

## PRESS RELEASE DAY 5

The Commission began the morning by discussing a draft resolution proposed by Monaco relating to co-operation with the UN which it hoped could be adopted by consensus ([IWC/64/11rev2](#)). After an exchange of views, consensus could not be reached. Monaco later indicated that it would work on the issue intersessionally.

The Commission then considered the Scientific Committee's workplan. After some discussion over the funding of a workshop to review the results of a completed special permit programme by Iceland, the Commission agreed to the workplan.

The Commission then discussed but did not agree to a proposal by Japan to form a working group to discuss matters related to small-type whaling ([IWC/64/17](#)).

The Commission was pleased to receive a donation of £11,000 from a number of NGOs towards the Voluntary Fund for Small Cetaceans Conservation Research.

The rest of the Commission's day was spent discussing a number of administrative matters. A proposal to amend the interest rates on unpaid contributions was defeated by 41 votes to 15. One of the most significant changes agreed was that the Commission would move to biennial meetings. However, the Scientific Committee will continue to meet annually. The next meeting of the Commission will therefore occur in 2014. The Commission also agreed to continue to work on proposals to assist developing countries participate in the Commission's work.

Finally the Commission elected a new Chair, Jeannine Compton-Antoine from St Lucia and a new Vice-Chair, Frederic Chemay from Belgium. Their terms will be for two years. Donna Petrachenko (Australia) agreed to continue to act as Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee. USA, Ghana, Panama and Japan were elected on to the newly established Bureau, along with the Chair and the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

The 2013 meeting of the Scientific Committee will be held in the Republic of Korea. Venues for the 2014 meeting of the Scientific Committee and the 2014 Biennial Meeting of the Commission will be decided at a later date.

In conclusion, the meeting thanked Bruno Mainini for his excellent chairing of the meeting, Herman Oosthuizen for acting as interim chair and Tomás Guardia and the Government of Panama for their wonderful hosting of the meeting. The meeting closed at 1750.