

Level of Press and Observer fees for 2016-2018

The Secretariat

1. Introduction

In 1992 the Commission decided that fees for Observers from non-member Governments and Inter-governmental Organisations should be held constant at £800 while the fee for NGO observers should increase annually.

2. NGO observers

A new procedure for setting NGO registration fees was agreed at IWC59 in 2007 which provided for a charge per individual observer rather than a charge per organization. This charge was to be income neutral to the IWC, with the intention that it is used to offset the cost of the larger venue needed to accommodate observers at Commission Meetings. In 2008 the Secretariat worked with the Advisory Committee to determine the initial fee structure.

Since 2008 NGO fees have been increased in line with UK inflation. For the next Commission meeting in 2018 it is proposed that NGO fees again increase in line with an annual UK inflation rate of 0.3%.¹ Thus the NGO registration fee for the next meeting would be set as follows:

Current fee for attending IWC/66 in 2016:	Proposed fee for IWC/67 in 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £ 600 for the first observer, and• £ 295 for each additional observer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £ 602 for the first observer, and• £ 296 for each additional observer.

The registration fee covers the biennial meeting to which it relates and any other meeting of the Commission or its subsidiary groups in the interval before the next biennial meeting.

There is no charge for interpreters from NGO organisations for languages other than French, Spanish or Japanese as interpretation into these languages is provided free of charge to all delegates and observers.

3. Press fee

Following agreement by the Commission at IWC65 in 2014, there is no charge for media attendance.

¹ UK Consumer Price Index for May 2016 indicated a UK inflation rate of 0.3%.