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TO MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
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Dear members of the Scientific Committee,

Thank you and goodbye!

I hope you all had safe journeys home following the meeting in Agadir and that those who arrived before their luggage have now been reunited with it. All Secretariat staff are now back in the office (they weren't lost, it's just that some took a few days off after the meeting) and our freight finally joined us here yesterday – great, more unpacking.

Anyway, the purpose of my letter is to thank you once again for the Berber rug/magic carpet you gave me as my leaving present. It really is lovely, the colours are perfect and as I said in Agadir, you couldn't have chosen anything better. However, when not in use as a flying carpet, I plan to hang it on the wall as it would seem a shame to actually walk on it.

My last day in the office will be Thursday 29 July at which point Dr Simon Brockington, whom many of you met in Agadir, will take over fully the role of Secretary to the Commission. Simon can be reached at Simon.Brockington@iwcoffice.org.

Finally, thanks for your work for the IWC. I have always been impressed by how hard everyone works during the meetings and by how committed you all are to the business of the Scientific Committee. It has been a privilege to be associated with you for the last 10 years - the Committee does deserve the excellent reputation that it has.

With my very best wishes,

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission