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Provisional List of Invited Participants to the Scientific Committee

Please find attached the provisional list of participants invited to attend the Scientific Committee Meeting at IWC/60 in Santiago, Chile. The list is based on discussions between the Chair of the Scientific Committee and Convenors of the Sub-committees. Note that not all the invited participants will be funded by the Commission. A final list will be attached to the Report of the Scientific Committee.

Please let me know as soon as possible if there are scientists from your country currently included in the attached list that you wish to include on your delegation and consequently for whom you would meet their travel and subsistence funding requirements.

Note regarding invited participants to the Small Cetacean Sub-committee

You will note that a number of scientists have been invited to IWC/60 because of their expertise in small cetaceans, although not all of them will require IWC funding. This year, the Small Cetacean Sub-committee will focus on a review of conservation issues regarding small cetaceans in the south-eastern Pacific. To date, very few scientists working on small cetaceans from this region (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile) attend the Scientific Committee meeting and their attendance is vital if a thorough review is to be achieved.

As you will be aware, the Commission decided at IWC/46 in 1994 to establish a Voluntary Fund for Small Cetaceans to allow for the participation of scientists from developing countries in small cetacean work, and a number of Contracting Governments have kindly contributed to the Fund since then. However, the Voluntary Fund currently has less than £2,000 available to contribute towards costs of the attendance of such scientists at IWC/60. Given the focus of the Small Cetacean Sub-committee at this year's meeting, it is important that experts from the region are able to attend. Additional voluntary contributions would therefore be most welcome. If any Contracting Government is able to contribute to this Fund, I would be grateful if you could contact the Secretariat as soon as possible.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

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Last Name	First Name	Country	Institution	Expertise
Aguilar	Alex	SPAIN	University of Barcelona	Environmental Concerns
Alfaro	Joanna	PERU	ProDelphinus	Small Cetaceans
Andersen*	Liselotte	DENMARK	National Environmental Research Institute	AWMP
Avila	Isabel Cristina	COLOMBIA	Universidad del Valle	Small Cetaceans
Bannister	John	AUSTRALIA	Western Australian Museum	RMP (Convenor)
Bejder	Lars	AUSTRALIA	Murdoch University	Whalewatching
Best	Peter	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Pretoria	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales; SH Whales; In-Depth Assessment
Branch	Trevor	USA	University of Washington	Southern Hemisphere Whales; In-Depth Assessments
Bravington	Mark	AUSTRALIA	CSIRO	Stock Definition (Convenor); In-Depth Assessments
Burt	Louise	UK	St Andrews University	In-Depth Assessments
Butterworth	Doug	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Cape Town	AWMP; RMP; In-Depth Assessments; Southern Hemisphere Whales
Capella	Juan	CHILE		Small Cetaceans
Carlson	Carole	USA	IFAW	Whalewatching
Castro	Christina	ECUADOR	Pacific Whale Foundation	Small Cetaceans
Cerchio	Salvatore	USA	American Museum of Natural History	Southern Hemisphere Whales
Cipriano	Frank	USA	San Francisco State University	Bycatch; DNA; Environmental Concerns; Stock Definition
Collins	Tim	OMAN	WCS SE Asia Program	Southern Hemisphere Whales
Constable	Andrew	AUSTRALIA	CCAMLR	Ecosystem Modelling
Cooke	Justin	GERMANY	Centre for Ecosystem Management Studies	RMP; AWMP; In-Depth Assessments
Da Silva	Cibele	BRAZIL	Universidade de Brasília	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Dahood	Adrian	USA	Texas A&M University	Whalewatching
Dawson	Steve	NEW ZEALAND	Otago University	Small Cetaceans
Dereksdottir	Eva	ICELAND	University of Iceland	AWMP
Engel	Marcia	BRAZIL	Humpback Whale Institute	Southern Hemisphere Whales
Ensor	Paul	NEW ZEALAND		In-Depth Assessments
Felix	Fernando	ECUADOR	CPPS/UNEP	Small Cetaceans
Ferguson	Megan	USA	NOAA	Bycatch
Fernandez	Antonio	SPAIN	University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Environmental Concerns
Findlay	Ken	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Cape Town	Southern Hemisphere Whales
Funahashi	Naoko	JAPAN		Bycatch
Garcia	Carolina	COLOMBIA		Small Cetaceans
Garcia-Godos	Ignacio	PERU	CEPEC	Small Cetaceans
Gerber	Leah	USA	Arizona State University	Ecosystem Modelling
Gibbons	Jorge	CHILE	Universidad de Magallanes	Small Cetaceans
Goodall	Natalie	ARGENTINA	Museo Acatushún	Small Cetaceans

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Guerra	Carlos	CHILE	Universidad de Antofagasta	Small Cetaceans
Hedley	Sharon	UK	St Andrews University	In-Depth Assessment
Heimrich	Sonja	UK	St Andrews University	Small Cetaceans
Hoelzel	Rus	UK	University of Durham	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales; Stock Definition
Hucke-Gaete	Rodrigo	CHILE	Centro Ballena Azul	Southern Hemisphere Whales
Ivashchenko	Julia	USA		Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Kakuda	Tsuneo	JAPAN		Bycatch
Kasuya	Toshio	JAPAN	Teikyo University of Science and Technology	Bycatch; Small Cetaceans
Koski	Bill	CANADA	LGL Limited	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Lescrauwaet	Katrien	BELGIUM	Flanders Marine Institute	Small Cetaceans
Mangel	Jeff	PERU	ProDelphinus	Small Cetaceans
Martin	Tony	UK	British Antarctic Survey	Environmental Concerns; Small Cetaceans
Mate	Bruce	USA	Oregon State University	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Milinkovitch*	Michel	BELGIUM	University of Brussels	Small Cetaceans
Morissette	Lyne	CANADA	ISMER	Ecosystem Modelling
Northridge	Simon	UK	Sea Mammal Research Unit	Bycatch
O'Hara	Todd	USA	Institute of Arctic Biology	Environmental Concerns
Palacios	Daniel	USA	NOAA	Small Cetaceans
Palsboll	Per	SWEDEN	Stockholm University	AWMP
Plaganyi	Eva	SOUTH AFRICA	University of Cape Town	Ecosystem Modelling
Polacheck	Tom	AUSTRALIA	CSIRO	In-Depth Assessment; RMP
Porter	Lindsay	CHINA	Worldwide Fund for Nature	Small Cetaceans
Punt	Andre	USA	University of Washington	AWMP, RMP
Ray	Jim	USA	Oceanic Environmental Solutions	Environmental Concerns
Reeves	Randy	CANADA	Okapi Wildlife Associates	Bowhead, Right and Gray; Small Cetaceans
Reyes	Julio	PERU	ACOREMA	Small Cetaceans
Rose	Naomi	USA	The Humane Society of the United States	Environmental Concerns; Whalewatching
Sanino	Gian Paolo	CHILE	Centre for Marine Mammals Research	Small Cetaceans
Santillan	Luis	PERU	CEPEC	Small Cetaceans
Secchi	Eduardo	NEW ZEALAND	University of Otago	Southern Hemisphere Whales; Small Cetaceans
Tajima	Yuko	JAPAN		Bycatch
Tiedemann	Ralf	GERMANY	Potsdam University	Stock Definition; AWMP
Urban-Ramirez	Jorge	MEXICO	University of Baja California	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Van Bresseem	Marie-Francoise	COLOMBIA	CMED/CEPEC	Small Cetaceans
Viddi	Francisco	CHILE	Universidad Austral de Chile	Small Cetaceans
Weinrich	Mason	USA	Whale Center of New	Bycatch; Whalewatching

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			England	
Wiig	Øystein	NORWAY	University of Oslo	Bowhead, Right and Gray Whales
Williams	Rob	UK	Sea Mammal Research Unit	Environmental Concern; Southern Hemisphere Whales; Whalewatching
Yamada	Tadasu	JAPAN	National Science Museum, Tokyo	Small Cetaceans
Yañez	José	CHILE	Museo Nacional de Historia Natural	Small Cetaceans
Yatabe	Akiko	JAPAN		Bycatch
Young	John	USA	Exxon Mobil	Environmental Concerns
Zerbini	Alexandre	USA	University of Washington	Southern Hemisphere Whales (Convenor)

Key

AWMP Aboriginal Whaling Management Procedure

RMP Revised Management Procedure

* Declined invitation/unable to attend