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40th MEETING OF THE FIG/IHO/ICA INTERNATIONAL BOARD ON STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYORS AND NAUTICAL CARTOGRAPHERS (IBSC40)

Wellington, New Zealand, 20-31 March 2017

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

1. The IBSC40 meeting will be hosted by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) in Wellington, New Zealand, from 20 to 31 March 2017.
2. The Programmes submitted for recognition will be reviewed by the IBSC from 20 to 27 March and the submitting organizations will be communicated on their individual schedules for presenting the submissions before the Board. From 28 to 31 the Board will work on evaluate requests for extension of recognition; discuss policy improvements to the existing IBSC procedures and analyze new technologies and trends for the maintenance of the Standards of Competence for Hydrographic Surveyors and Nautical Cartographers.
3. IBSC40 will be held in the Chancellor 5 room at the James Cook Grand Chancellor hotel, 147 The Terrace, Wellington. Delegates from submitting organizations are invited to duly complete the registration form provided in the Annex. **The deadline for submission is 20 February 2017.**

Accommodation in New Zealand

4. Special accommodation rates at the [James Cook Grand Chancellor hotel](http://www.jamescookhotel.co.nz), of NZ\$190 have been negotiated for the duration of the meeting, should delegates wish to stay there. Delegates are invited to book with the hotel directly at groups@jamescookhotel.co.nz using the code “**229361 IBSC40**”. Rates quoted are per room, per night on a single occupancy. All rooms and rates are subject to availability. If you have any questions regarding to accommodation, please feel free to contact the reservation supervisor on +64 (4) 495 0279.

5. A variety of other hotels are available in Wellington and delegates are invited to organize their booking at their earliest convenience. Accommodation in the Wellington CBD is within easy walking distance.

Transportation to and from Airport

6. Wellington is located at southern end of the North Island. The [Wellington Airport](#) is 7.5km from the venue. Transport (wellingtonairport.co.nz/parking-and-transport/) is at delegates' own expenses.

General Information

7. New Zealand's capital city is nestled between rolling hills and a stunning harbor, and has a vibrant and compact downtown area that's best explored on foot.



In Wellington you'll discover an amazing range of cafes, art galleries, theatres, attractions and a humming nightlife (wellingtonnz.com). Access to the city via Lambton Quay is easy using the public lifts at the back of the James Cook Chancellor.

In autumn the weather gets cooler (average daily max: 16.5°C / min: 11°C), but the skies remain relatively cloud-free. March is, on average, the clearest month of the year in terms of cloud cover; having the ocean nearby prevents the temperature from dropping away too quickly, and our summers are often said to have a 'long tail'. It's also true that at certain times of year the wind can get a little wild; having said that, Wellington has an average wind speed of 22kmh — the same as New York's.

Visa requirements

8. Depending on your nationality, and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to enter New Zealand. We urge you to check visa requirements with your travel agent or at the Immigration New Zealand website (immigration.govt.nz) at your earliest convenience. If you require any assistance, or a letter of invitation, please liaise with the local organizer below.

Contact details

9. The point of contact regarding the conferences details, more particularly logistical, visa and accommodation assistance are provided hereafter:

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