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Necessity to book accommodation early on Jeju Island

The next meeting of the Scientific Committee will be held at the Shilla Hotel, Jeju Island, from 3-15 June 2013 at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea. Details of the meeting are available through the IWC website and the draft agenda was provided in Circular Communication IWC.SC.175.

I have been asked by the Government of Korea to draw delegates' attention to the need to reserve hotel accommodation in good time. The months of May and June are peak tourist season on Jeju Island and local hotels are expected to be entirely sold out at this time.

Several accommodation options are suggested through the IWC website at:

http://events.iwc.int/index.php/scientific/SC65a/schedConf/accommodation

We understand that the Jeju Suite Hotel is already fully booked. The remaining hotels are currently offering advantageous rates for IWC delegates although these arrangements will expire in the next few days.

The Shilla Hotel has offered to extend its cut-off date from the 20th to the 27th April for Scientific Committee delegates. After this date it is expected to raise its IWC room rates by at least 10%, and then to suspend the reduced rate altogether by 11 May.

I look forward to meeting delegates in Jeju in a few weeks' time.

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c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC