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Subject: Annual Meeting between ICES, Advisory Councils and other Observers (MIACO 2015)

Dear ACs and Observers,

The Annual Meeting between ICES, the Advisory Councils and other Observers (MIACO) will be held at ICES Headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark from 13:00 o'clock Tuesday, 13 January to 13:00 o'clock Wednesday, 14 January 2015. As you can see from the new title of the meeting (formerly MIRAC), we are now formally extending the meeting to include all observers and not only the ACs. This includes non-EU observers and observers with a specific interest in marine environmental policy rather than fisheries, as discussed at the MIRAC meeting last year. In that discussion there was a wish for a part of the meeting continuing to specifically focus on matters of interest to the ACs, and we will arrange for a specific point dealing with EU policies in the agenda. We would appreciate any input you may have towards finalising the draft agenda.

Please find hotel information at http://www.ices.dk/community/Pages/Hotels.aspx

May I trouble each secretariat/organisation to provide us with a list of participants by 12 January 2015 at the <u>very</u> latest (to <u>hgj@ices.dk</u> please). Unfortunately we have to limit participation to three persons per institution due to the capacity of the meeting room.

There will be no translation services for non-English speakers. Unfortunately, ICES does not have the resources for this service.

The ToRs and draft agenda will be on the SharePoint site <u>https://community.ices.dk/Committees/mirac/\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/</u> by mid-December. Please let <u>Helle</u> know if you would like access.

Kind regards,

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