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Scientific Committee Meeting 22 May to 3 June 2015
Delegate Information

At IWC66 in 2014 the Commission accepted a generous offer from the Government of the United States to host the 2015 meeting of the IWC's Scientific Committee.

This Communication confirms the dates and venue for the meeting. An attached delegate information sheet provides information on visa requirements, hotel booking, the meeting schedule and background information on San Diego.

Participants are especially encouraged to establish their visa requirements well in advance of the meeting.

The 2015 meeting of the Scientific Committee (referred to as SC66a) will take place at the Marriott Marquis Hotel and Conference Centre at San Diego Marina. The dates will be Friday 22 May to Wednesday 3 June inclusive.

The timetable for the meeting will follow a similar format to previous years. As requested through the Committee's rules, the Scientific Committee Chair will provide an annotated draft agenda 60 days prior to the opening of the meeting.

Provision for pre-meetings has been made during the period Tuesday 19 May to Thursday 21 May 2015 at the same venue. At present one pre-meeting is confirmed, that of the joint Commission Standing Working Group on Whalewatching and the Scientific Committee's Whalewatching Sub-committee, scheduled for Wednesday 20 May 2015.

Details for other pre-meetings will be advertised as they become available.

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