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Subject: BS RAC Science Workshop 6th – 7th May 2009

The BS RAC work programme for the year 2009-2010 has as one of its aims to start a process which leads to improved dialogue between stakeholders and scientists. So I am very pleased to invite you to the BS RAC Science Workshop which will take place at the Hotel Gdynia and the Sea Fisheries Institute (MIR), Kallataja str. 1, in Gdynia.

The meeting will begin on Wednesday 6th May at 17 hrs and will finish no later than 16.30 hrs on Thursday 7th May. Please note that on 6th May it will be at the Hotel Gdynia. The workshop will continue on 7th May at the Sea Fisheries Institute.

The aims of the workshop are:

1. To create a stronger and more accepted base of technical and scientific information related to fisheries.
2. To introduce and develop skills with a designed and facilitated dialogue process that supports a collaborative and open analytical effort, so it is possible to:
 - Identify issues of joint concern.
 - Discern the underlying interests of all stakeholders.
 - Bring the best information into the dialogue.
 - Discover, clarify or create the greatest common gains possible.
 - Make informed choices on what the stakeholders can and cannot agree on.

A brief report on the workshop and its process will be produced. More detailed background to the workshop is attached.

Hotel rooms have been reserved at Hotel Gdynia in Gdynia, The price per night for a single room is PLN 230, plus a city tax of PLN 1,78. There is a charge of € 7 for breakfast. To book a room, please send an e-mail to rez.gdynia@orbis.pl. and use booking nr. 570 and password Baltic Sea RAC.



The cost of travel (economy class) and hotel will be reimbursed to members of the BS RAC (one from each member organisation). We advise you to book flights well in advance of the meeting.

Please confirm your participation at the workshop to Annelise Iversen (ai@bsrac.org) by 24th April 2009 at the latest.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat.

We look forward very much to seeing you at the Workshop.

Kind regards,

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