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### **IWC65 Biennial Meeting in 2014 – Call for Hosts**

This is a request for offers from interested parties to host the next International Whaling Commission biennial meeting in 2014. The plenary meeting will be held in September/October 2014 and will last for around four days. The preceding week will host a series of Sub-committee and working group meetings making the complete duration of the conference approximately two weeks.

The International Whaling Commission biennial meetings allow Contracting Governments, their internal departments and other stakeholders from across the IWC's membership to meet to discuss key policy issues and practical solutions.

The most recent IWC meeting was hosted in Panama City, Panama in 2012 and was attended by more than 600 delegates. Over forty different international media organisations were also present during the course of the final week.

Hosting an IWC conference provides a valuable opportunity for the host country and city to:

- project themselves internationally and raise their global profile;
- interact and network with Government representatives from across the world and receive key delegates from a range of other inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations ;
- showcase their country and culture and highlight any research or IWC-related projects they are involved in or supporting;
- provide a boost for local Government in the host country and demonstrate local innovations and good local Government practice;
- bring inward investment and spin-offs for local business and community organisations, not only during the conference, but also in the lead-up and afterwards;
- demonstrate their ability to host and manage a large International Governmental Organisation (IGO) conference to those looking for potential future hosts.

A list of recent venues for Commission meetings is provided at the end of this communication. The Secretariat would like to encourage offers from all regions to host the 2014 biennial meeting, but in particular would welcome offers from any Contracting Parties which have not hosted the conference in recent years.

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Formal offers to host IWC65 should be received at the IWC Secretariat by 31 August 2013 (one year prior to the meeting). Informal and exploratory enquiries are welcome at any stage, although it would be helpful to receive initial expressions of interest by the end of March 2013. Any enquiry received will be treated in confidence and will not be seen as a commitment to host until a formal offer is made from the prospective government.

Further information for prospective hosts including requirements and previous financial costings can be obtained by contacting the Secretariat at [secretariat@iwcoffice.org](mailto:secretariat@iwcoffice.org)



Simon Brockington  
Executive Secretary

#### PREVIOUS VENUES

Year	Dates	IWC	Commission	Scientific Committee
2012	2-6 July	64	Panama City, Panama	Panama City, Panama
2011	11-14 July	63	Jersey, Channel Islands	Tromsø, Norway
2010	21-25 June	62	Agadir, Morocco	Agadir, Morocco
2009	22-25 June	61	Madeira, Portugal	Madeira, Portugal
2008	23-27 June	60	Santiago, Chile	Santiago, Chile
2007	28-31 May	59	Anchorage, USA	Anchorage, USA
2006	16-20 June	58	St. Kitts and Nevis	St. Kitts and Nevis
2005	20-24 June	57	Ulsan, Republic of Korea	Ulsan, Republic of Korea
2004	19-22 July	56	Sorrento, Italy	Sorrento, Italy
2003	16-19 June	55	Berlin, Germany	Berlin, Germany
2002	20-24 May	54	Shimonoseki, Japan	Shimonoseki, Japan

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