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(Madrid, Spain, 30 September-4 October 2019)

On behalf of the Chairman of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), I should like to inform you that the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) will hold its 2019 meeting in Madrid, Spain, at the Hotel Weare Chamartin, from 30 September-4 October 2019. In order to carry out the preparatory work, the Sub-committee on Statistics and the Species Groups will meet during the preceding week at the ICCAT Secretariat (23-27 September 2019).

The Tentative Agendas for the SCRS, the Sub-committee on Statistics and the Species Groups meetings as well as other relevant information are attached herewith.

Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates. This announcement will also be placed on our <u>web site</u>. Documents for general distribution which become available before the meeting will also be placed on the web site.

Funding is available to cover travel and subsistence expenses for a limited number of national scientists from developing coastal States that are Contracting Parties and that can provide information relevant to the meeting objectives. According to the Rules of Procedure for the Administration of the Special Meeting Participation Fund adopted at the 2014 Commission meeting, requests should be received **45 days in advance (8 August for the Species Groups and the Sub-Committee on Statistics and 16 August for the SCRS)** (info@iccat.int). Requests for financial assistance cannot be accepted after that date. All the information related to the ICCAT special funds for participation in ICCAT meetings and capacity building is available on the ICCAT web site. It is highly recommended to visit this web page in advance and to strictly follow the protocols. In particular, it is necessary to fully complete the invitation form including explanations of the expected contribution to the meeting and how it relates to the meeting objectives.

Please inform the Secretariat, as soon as possible, of the names and positions of those persons who will represent your delegation. To facilitate the registration process, an electronic Pre-Registration form is available on our <u>web site</u>.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

Executive Secretor