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Frédéric Chemay

I am deeply sorry to inform you of the passing of Frédéric Chemay on 1st October 2014. Frédéric had been unwell during the summer with pneumonia and returned home during IWC65 to continue his treatment. Unfortunately he subsequently developed a secondary infection during treatment.

Frédéric was an enthusiastic and committed participant at the IWC. He was the Commission's Vice-Chair from 2012 to 2014 and played an active role in the Bureau and its preparations for the recent Commission meeting. He was also a keen supporter of work undertaken by the Conservation Committee, especially its work on Ship Strikes where he participated in a recent joint IWC workshop in Panama.

I am able to forward any messages of condolence to his family and colleagues. Alternatively messages can be sent directly to Frédéric's office at secr.AMSZ@environment.belgium.be

Our thoughts are with Fred's many colleagues, friends and relatives.

Simon Brockington Executive Secretary

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