

### Information on the:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Methods (WPM06) 19–21 October 2015
- 11<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS11) 22 October 2015
- 17<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT17) 23–28 October 2015

### AQUARIUM MARE NOSTRUM Montpellier, France

#### 1. Meetings dates and venue

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The venue of the Working Parties will be:

#### [Aquarium Mare Nostrum](#)

**SEAMAN – Allée Ulysse Odysseum - CS 79561 – 34960 Montpellier Cedex 2 - FRANCE**

#### Map from Montpellier airport to Aquarium and to hotel



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- The meeting venue is in the Odysseum Area
  - Those staying at the Holiday Inn can request information directly from the hotel [contact@hiemontpellier.com](mailto:contact@hiemontpellier.com)
  - For participants staying in other hotels that are not in the vicinity, information can be requested at the desk hotel or on [Montpellier public transport website TAM](#)

## 2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

Administration: Ms Mirose Govinden – [mirose.govinden@iotc.org](mailto:mirose.govinden@iotc.org)

Administration: Ms Hava Yakub – [hava.yakub@iotc.org](mailto:hava.yakub@iotc.org)

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## 3. Registration

Please pre-register online at your earliest convenience on the following sites:

WPM06 : <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/6th-working-party-methods-wpm06>

WPDCS11 : <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/11th-working-party-data-collection-and-statistics-wpdc11>

WPTT17 : <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/17th-working-party-tropical-tunas-wptt17>

Registration for these meetings is essential via the respective meeting pages so as to allow the IOTC Secretariat and meeting host (France) sufficient time to make the necessary administrative arrangements.

Participants are reminded that the final list of participants will be based on information provided at the time of registration.

## 4. Travel arrangements and Transportation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangement and fund the expenses incurred.

### Getting There



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## **By tram**

**Line 1, Odysseum station "Place de France" (1 tram every 15 minutes).**

## **By road**

Motorways A9 (exit 29), or A75: Exit St Jean de Védas, then follow motorway A9 dir. Lyon, exit 29, then, Millénaire.

**GPS details:** Latitude N43.60274° - Longitude E3.91664° - Carrefour de Londres.

## **By train**

10 minutes from Montpellier St Roch railway station.

## **By plane**

1 hour flight from Paris airports to Montpellier airport

30 minutes from Nîmes airport and 10 minutes from Montpellier airport.

**Free parking:** 2 hours only and "drop-off zone"

Cycle park

Accessible to people with reduced mobility

Animals forbidden

## ***From the airport to the hotel and the Mare Nostrum Aquarium***

**By Taxi** : Ask for Mare Nostrum Aquarium or Holiday Inn Express Hotel at Odysseum

**By Bus and Tram** : Take the Airport Shuttle Line Bus n°120 – Stop at the Place de l'Europe – take the tram Line n°1 Direction Odysseum (Stop Station "Place de France")

**Price** : Ticket Bus and Tram = 2.60 €

## **Airport Bus Time Schedule** :

From "Place de l'Europe to Airport": 1 bus every hour from 5:30 a.m to 8:30 p.m.

From "Airport to Place de l'Europe": 1 bus every hour from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m

## **MEETING PARTICIPATION FUND (Developing IOTC Contracting Parties (Members) only):**

The participation of **one representative scientist from developing Members of the IOTC** to the series of three (3) meetings may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund. As we are attempting to minimise travel costs via the MPF, we are aiming to have the one participant from each eligible Contracting Party attend all three meetings. However, if a particular Contracting Party only wants to send a scientist to the WPM or WPTT, and not the other meetings, then this is also possible, providing sufficient funding is available.

As per the Rules of Procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications must be received by the IOTC Secretariat ([secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)) **no later than:**

- WPM06: **4 September 2015**
- WPDCS11: Either in conjunction with the WPM06 or WPTT17 MPF deadline.
- WPTT17: **8 September 2015**

**Applications must include:**

- i) an official nomination letter;
- ii) a detailed abstract of the scientific paper to be presented; and
- iii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

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Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF: <http://iotc.org/documents/indian-ocean-tuna-commission-rules-procedure-2014>.

## 5. Accommodation

Please find below a list of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue in France. All non MPF participants must make their own reservations. The MPF participants will be accommodated at the Holiday Inn Express Montpellier with direct booking and accommodation expenditure (Bed & Breakfast) executed by the IOTC Secretariat.

*A special rate has been negotiated with the Holiday Inn Express Montpellier very close to the meeting room, if booking in this hotel, ask for the AQUARIUM MEETINGS SPECIAL RATE*

[Holiday Inn Express Montpellier](#)

### Aquarium Special Rate

**High season (from 1<sup>er</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> October) :** 85€ standard room

**Low season (from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>th</sup> of March and 16<sup>th</sup> Of October to 31<sup>th</sup> of December) :** 75€ en chambre standard

#### **Breakfast included**

Resort fees : 1 € per person/day

Additional fees of 10 € by night for a second person

## CONTACTS

**For individual booking (from 1 to 9 rooms), please contact desk at +33 (0)4 99 51 61 00 or:**

[contact@hiemontpellier.com](mailto:contact@hiemontpellier.com)

**For group booking (from 10 rooms to more), please contact commercial service at +33 (0)4 99 51 95 14 or: [commercial@hiemontpellier.com](mailto:commercial@hiemontpellier.com)**

Other hotels can be chosen at your convenience in the old center city (about 20 minutes by tram line 1 direction Odysseum to reach the meeting place). The list of hotels below are in order of highest to lowest price.

### **Crowne Plaza -**

[http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/montpellier/mopda/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qIta=99600594&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=12&qSHp=1&qSmP=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb\\_u=1&icdv=99600594&si](http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/montpellier/mopda/hoteldetail?qAdlt=1&qBrs=6c.hi.ex.rs.ic.cp.in.sb.cw.cv.ul.vn&qChld=0&qFRA=1&qGRM=0&qIta=99600594&qPSt=0&qRRSrt=rt&qRef=df&qRms=1&qRpn=1&qRpp=12&qSHp=1&qSmP=3&qSrt=sBR&qWch=0&srb_u=1&icdv=99600594&si)

**Courtyard by Marriott -** <http://www.marriott.com/default.mi>

**Grand Hotel du Midi -** <http://www.grandhoteldumidimontpellier.com/>

**Hotel Mercure Montpellier Centre -** <http://www.mercure.com/fr/hotel-3043-hotel-mercure-montpellier-centre-comedie/index.shtml>

**Ibis Style Centre -** <http://www.ibis.com/fr/hotel-9120-ibis-styles-montpellier-centre-comedie/index.shtml>

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**Hotel de la Comedie** - <http://www.hotel-montpellier-comedie.com/>

**Kyriad Hotel** - <http://www.kyriad-montpelliercentre.fr/>

It is recommended to proceed with your reservation as soon as possible in order to achieve savings on the room price.

## **6. Arrival and entry formalities**

Participants should make their own arrangements for their entry visa in France and it is recommended to do so **as soon as possible**. Failure to initiate VISA arrangements within the next weeks will likely result in a non-issue of a VISA in time for the meeting.

For France assistance with an official invitation letter for the meeting(s), please contact [laurence.Vicens@ird.fr](mailto:laurence.Vicens@ird.fr)

Nationals of many countries are eligible to enter France without a visa unless the purpose of the visit is to reside in France, to obtain employment or to otherwise engage in remunerative activities. Please review the below link for more details on VISA requirements

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/getting-a-visa/>

## **7. Dress code**

The dress code for the meeting is smart casual

## **8. Delegates kit**

All documents and other materials for the Working Party will be available through a WIFI intranet network in the meeting room. It is then necessary for the participants to carry a laptop with WIFI to the meeting with PDF reader software. Moreover, the documents will be available on the IOTC website in advance of the meeting at the following pages:

6<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPM: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/6th-working-party-methods-wpm06>

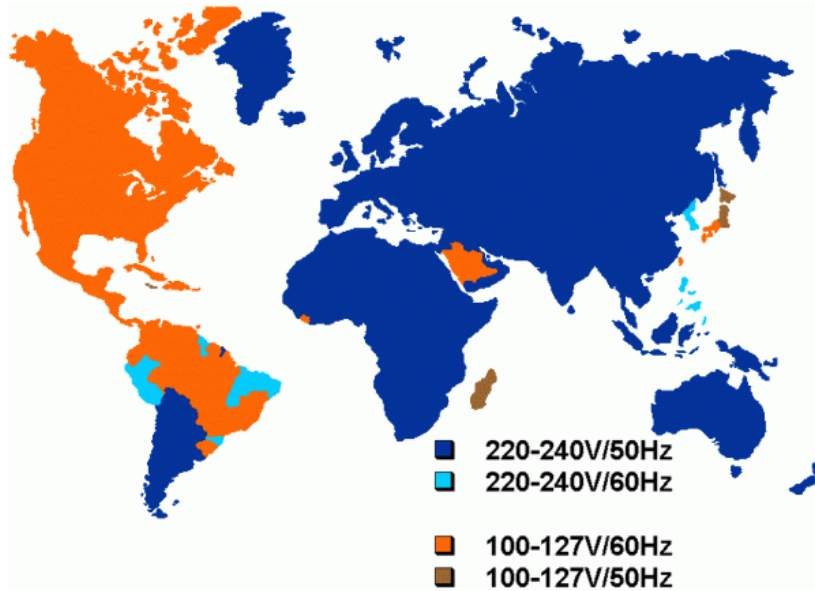
11<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPDCS: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/11th-working-party-data-collection-and-statistics-wpdcsl1>

17<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPTT: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/17th-working-party-tropical-tunas-wptt17>

## **9. Electricity**

The voltage in France is 220V. French electrical plugs have two, non-polarized pins, as shown below.





## Telephone service

### International dialling code

The International dialling code for France is 33 and will allow you to call France from another country. French telephone code 33 is dialled before the number, if the number starts by 0, you should squeeze it unless called from inland. Example from foreign countries +33 467 14 40 92, from France (0)467 10 40 92.

### Mobile services:

There are several cellular service operators in France and they offer SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

- BOUYGUES TELECOM
- FREE Mobile
- ORANGE
- SFR

## 10. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area.

Internet service at hotels and outside the conference area will be at participants' own expense.

## 11. Currency and exchange

The currency in France is EURO (€). To have the current exchange rates please check on:

[XE WEBSITE](#)

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## **12. Tourism**

Information on tourism in Montpellier can be found on the following website:

[Office du Tourisme de Montpellier](#)