

## **Draft Terms of Reference for the joint Scientific and Finance and Administration working group on Scientific Committee matters**

The Commission agreed at its intersessional meeting in Rome that after initial consideration of the report of the ICG by the Scientific Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee at the 2009 Annual Meeting, it would establish a small joint working group to further consider the issues raised and develop recommendations for consideration at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

The Commission therefore establishes such a joint group (composition to be decided) with the following terms of reference:

- (1) To build upon the discussions and progress made by the ICG, the Scientific Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee;
- (2) To examine further the financial, logistical and other implications of the discussions of:
  - a. Separating the annual meeting of the Scientific Committee and the Commission;
  - b. Ways to increase the participation of scientists from developing countries in the work of the Scientific Committee;
  - c. Ways to improve knowledge and technical capability of scientists from developing countries to enable them to contribute to the work of the Scientific Committee and conservation and management issues within their region;
  - d. A review of the process for inviting participants to the Scientific Committee;
  - e. To consider other relevant documents from the 2009 Annual Meeting (e.g. IWC/61/8rev)
- (3) To provide a discussion document for the Commission at the 2010 Annual Meeting, including a full analysis of financial implications, and where appropriate making recommendations to the Commission.