



Circular Communication to Members of the Scientific Committee
and Invited Participants
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**Arrangements for the Scientific Committee Meeting, 24 April-6 May 2023
and associated meetings**

The next Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee (SC69A) will take place in person, from Monday 24 April – Saturday 6 May 2023, at the Hotel Rikli Balance, Bled, Slovenia. Monday 24 April will be dedicated to Plenary sessions. Sub-committees will meet from Tuesday 25 April – Tuesday 2 May. Wednesday 3 May will be for compiling reports. The final three days (Thursday 4 May - Saturday 6 May) will be used for Plenary business. The Joint CC-SC Working group will meet on the afternoon of Sunday 7 May.

Provision for the following pre-meetings has been made during the period 21 – 23 April at the same venue:

- A three day pre-meeting of the Abundance Steering Group, for additional information, please contact: Geof Givens, geof@geofgivens.com
- A workshop to review topics related to spatial risk assessment for Hector's and Maui dolphins in New Zealand, for additional information, please contact: Iain Staniland, Iain.staniland@iwc.int

Further information on these pre-meetings will be issued shortly.

Visas

We encourage all delegates who require a visa to start their process as early as possible. Information on the visa process is available on the IWC website [here](#). To receive an invitation from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia, the applicants needing a Schengen visa must write to the [IWC Secretariat](#) and provide the following information (name, address, nationality, affiliation, date of birth, passport number).

The deadline for registration for applicants needing a Schengen visa is **24 February 2023**. Should you have any difficulties in obtaining a visa, please contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Consular Department, at the following e-mail: iwc.mzz@gov.si

Accommodation

The following accommodation options have been negotiated for participants:

Prices per room per day, bed and breakfast

	Single use Standard room	Single use Lake view room	Double use Standard room	Double use Lake view room
Rikli Balance Hotel 4* ^{superior}	148 EUR	168 EUR	166 EUR	198 EUR
Hotel Park 4*	133 EUR	158 EUR	148 EUR	176 EUR

The prices include:

Rikli Balance Hotel: bed & breakfast, wireless internet access, use of the swimming pool, VAT.

Hotel Park: bed & breakfast, wireless internet access, use of the swimming pool, VAT.

Obligatory surcharges: tourist tax (3,13 EUR per pers. per day) and admin. fee (1,00 EUR per pers. per check-in)

PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM THROUGH DIRECT LINK TO ON-LINE BOOKING:

Rikli Balance Hotel: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77257?groupID=3784799&adults=1>

Hotel Park: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/77251?groupID=3784786&adults=1>

This information is also available on the [SC69A website](#) which will be updated as new information becomes available. Further information including registration details will be available shortly.



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