

22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Arachnology  
Intendencia de Montevideo, Montevideo, Uruguay  
5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
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## FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Colleagues,



The International Society of Arachnology invites you to the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Arachnology to be held at Montevideo, Uruguay.



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### Welcome to Uruguay

Uruguay is a peaceful and open-minded small country located in South America, between Argentina and Brazil. It is one of the smallest countries of the region, with approximately 3 million inhabitants. Our country is internationally recognized because of the beauty of the beaches, soccer and kindness of the people.

### **The Venue: Montevideo, city of diversity**

Montevideo was founded in December 1726 and it is the capital city. It will host the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Arachnology. Small, vibrant and with immeasurable cultural richness, it has different facets where industry merges with the commercial area, within an historical and Neoclassical European architecture.

The city has the longest ‘rambla’ in the world, with more than 22 kilometers surrounding the coastline of the Rio de la Plata. The old district offers multiple and valuable cultural and historical attractions with a variety of restaurants to taste the typical food and drinks of the region.



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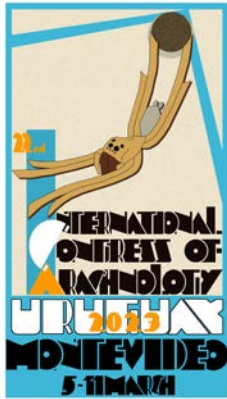
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### The logo

Designed by arachnologists Carlos Perafán and Álvaro Laborda the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Arachnology Congress logo is inspired in the poster of the First World Soccer Championship, which occurred in Uruguay in 1930.

The Uruguayan artist Guillermo Laborde designed the original poster in art déco style.

### The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Arachnology

The congress will take place at the Intendencia de Montevideo, located at downtown Montevideo, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Attendees will be welcomed on their arrival at an evening social gathering on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will be having four **Plenary talks** and **Young Arachnologists' invited lectures**.

We will be having two **Invited Symposia**:

**'Tribute to Norman I. Platnick'** (Organizers: Gustavo Hormiga & Martín Ramírez)

**'Women in Arachnology: understanding the gender bias'** (Organizers: SWA; Ana Lúcia Tourinho, Nancy Lo-Man-Hung, Cibele Bragagnolo, Lina M. Almeida-Silva & Amanda Cruz Mendes)

With this circular we also open the possibility for Symposia and Short-courses proposals. The congress dinner will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and the mid-congress excursion on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are planning special activities for 8<sup>th</sup> March morning, related with the International Women's Day.

Attendees should plan to depart on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, except those planning on either on attending the post-congress excursion or staying on and visiting Uruguay.



## Plenary speakers



### **Prof. Maydianne Andrade**

FRCGS, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada

Tentative title: Control, context, and choosiness: Flipping the lens to see female tactics in widow spiders



### **Prof. Gustavo Hormiga**

Ruth Weintraub Professor of Biology, Department of Biological Sciences, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and Research Associate Museum of Comparative Zoology (Harvard University), California, Academy of Sciences (San Francisco) and American Museum of Natural History (New York), USA

**Tentative title:** The evolution of the orb-weaving spiders: a systematist's perspective



### **Dr. Abel Pérez González**

Investigador Independiente CONICET, Curador asociado de la Colección Nacional de Aracnología, División Aracnología, Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales "Bernardino Rivadavia", Argentina

Tentative title: Genitalic evolution in Opiliones and its importance in the systematic of Laniatores



### **Prof. Maria Elena de Lima Perez Garcia**

Faculdade Santa Casa de Belo Horizonte, Programa de Pós Graduação em Medicina-Biomedicina, Brazil.

Tentative title: Mining new potential therapeutic drugs in spider venoms

## **Call for Symposia and Short-courses**

We invite proposals of symposia and short courses for the 2023 ICA Meeting. Symposia should be of general interest and should have duration of 90 minutes (up to 5 speakers, each one of 15 min plus 5 min of discussion).

Short-courses should be planned to occur between Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and they can last from 1 to 4 days long. Proposals should include the name of the coordinator, a tentative program, time-schedule and maximum participants' quota.

Symposia and Short-courses should have one or more coordinators, usually the person or people who suggested the theme. The coordinator/s will be responsible for inviting speakers (in the case of symposia) and communication with the organizing committee.

Please send your suggestions to **22ica.uy@gmail.com** including the subject lines: Symposium proposal or Short-course, before **26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

## **Accommodation**

The congress will be held at the Intendencia de Montevideo that is located in downtown. There are many options of accommodations near the congress venue. We suggest some options to consider depending on your budget:

### ***Hotels***

Hotel America (40 USD, single room)

<http://www.hotelamerica.com.uy/inicio/es>

Crystal Tower Hotel (50 USD, single room)

<https://crystaltowerhotel.com.uy/rooms-list.html>

Ibis Montevideo Rambla (52 USD, single room)

[https://all.accor.com/hotel/3539/index.es.shtml?utm\\_campaign=seo+maps&utm\\_medium=seo+maps&utm\\_source=google+Maps](https://all.accor.com/hotel/3539/index.es.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps)

### ***Hostels***

Students hostel (dormitory rooms from 19 USD)

<http://www.studentshostel.com.uy/>

### ***Airbnb (apartments and rooms)***

<https://es-l.airbnb.com/montevideo-uruguay/stays>

### ***Booking (hotel reservations in Montevideo)***

<https://www.booking.com/city/uy/montevideo.es.html>

### **Getting to Uruguay**

Most international airlines fly to Montevideo Carrasco Airport (MVD), located approximately 12 kilometers from Montevideo. Direct flights arrive daily from Europe, United States and the Caribbean region, as well as connections from Sao Paulo, Santiago or Buenos Aires airports. Taxis, buses and shuttle services are available from the airport to downtown.

Direct daily ferry connections depart from Buenos Aires to Montevideo port or from Buenos Aires to Colonia connecting by bus to Montevideo. There is also good connection with the region through bus companies that get to 'Terminal Tres Cruces', located at midtown Montevideo.

Requirements for visiting Uruguay > <https://turismo.gub.uy/index.php/en/entry-requirements-and-paperwork>

### **Collection in Uruguay**

The law 9481 and ordinance 164/996 protect Uruguayan fauna. Scientific collection and exportation of specimens is regulated by the 'Dirección Nacional de Biodiversidad y Servicios Ecosistémicos (DINABISE), Ministerio de Ambiente, Uruguay'.

For obtaining permits for collection and exportation of specimens in Uruguay you require to complete an application form at:

<https://bpmgob.ambiente.gub.uy/tramites/disponibles>

You need to register at the web of Presidencia de la República and follow the next steps for initiating the formal procedure:

1. Go to 'Solicitud de Permiso de Colecta Científica' (Application to Permit for Scientific Collection).
2. Complete the section 'Certificados de Importación / Exportación de Fauna' (Certificates of Importation / Exportation of Fauna).
3. Once you finalized the previous steps, write an email to Dr. Claudia Elizondo (Email: [claudia.elizondo@ambiente.gub.uy](mailto:claudia.elizondo@ambiente.gub.uy)) indicating you completed the form online.

If you plan to collect before or after the Congress, we recommend applying for the permit as soon as possible. Additionally, for collecting specimens in Protected Areas of Uruguay you should email your request to Sebastián Horta from Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas, to [shorta06@gmail.com](mailto:shorta06@gmail.com)

**Attention: Pre-registration form**

If you plan attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> ICA in Montevideo, Uruguay, please fill in the pre-registration form at:

<https://forms.gle/abBBaSbKiE1woBPy8>

**Coming soon!!!**

In the **Second Circular** we will share information about registration, abstract submission, congress program, grants, excursions for attendees and accompanying persons, and exciting activities we are planning to make this 22<sup>nd</sup> International Arachnology Congress deeply memorable.

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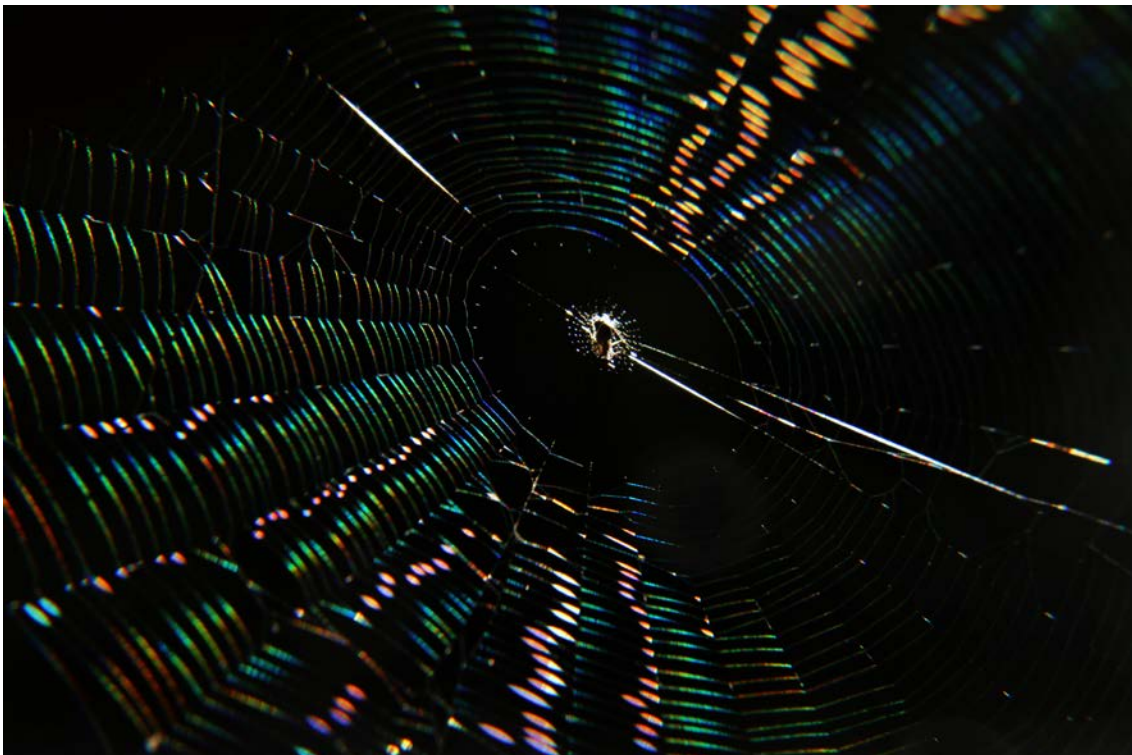


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