



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments
and Members of the Scientific Committee
IWC.ALL.281

**Delegate Information for the Scientific Committee Meeting, 9-21 May 2017
and associated meetings**

The 2017 annual meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC/67a) will take place at the Hotel Golf in the resort of Bled, Slovenia from 9-21 May 2017.

Provision for the following pre-meetings has been made during the period Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May 2017:

- SORP blue whale Pre-Meeting (Park Hotel, 5-8 May) – closed meeting.
- 'Spatial-modelling-based abundance estimates' pre-meeting (Hotel Golf, 7-8 May)
- 'Harmful Algal Blooms and their toxins' pre-meeting (Hotel Golf, 7-8 May)

Also

- The Conservation Committee Planning Group will meet on Monday 22 May at 10.00 (see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1254 for further details, including on registration).
- The Joint Working Group between the Conservation Committee and the Scientific Committee (established through Resolution 2014-4) will continue its work at a meeting on Monday 22 May at 15.00. Attendance is by nomination (see Circular Communication IWC.ALL.279 for further details, including on registration).

Information on the following items is now available at: <https://iwc.int/sc67a>

1. Hotel accommodation options including rates and booking information.
2. Transfer information from the airport to Bled.
3. Visa requirements, and the process for obtaining a visa. Those who need a visa have to notify the IWC – at the latest by 23 March to obtain the invitation for the visa procedure. The invitation will be provided by the Government of Slovenia.

4. Online registration - please note If you have not logged into the portal since last year your password will no longer be valid. Please go to the 'reset password' link to select a new one.

Information on papers for the 2017 meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC/67a) will be circulated separately. Please ensure that any papers to be submitted to the meeting are strictly of relevance to the topics to be discussed. The draft SC/67a Agenda has recently been circulated to Scientific Committee members (as an attachment to Circular Communication IWC.SC.207 on 10 March 2017).

Document SC/67a/SCP01 'Important Information on the Scientific Committee Agenda and the Biennial Work Plan 2017-2018' is now available to download at <https://portal.iwc.int/e/sc67a/documents>

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c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC