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Venue and dates for the intersessional RMS meeting

Professor Bo Fernholm, Chairman of the Commission, has asked that the following information be circulated.

"Dear Colleagues,

Following the postal vote on the venue of the RMS intersessional meeting, I am writing to inform you that the meeting will be held in Monaco from Tuesday 6th February to Thursday 8th February 2001.

The voting results were as follows:

Monaco: 17 votes Japan: 10 votes Abstain: 2 votes

Although the results indicate a clear preference for Monaco, neither venue received the required majority of 19 (i.e. a majority of those countries eligible to vote) and therefore the results are strictly inconclusive.

However, in reaching my decision that the meeting be held in Monaco, I have treated the outcome of the ballot as advisory and have consulted with the Advisory Committee.

Now that the venue is set, I look forward to having a successful meeting.

Bo Fernholm Chairman"

A draft agenda and documents for the RMS intersessional meeting will be circulated by the end of November. Further details on the venue and on accommodation will be circulated very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Nicky Grandy Secretary to the Commission