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**Arrangements for the Scientific Committee Meeting, 22 April-3 May 2024
and associated meetings**

The next Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee (SC69B) will take place in person, from Monday 22 April – 3 May 2024, at the Hotel Rikli Balance, Bled, Slovenia. Monday 22 April will be dedicated to Plenary sessions and discussions on the Southern Ocean Sanctuary review. Sub-committees will meet from Tuesday 23 to Monday 29 April. Tuesday 30 April will be for compiling reports and the final three days (1-3 May) will be used to complete Plenary business.

Provision for the following pre-meetings has been made during the period 19-21 April at the same venue:

- A 3-day pre-meeting on Southern Hemisphere Right Whales, for additional information, please contact: Els Vermeulen or Ken Findlay
- A meeting of the Abundance Steering Group (ASG) contact: Geof Givens or Leslie New.

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](#). 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 contact 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 **the end of February 2024**. 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: konzularne-zadeve.mzz@gov.si.

This information is also available on the [SC69B website](#) which will be updated as new information becomes available. Further information including hotel booking and online registration details will be available shortly.



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