was established in March 2009 and maintains close links with the IWC and Scientific Committee. A framework and set of objectives for SORP, as well as a process for evaluating requests for funding under the IWC/SORP research fund were presented, discussed and endorsed by the Commission and Scientific Committee in 2010. In 2011 the Scientific Committee received a report of the SORP's intersessional progress which included updates on revisions to the existing projects following feedback from the Scientific Committee in 2010.

All enquiries regarding the symposium and workshop should be directed to the members of the Steering Committee whose contact details can be found on the symposium flyer attached to Ambassador Balmaceda's letter.

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