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SUBJECT: HSPAWS-2023, WSDWS-2023 and SC8 meeting practicalities

Dear colleagues,

Many of you will be soon depart their countries to join us for the upcoming series of meetings that the SIOFA Scientific Committee has planned in Tenerife, Canary Islands, or preparing to attend the virtual meetings.

I'd like to take this chance to provide you with practical information for your attendance, whether virtual or in presence, that I'm sure will be very useful over the next days.

With the occasion, I extend our thanks to the European Union for their support of the meeting organisation costs.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tenerife (or virtually)

Sincerely yours,

Alistair Dunn

SIOFA Scientific Committee Chair

Daily bus transport from Santa Cruz de Tenerife to the Instituto Español de Oceanografía (meeting venue)

For those of you joining us in Tenerife, SIOFA has arranged a daily bus transport from the city of Santa Cruz de Tenerife to the meeting venue. The bus will run on each of the meeting days, including those of the Workshops.

The bus will depart at **8:30 from Santa Cruz**, and then depart **from the meeting venue at 17:45**.

Please be at the bus stop on time, as the bus will leave according to the timetable. The trip time should be about 15 minutes.

The bus will depart from Santa Cruz at this specific location (and return to the same location), which is within easy walking distance of any hotel in town.



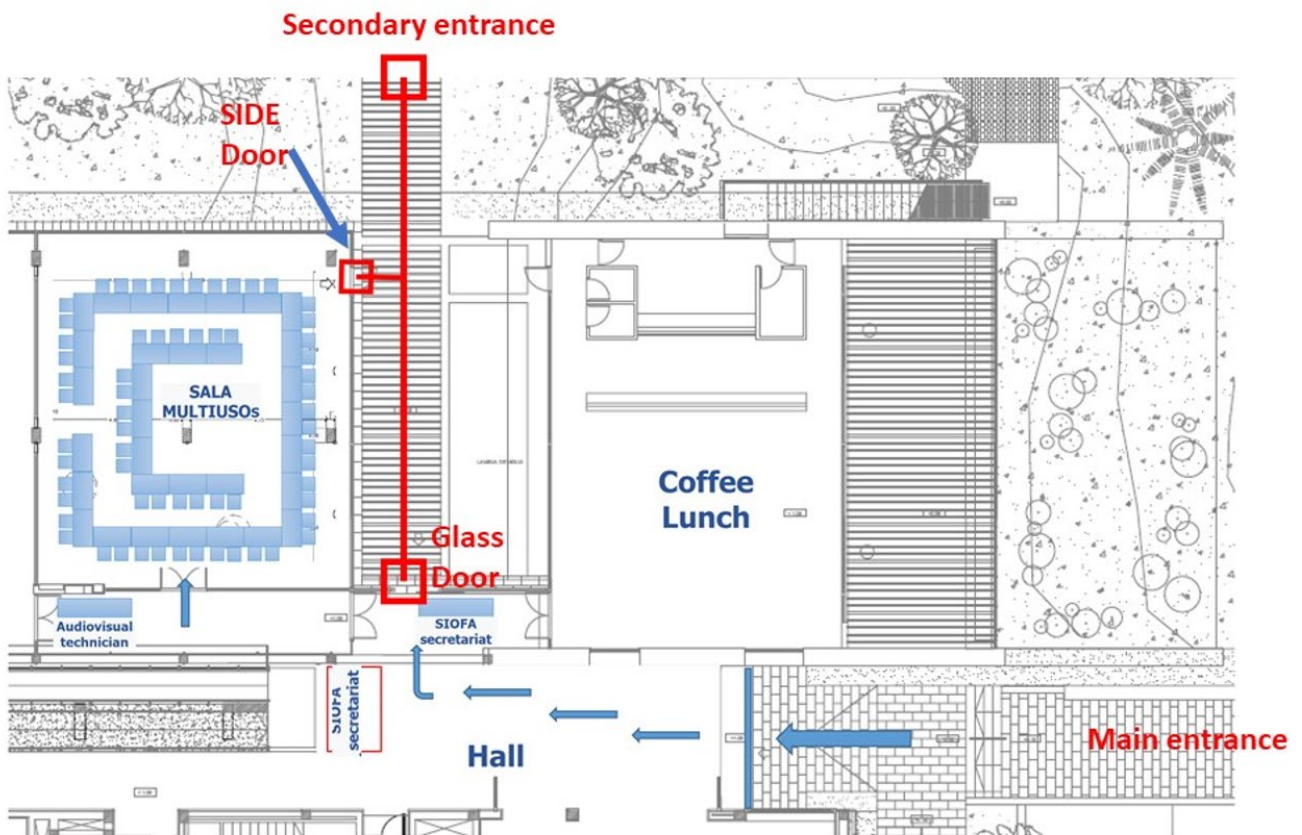
The following QR code can be read with your smartphone and will automatically point to the location of the bus stop on Google Maps.



If you miss the bus connection, you will be responsible for arranging your own transportation. Both public transport and taxis are available on the island.

Bus line 910 runs between Santa Cruz and the meeting venue, with a bus stop within walking distance of the Institute, and can be taken on the other side of the road (bus stop Hacienda).

Registrations and meeting welcome package



At the beginning of each of the meetings SIOFA will be welcoming you and confirming your registration. Once you arrive at the meeting venue, please seek out the SIOFA table just outside of the meeting room and make sure your registration is confirmed.

Each of the registered participants will receive a badge and a welcome package.

Catering during the meetings

Catering will be provided for you on each of the meeting days.

This will include two coffee breaks per day (one in the morning 10:30–11:00 and one in the afternoon 15:30-16:00) as well as lunch (12:30-14:00).

The menu of our coffee breaks and lunches will include different options, attempting to cater to different diets and potential allergies. All dishes should be clearly indicated and labelled, but please coordinate with the catering staff if you have any question or special dietary needs.

Virtual participation to the workshop

For those of you who are not able to join us physically, the meetings are open also for virtual attendance. We have created three separate links for each of the meetings, and allocated a buffer of 30 minutes around the meeting times to allow for people to join in time.

Workshop on harvest strategy pre-assessment (WSHSPA-2023)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86779637723?pwd=bXhEcFVnNW1Oc1FyOWZROEdUdkpEQT09>

Workshop on deepwater sharks in the SIOFA Area (WSDWS-2023)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86917436746?pwd=NXJqZkZlWUpaTTN3OWg2YmtEa2dZUT09>

8th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC8)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86334670581?pwd=allwcUZKQStFZC9CTzlqcVVFec93QT09>

The participants that have been registered as attending virtually will receive these links as meeting invitations in their emails.

Please note that the virtual meeting attendance is restricted to registered participants. The SIOFA Secretariat will regulate access to the virtual meeting room.

Should you have any issues joining the virtual meeting, please contact the SIOFA Data Officer, Mr Pierre Peries (pierre.peries@siofa.org).

One day conference trip to La Laguna and El Teide, 19th March

On Sunday 19th of March, between the Harvest Strategy Pre-Assessment and the Deepwater Shark Workshops SIOFA has organized a day excursion/conference trip for anyone that is physically present on the island at that time.

Please confirm your participation to the Secretariat staff on the day before the excursion, or via email if you are not yet on the island for the first workshop.

The bus will leave from the same location as during the meeting days (see the first section of the circular), at 9.30 in the morning, and take us to La Laguna for a quick tour, before heading up to Las Cañadas del Teide, the largest volcano on the island and an absolute must-see for anyone visiting Tenerife.

Lunch will be provided to all the excursion participants.

An English-speaking guide will assist us during the whole trip.

We will be **back to Santa Cruz around 18.00**, hopefully ready and relaxed to take on the rest of our meetings.

Meeting dinner event, 25th March

On the evening of Saturday 25th of March SIOFA will invite all participants to a dinner event. Please kindly confirm your participation to the Secretariat staff on the day before the event.

The dinner event will **start at 20.00**, at the **restaurant Nielsen, in Santa Cruz de Tenerife**. This restaurant is located in the center of Santa Cruz (Cjón. del Combate 9), walking distance from any hotel in town.

The following QR code can be read with your smartphone and will automatically point to the location of the restaurant on Google Maps.



The dinner will be offered by the meeting organization, supported by the EU.

During the dinner event we will also be announcing a new initiative to recognize the continued contribution of our members to the SIOFA scientific community.