



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and
Members of the Scientific Committee
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Date and Venue for Scientific Committee Meeting in 2016

I am very pleased that the IWC will be returning to Slovenia for its 2016 Scientific Committee meeting. Member governments were unanimous in their praise for both the natural beauty and the extensive conference facilities following the Scientific Committee meeting in 2014.

The experience was also positive for our generous hosts and the Government of Slovenia has invited the Scientific Committee and the Commission to return in 2016. The Scientific Committee meeting will take place at the alpine resort of Bled, supported by Sava Resorts and Hotels from 7-19 June 2016. The period 4-6 June has been set aside for Pre-Meetings – further details will be sent at a later date.

The provisional timetable for the meeting is as follows:

2016	Morning	Afternoon
Saturday 4 June	Pre-Meetings	
Sunday 5 June		
Monday 6 June		
Tuesday 7 June	First day of plenary Opening remarks; Adoption of Agenda	Reserved for reading
Wednesday 8 June	Second day of plenary Establishment of Sub-committees and working groups	Reserved for reading
Thursday 9 June	Sub-committee meetings (7 days)	
Friday 10 June		
Saturday 11 June		
Sunday 12 June		
Monday 13 June		
Tuesday 14 June		
Wednesday 15 June		
Thursday 16 June	Rest day and report preparation	
Friday 17 June	Plenary session (3 days) to adopt reports and conclude agenda items. The meeting will close on the afternoon of 19 June	
Saturday 18 June		
Sunday 19 June		
Monday 20 June	Convenor's meeting	

Dates for the Commission meeting (IWC66) are being finalised in order to avoid overlap with meetings of other Conventions which are scheduled for September and October 2016.

Further information on the Scientific Committee and Commission meetings will be made available by Circular Communication and through the IWC website in due course.

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Simon Brockington
Executive Secretary

c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC