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## **International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology (ISWE)**

### **8<sup>th</sup> ISWE Conference**

**Riverview Retreat, Corbett National Park Dhikuli**

**6 – 10 November 2023**

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The International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology is a non-profit organization that provides a forum for collaboration and information exchange to advance the science of wildlife endocrinology. Our members develop and apply innovative approaches to study wildlife health, reproduction, welfare, and conservation.

During this conference, graciously hosted by Ahmedabad University, Center for Cellular & Molecular Biology, and Wildlife Institute of India, we will hear about projects that focus on animal reproduction function, integrative animal health, and biomarkers of physiologic stress. We will learn about innovative techniques and how wildlife endocrinology is applied in a wide variety of ways, including those species in which long-term studies have yielded significant impacts on wildlife conservation.

Presentations will include two plenary talks, oral presentations selected from the best submitted abstracts, an evening poster session complete with complimentary snacks and beverages, and even a Mentor-Mentee Trivia Night!

Registration covers an ice-breaker dinner, lunch and tea for breaks for all three conference days, snacks and drinks during the poster session, transportation from the Delhi airport to the conference venue, if needed, and a cultural evening dinner!

Conference activities will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November with an invite-only board meeting beginning first thing in the morning, and an ice-breaker dinner in the evening for all attendees. Scientific content will be scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> of November. No conference activities are scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> of November (departure day).

For the 8<sup>th</sup> ISWE conference, we have also added the option to attend the conference virtually. People registering for virtual attendance cannot participate actively in the conference (e.g. no opportunity to present own research), but they will be able to attend the scientific program (with exclusion of the poster session) of the conference live, or watch recorded talks after-the-fact that will be posted to the conference website.



**IN PERSON REGISTRATION RATES**

**Important! Please make sure to book your lodging prior to registration! (See below)**

**LOG IN AS A MEMBER ON THE WEBSITE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION!!!! (if not, you will be charged the non-member registration fee)**

ISWE Members get a special reduced registration rate, **please confirm that you are logged in** if you are a member prior to registering to access this rate.

In person conference registration and lodging costs include but are not limited to all breakfasts, lunches, and coffee/tea break snacks, two full dinners, evening poster session snacks and drinks, a shuttle to and from Riverview Retreat in Jim Corbett from Delhi airport (a ~7-hour drive), and a conference bag.

Any accompanying persons to conference registrants will require an additional \$20 USD per event night per person **at the time of registration** (e.g. ice-breaker dinner & cultural program dinner), if they wish to attend. However, the shuttle service will be kindly provided free of charge, by ISWE, for accompanying persons, although number of individuals requiring shuttle transport will need to be provided, see below section Travel Information.

**New conditions dd. 230712**

<b>Early registration (until July 31, 2023)</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ISWE Members	\$350 USD (INR 28822)
Non-members	\$525 USD (INR 43232)

<b>Late registration (after July 31, 2023)</b>	<b>Rate</b>
ISWE Members	\$450 USD (INR 37056)
Non-members	\$625 USD (INR 51467)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Registration opens:  
May, 2023

Early registration ends:  
July 31, 2023

Registration closes:  
September 30, 2023

*\*Exchange rate: ~82.35 Indian Rupee = 1 US Dollar (check online for most up-to-date exchange rate)*

## STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

Graduate and postdoctoral students with outstanding contributions can apply for a travel grant (n=3) to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology, to cover the costs of airfare and lodging up to a total of INR 123521 (\$1,500).

To apply, complete the **Travel Grant Application** available through the link on our conference webpage: <https://www.iswe-endo.org/conference/>, and send your **application** and a copy of your **abstract** to: [lara.metrione@sezarc.com](mailto:lara.metrione@sezarc.com).

### IMPORTANT DATE

Deadline for travel grant requests:  
June 22, 2023

## VIRTUAL REGISTRATION RATES

Registration type	Rate
Student	\$30
ISWE member	\$60
Non-member	\$100

Virtual registration includes access to live presentations, or posted recordings to be watched at your convenience, as well as all chat features and materials available to conference attendees during and after the event.

## ACCOMMODATION AND RATES

**Important! Please make sure to book your lodging prior to registration!**

Our conference venue, The Riverview Retreat, Corbett, also provides accommodation.

Address: Riverview Retreat, Corbett National Park, Zero Garjia, Dhikuli, Ramnagar, Nainital, Uttarakhand 244715, India; +91 59 4728 4135

**Remark: new conditions dd. 23.05.23.**

**Book your safaris together with your lodging!**

Booking your lodging needs to happen **PRIOR** to registration, as you will be required to enter your lodging invoice number on your online conference registration form.

Options	Rate per room per night
Superior Cottage – king size bed, details below (1 person)	8849 INR (~\$108 USD)
Superior Cottage – king size bed, details below (2 persons) <sup>a</sup>	8849 INR (~\$108 USD)
Family suite – king size bed, details below (2 persons) <sup>b</sup>	8849 INR (~\$108 USD)

<sup>a</sup>A third person can be added to the room (mattress or bed (depending on availability) & breakfast) for 3000 INR extra

<sup>b</sup>A third, sometimes fourth person (see below) can be added to the room (mattress or bed (depending on availability) & breakfast) for 3000 INR extra per person

For children, those up to 5 years of age are free, 5- to 12-year-olds are 50% of adult cost, and above 12 years old are considered adults.

Only 2 types of rooms are available for the conference: Superior cottages and family suites; the latter can be upgraded to 4-person rooms (1 king size bed + 2 single beds) on request (Family Duplex), but only limited rooms of this category are available). **Do not ask for other room types that may be available on the website.**

[Superior Cottage details](#)



[Family Suite details](#)



Follow the workflow specified below for booking:

1. **Email:** [rishab.raj@leisurehotels.in](mailto:rishab.raj@leisurehotels.in)  
**cc:** [sales.coordinator@leisurehotels.in](mailto:sales.coordinator@leisurehotels.in)

**IMPORTANT DATE**  
Deadline for guaranteed accommodation  
in reserved room block:  
August 31, 2023

**Subject line:** Riverview retreat\_Wildlife endocrinology conference booking/ **INSERT YOUR NAME**

**PLEASE STICK TO THE SAME SUBJECT LINE THROUGHOUT YOUR RESERVATION AND KEEP ALL PEOPLE CC'D BY THE RETREAT CC'D IN EVERY COMMUNICATION.**

**Email body:** I would like to reserve lodging of **NUMBER OF ROOM TYPE** for **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** from **DATE** to **DATE**.

**If appropriate:** add a line on the safari(s) you would like to book (see details below), and with how many people. You may also indicate which day(s) you prefer for your safari(s), however, the venue will schedule in such a way that a maximum number of participants can take part in both safari(s).

2. Next, wait for response of Mr. Rishab, representative of Leisure hotels. He will send you a confirmation of your bookings and a link or form for payment (*\*Please note that there is no obligation to fill in your CVC number e.g. security code on the form\**), and will provide you with the correct payment details (amount to be charged, etc.).  
Mr. Rishab will also request you to fill in an excel list with your passport details. This is mandatory for all international guests to document their room bookings, as well as safaris.

3. After a successful payment, you will receive an email containing your invoice – enter the invoice number into the conference registration form: <https://www.iswe-endo.org/conference/registration/>

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Update 23.06.19

For international attendees, arrive **Delhi International Airport (DEL) (Indira Gandhi International Airport)**.



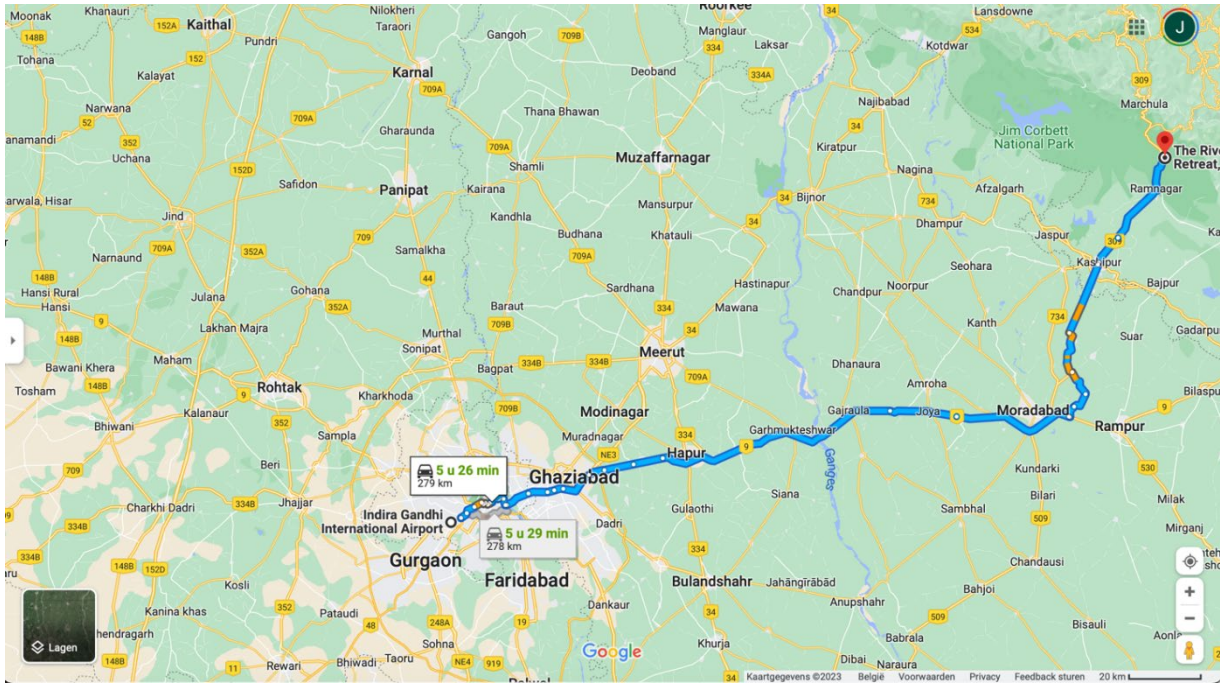
To travel from Delhi to the conference venue, we recommend you reserve our complimentary shuttles to reach the conference center in Riverview Retreat. The travel will take approximately 7 hours, taking average traffic volume into account when crossing Delhi city. To reserve space on a shuttle, send your flight information (flight numbers, arrival and departure times) and the names and IDs (passport numbers, including yours) of potential accompanying persons to Jella Wauters: [wauters@izw-berlin.de](mailto:wauters@izw-berlin.de). Details will be conveyed via email.

**For accompanying persons, 25 dollar per person one-way** will be charged. We will communicate later on the payment procedure.

Shuttles will be scheduled from Delhi Airport to the Jim Corbett National Park on 5<sup>th</sup> of November (for board members, and if necessary, early arriving participants) and 6<sup>th</sup> of November, and from the Jim Corbett National Park to Delhi Airport exclusively on 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Transportation alternative days will need to be booked independently by the attendee.

We strongly **discourage** the use of **own transportation** (e.g. rental cars, trains to the accommodation), because of concerns due to high wildlife zones in and around Corbett, and high inflow/outflow of traffic as Delhi is one of the main commercial hubs of the country.





**OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Update dd. 230602.**

These activities need to be booked together with lodging. Requests for booking safaris are due not later than 2 months before the event.

Description	Date(s) and Time	Price
<p><b><u>Bijrani Jeep safari:</u></b> (Price <b>per Jeep</b>; 1 Jeep = 6 persons; 2 hours)            Guests are taken to the buffer zone of the park by Jeep. Indemnity form needs to be filled in and signed.</p>	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> (5.30-9.30 AM)	<p><b><i>Internationals:</i></b>            INR 10000            (6 persons;            ~\$120 USD)  <b><i>Nationals:</i></b>            INR 7000</p>
<p><b><u>Jhirna Jeep safari:</u></b> (Price <b>per Jeep</b>; 1 Jeep = 6 persons; 2 hours)            Guests are taken to the Southern part of the park by Jeeps. Indemnity form needs to be filled in and signed.</p>	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> (5.30-9.30 AM)	<p><b><i>Internationals:</i></b>            INR 10000            (6 persons;            ~\$120 USD)  <b><i>Nationals:</i></b>            INR 7000</p>

Accompanying persons who are not tied to the conference program, can inform themselves about additional activities via following links:

<https://www.leisurehotels.co.in/the-river-view-retreat-corbett-resort/experiences-activities/outdoor-experiences.html>

<https://www.leisurehotels.co.in/the-river-view-retreat-corbett-resort/experiences-activities/adventure-activities-in-corbett.html>

## VARIA

### Update dd. 230822

1. COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION: While participating in the 8th ISWE Conference held in Jim Corbett National Park in India, consistent with CDC guidelines, participants are encouraged to practice hand hygiene, social distancing, and wear face coverings to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious, ISWE cannot guarantee that conference attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Individuals should not attend the 8th ISWE Conference who currently or within the past (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by local public health authorities, or believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. Registration is non-refundable in the event that participants are unable to travel/attend due to COVID-19 or other illness. All those registering for the 8th ISWE Conference are encouraged to take travel insurance, if available.
2. CDC recommended medications and vaccines for travel to India - <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/india>
3. All attendees travelling internationally to India should apply for an eConference visa using instructions emailed to the address provided during registration. If you have registered for the conference and not received these instructions, please email Diana Koester ([dck@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:dck@clevelandmetroparks.com)) and Jella Wauters ([wauters@izw-berlin.de](mailto:wauters@izw-berlin.de)).