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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 – Friday 3 May 2024, at the Hotel Rikli Balance, Bled, Slovenia. Monday 22 April will be dedicated to Plenary sessions. Sub-committees will meet from Tuesday 23 April – Monday 29 April. Tuesday 30 April will be for compiling reports. The final three days (Wednesday 1 May – Friday 3 May) will be used for Plenary business.

Provision for the following pre-meetings has been made during the period 20-21 April at the same venue:

- A 2-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.

Please note that there will be a review of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary with details to follow.

Registration

We are pleased to announce that online registration for SC69B is now open.

Delegates are urged to register [here](#) as soon as possible in order to gain access to meeting materials and receive notifications of intersessional meetings and other SC meeting information. Once registration has been completed and approved, you must provide a passport-sized photo (*jpg* or *png*) to the [Secretariat](#) in order to receive your ID badge. Confirmation of registration approval will be sent by email to the address you provide during registration. Only those who have an approved registration will gain access to the meeting online resources and will be able to attend the meeting in-person.

Please note that failure to provide a photo before the meeting will result in delays when collecting your badge at onsite registration.

For technical assistance with the online registration process please contact it.support@iwc.int. For general enquires on meeting attendance, please contact secretariat@iwc.int.

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}	158 EUR	179 EUR	178 EUR	212 EUR
Hotel Park 4*	146 EUR	173 EUR	162 EUR	194 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 [HERE](#)

Visas

We encourage all delegates who require a visa to start their process as early as possible.

To receive an invitation from the IWC, the applicants requiring a visa must write to the [IWC Secretariat](#) and provide the following information (name, address, nationality, affiliation, date of birth, passport number). The Foreign Ministry in Slovenia can, in parallel, share those invitations with their Embassies abroad to assist the visa application. The deadline for registration for applicants requiring a visa is **24 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.



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