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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
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**Information on Forthcoming Intersessional Workshops:
Implementation Review for North Pacific Minke Whales and Review of MSYR**

Following the information given in circular IWC.SC.169, we are pleased to inform you that registration is now open and document submissions being accepted for two forthcoming intersessional workshops due to take place in March 2013 at Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, California. These workshops are:

- (1) 'Second' intersessional Workshop on the Implementation Review for western North Pacific common minke whales (19-23 March); and
- (2) Workshop on the review of MSYR (26-28 March).

For both these meetings, participants must register by **1 February 2013** to meet the requirements of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center security conditions. Registration must be undertaken via the IWC meetings portal <http://events.iwc.int/index.php/workshops/>. This portal was successfully tested for the recent AWMP workshop. Instructions on using the portal are given at the end of this letter. Please contact Brendan Miller (brendan.miller@iwc.int) if you have any difficulties in registering.

It is extremely important to note that in addition to the IWC registration form, Non-US participants MUST complete an additional [registration form](#) and return it to Dave Weller (dave.weller@noaa.gov) by 1st February 2013. Participants who do not complete that form WILL NOT be allowed into the meeting venue.

Group reservations for both these workshops have been made at Hotel La Jolla (<http://www.hotellajolla.com>). Rooms are being held at a discounted government rate (\$133.00 USD + tax) but reservations must be made on or before 16th February (NPM workshop) and 23rd February (MSYR workshop). Full information and booking details can be found on the IWC meetings portal <http://events.iwc.int/index.php/workshops/>.

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Getting started with the meetings portal (<http://events.iwc.int>)

To choose the intersessional workshop you are interested in from the meetings portal homepage:

(1) Under the main heading 'Intersessional Workshops' click "view conference". Here, under the heading 'Current Conferences' you will find brief information about open workshops.

(2) Choose the workshop you are interested in by either clicking on the name or on 'view conference details' below the relevant photograph.

(3) Once there you can choose one of the headings under the main heading 'Conference Information' below the photo.

(4) To attend a workshop, choose 'Registration'. This will take you to the registration page where you choose 'Register' and follow the instructions on screen.

(5) To view and/or download meeting documents, choose "Documents". All meeting files will be listed here and you can download them by the link to the right hand side.

(6) To submit documents, choose "Call for papers". From there follow the instructions on screen. Note that under Document Type you must choose what is termed a 'track' – this can be either 'General Papers' for new submissions that have not been published or submitted as a document to another meeting/workshop or 'Background papers' for all other papers. We will notify you about document numbers once you have submitted and uploaded your document(s).

(7) To obtain details about the accommodation, choose 'Accommodation' and follow the instructions.

REMEMBER: IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS CONTACT BRENDAN (brendan.miller@iwc.int)