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Circular Communication to Members of the Scientific Committee  
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**Japanese Special Permit Expert Panel Review Workshop**

This circular is to confirm that the Expert Workshop to review the new Special Permit Research Programme submitted by Japan (see circular communication: IWC.ALL.220) will be held in Tokyo, Japan, 7-10 February 2015. The last day will be for the panel to focus on its report. Experts are being finalised according to the 'Annex P' process and discussions during the last Scientific Committee meeting and further details of the Workshop will be provided when they become available.

There is provision for Scientific Committee members to attend the Workshop as observers as described in Annex P. Please contact Julie Creek ([julie.creek@iwc.int](mailto:julie.creek@iwc.int)) by **Monday 22 December** to confirm your attendance. There will be limited space at the Workshop venue so please consider carefully before deciding to attend as an observer.

Members of the IWC Scientific Committee also have the option to submit reviews of the new proposal to the panel members and these reviews must be submitted by **Friday 9 January 2015**.

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c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC

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