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**TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
AND ITS WORKING GROUPS**

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Members are invited to participate in the following intersessional meetings in 2009:

- WG-SAM – 29 June to 3 July
- Ad Hoc TASO – 4 and 5 July
- WG-EMM – 6 to 17 July
- Workshop on the Development of a Compliance Evaluation Procedure (DOCEP) – 6 to 10 July.

Details regarding the meeting venue and accommodation are attached along with other meeting-related information. Members and participants are strongly urged to book accommodation as soon as possible as the meetings are being held during the peak tourist and summer vacation season.

As in previous years, password-protected webpages have been established on the Scientific Committee 'Members only' section of the CCAMLR website to provide WG-SAM, WG-EMM and ad hoc TASO participants with information about the meetings, as well as access to meeting documents and other relevant information. A password-protected webpage has also been established for DOCEP on the Commission 'Members only' section. Please note that the passwords have changed since last year's meetings. The new passwords were sent by email in December 2008 to Scientific Committee and Commission Contacts who are requested to ensure that this information is passed on to their nominated WG-SAM, WG-EMM, ad hoc TASO and DOCEP participants.

Members are advised that agendas for the meetings and document submission guidelines will be circulated in due course.

Dr D.G.M. Miller
Executive Secretary

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2009 INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

Meeting Venue:

Radisson SAS Royal Hotel
Bryggen
Bergen

Accommodation:

Block bookings have been made at the hotels listed below, however participants are strongly urged to book accommodation as soon as possible as the meetings are being held during the peak tourist and summer vacation season.

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel of choice and 'IMR' should be given as a reference. Room rates include taxes and breakfast and all hotels accept all major credit cards. Participants should note that the rates listed for the Augustin Hotel and the Comfort Hotel Holberg may be discounted following continuing negotiations between the hotels and the local meeting organisers.

Radisson SAS Royal Hotel (venue for the meeting):

Website: www.bergen.radissonsas.com
Email: reservations.royal.bergen@radissonsas.com
Tel: +47 5554 3000
Fax: +47 5532 4808

Room rates:
1395 NOK per night single room
1595 NOK per night double room
Participants staying longer than 6 nights will be upgraded to Business Class rooms

Augustin Hotel (10 minutes walking distance from meeting venue):

Website: www.augustin.no/eng/homepg.aspx
Email: booking@augustin.no
Tel: +47 5530 4000
Fax: +47 5530 4010

Room rates:
1 680 NOK per night single room
1 850 NOK per night double room

Comfort Hotel Holberg (10 minutes walking distance from meeting venue):

Website: www.choicehotels.no/hotels/hotel?language=en&hotel=NO013

Email: co.holberg@choice.no

Tel: +47 5530 4200

Fax: +47 5523 1820

Room rates:

1 095–1 295 NOK per night single room

1 295–1 595 NOK per night double room

Participants should note that this hotel is almost fully booked.

Several other hotels may be found in and around Bergen. For information on these, visit www.bergen-guide.com/hotels.asp.

Transfers from airport to hotel:

There is an Airport bus which stops at SAS Bryggen (adjacent to the Radisson), the Fishmarket and other places in the centre of Bergen. The Comfort Hotel Holberg and the Augustin Hotel are a 5-minute walk from the Fishmarket.

Visas:

Citizens from Schengen states and countries Norway has signed a visa waiver agreement with (see below) do not need a visa. More information is available from www.udi.no/templates/Tema.aspx?id=4477.

Host city information:

Information about Bergen can be found at www.visitbergen.com/default.asp?sp=GB. July is midsummer, but often rainy. The temperatures are changeable: 15–30°C, with an average of about 20°C.

Internet and IT:

Internet will be available. Participants will need to provide their own laptops for connecting to the meeting network. Electricity in Norway operates at 220 volts (50 Hz), with two-pin sockets. A two-pin continental adaptor is needed.

Money:

The currency is the Norwegian Kroner (NOK). The current exchange rate is US\$1 = 7 NOK. There are banks and ATMs located near the meeting venue and the hotels. There is also a bank and ATM at the Bergen Airport (Flesland).

Visa Information

Schengen countries

As part of the Schengen Agreement, there are no passport controls when travelling between countries which have signed up to the agreement. Citizens of these countries may therefore enter Norway freely, without having to apply for a visa. The same applies to foreign nationals who have a residence permit for one of the Schengen countries. The 25 member states are Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

It should be noted that European countries such as Ireland, Russia, Turkey and the United Kingdom are not parties to the agreement.

Countries exempt from visa requirement

A visa is not required for nationals of countries with which Norway has signed a visa waiver agreement. Nationals of countries with a visa waiver may stay in Norway for up to 90 days. The countries with which Norway has a visa waiver agreement are:

A: Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria
B: Belgium, Bermuda (BDTC passport), Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria
C: Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic
D: Denmark
E: El Salvador, Estonia
F: Finland, France
G: Germany, Greece, Guatemala
H: Hong Kong (SAR passport), Honduras, Hungary
I: Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy
J: Japan
K: Korean Republic
L: Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg
M: Macau (SAR passport), Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco
N: Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua
P: Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal
R: Romania
S: San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
U: UK, Uruguay, USA
V: Vatican State, Venezuela