



IPHC Memorandum's of Understanding, and Agreements

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PURPOSE

To provide the Commission with an opportunity to consider current MoUs and Agreements between the IPHC and other organisations.

BACKGROUND

At the 2018 session of the IPHC Work Meeting (WM2018), the Commission provided an informal directive to the IPHC Secretariat regarding Memorandum of Understandings, and Agreements with other organisations as follows:

- 1) The IPHC Secretariat is requested to provide a brief paper for the 94th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting that details all current and expired MoUs/Agreements;
- 2) The IPHC Executive Director (or delegate) may sign MOUs or Agreements on behalf of the IPHC, as long as those arrangements are based on the sharing of information for scientific purposes.

DISCUSSION

In reviewing the range of MoUs and Agreements on file at the IPHC Secretariat, it became evident that there were a number that were outdated, expired, or invalid. Efforts will be made over the coming months to determine if MoUs and Agreements in these categories require renewal.

On 20 October 2018, the IPHC Secretariat published a webpage containing all current and previous MoUs and Agreements: <https://iphc.int/the-commission/cooperation-with-other-organisations>. At present there are only three (3) active MoUs and 1 Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Commission:

- a) **NOTE** paper IPHC-2018-IM094-20 which provided the Commission with an opportunity to consider current MoUs and Agreements between the IPHC and other organisations;
- b) **ENDORSE** the current practice whereby the Executive Director is the sole signatory of MoUs and Agreements with other organisations, as long as those arrangements are based on the sharing of information for scientific purposes.

APPENDICES

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