



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
IWC.CCG.1229

Additional Information for delegates attending IWC66 in Portorož, Slovenia

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1212 of 12 July 2016 provided information on the arrangements for the Commission's 66th Meeting, including on the conference venue, the sub-committee and plenary timetable, accommodation options, registration procedure, requirement for credentials and procedure to obtain a visa.

In addition, Contracting Governments and Observers may wish to note the following:

1 Reception by the Government of Slovenia

On the evening of Monday 24 October 2016 the Government of Slovenia will host an official reception for all delegates and observers to IWC66. The venue for the reception is currently being finalised and participants are requested to keep the evening available.

2 Attendance by Earth Negotiations Bulletin

Further to the information contained in Circular CCG.1206 of 19 May 2016, the Earth Negotiations Bulletin has secured funding for a four-person team to report from IWC66 (Plenary) on a trial basis. This is a significant development which will increase transparency of IWC proceedings. The ENB team will work alongside the Secretariat and will be badged in a way that makes it easy to distinguish them from both the Secretariat and the media.

3 Media contact details for delegations

Contracting Governments are requested to provide the Secretariat (kate.wilson@iwc.int) with the name and contact details for their nominated media liaison point during the meeting. This enables the Secretariat to pass on interview and information requests as efficiently as possible.

4 Pre-meetings

At present, two pre-meetings are planned for Wednesday 19 October. The first, starting at 10.00Hrs, is for the Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Planning. The second, starting at 14.30Hrs, is for the Working Group on Provision of Assistance to Governments of Limited Means. Invitations to these meetings are being provided direct to members of each group by the respective Chairs.

C.C. Accredited observers to the IWC

Chair: Mr Bruno Mainini (Switzerland)
Vice-Chair: Dr Joji Morishita (Japan)
Executive Secretary: Dr Simon Brockington


5 Documents for IWC66

Documents for the Commission and sub-committee meetings are being uploaded as they become available. All documents are available through the IWC66 website at <https://iwc.int/iwc66>. Please note that IWC66 will be a paper free meeting and so printed copies will not be available.

6 Location of the Chair's report from IWC65 in 2014

The Chair's report from the Commission's last meeting (IWC65 in 2014) including the associated Committee and Sub-committee reports is available for download from <https://archive.iwc.int/?r=5832>

Following the Commission's on-going transition to paper free meetings, this report is available in electronic format only.



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