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**Report of the Scientific Committee 2018**

I am pleased to draw attention to the report of the Scientific Committee meeting held from 24 April – 6 May 2018 in Bled, Slovenia. The report and its annexes are available at:

<https://archive.iwc.int/?r=6940>

The meeting was attended by more than 200 cetacean scientists from all over the world. Fifteen sub-groups considered over 300 research and working papers during two weeks of parallel sessions and plenaries. This report contains a comprehensive account of their discussions, conclusions and recommendations.

I would like to thank all convenors, rapporteurs, participants and members of the Secretariat on the completion of a well-attended and highly productive meeting.

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