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We have several news and updates to share with you. Hopefully by now you have decided to come to the 22nd International Congress of Arachnology in Uruguay. Time has come to register and start booking your accommodation!

Welcome to Montevideo (Photo: M. Casacuberta)
Our event has already received institutional support by the Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable (MEC), Facultad de Ciencias (UdelaR) and Sociedad Zoológica del Uruguay. The event has been declared of national interest by Presidencia de la República, and ministerial interest by Ministerio de Educación y Cultura, Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca, Ministerio de Ambiente, and Ministerio de Salud Pública.

**Plenary Speakers**

We are so pleased to announce our confirmed four keynote speakers: **Maydianne Andrade** (University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada), **Maria Elena De Lima Perez Garcia** (Faculdade Santa Casa de Belo Horizonte, Programa de Pós Graduação em Medicina-Biomedicina, Brazil), **Gustavo Hormiga** (The George Washington University, Harvard University, Academy of Sciences & American Museum of Natural History, USA), and **Abel Pérez González** (Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales Bernardino Rivadavia, Argentina).

* Mastophora catarina (Photo: D. Hagopian)
Symposia and Pre-congress workshops

We will be enjoying the following five symposia:

1. **Tribute to Norman I. Platnick** (Coordinators: Gustavo Hormiga and Martín Ramírez)

2. **Women in Arachnology: understanding the gender bias**
   (Coordinators: Support Woman in Arachnology (SWA), Ana Lúcia Tourinho, Nancy Lo-Man-Hung, Cibele Bragagnolo, Lina M Almeida-Silva and Amanda Cruz Mendes)

3. **Solifugae: current knowledge and future directions**
   (Coordinators: David Vrech and Paula Cushing)

4. **Social Spiders** (Coordinator: Carmen Viera)

5. **Advances in the role of spiders in agroecosystems** (Coordinators: Luis Fernando García and Stano Pekár)

   We will also have two Pre-congress workshops:

1. **‘Updating the guidelines for arachnological papers in Zootaxa’**
   (Coordinators: Christoph Muster and Peter Jäger), open to past and current Arachnida Editors of Zootaxa.

2. **‘Recognizing and Interrupting Unconscious Bias in STEM’**
   (Coordinator: Maydianne Andrade), 5th March, from 9:00 to 13:00 hours at the Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas Clemente Estable (IIBCE). Registrations: 22ica.uy@gmail.com including in the subject: STEM workshop. Limited quotas (up to 50)
Registration and Abstract submission

Deadline for Abstract submission: 16th November 2022
Deadline for Early bird registration: 30th November 2022
Deadline for Late registration: 30th January 2023

Congress fees (in American dollars)*

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* The evening reception, coffee-breaks, mid-congress excursion and the evening banquet are included in the congress fees. Water bottle, pen, notebook, and sticker with the logo, are also included in the fee.
For payment:
- Go through the Paypal platform with the following link:
  paypal.me/arachuy
- Or you can transfer your payment by Western Union to:
  **Name:** Valeria Daiana Rodriguez Ramón  
  **Destiny:** Uruguay  
  **City:** Montevideo
In both cases, please send an email to tesoreria22ica@gmail.com including your transaction number.
All attendants should also complete the registration form:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLozHZ14_Z2JeE_48y8oYufjISWPgiuph4dKZoMYknV103OQ/viewform

**Abstract guidelines and submission**
Abstracts should be submitted with the registration form through the link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLozHZ14_Z2JeE_48y8oYufjISWPgiuph4dKZoMYknV103OQ/viewform

At least one of the authors should have paid the congress fee when submitting the abstract and a screen-shot of the payment will be required for the submission.

**Abstract format**
The abstract should be uploaded as a Word file .docx using Times New Roman 11 font, justified text and 1.5 line-spacing, as follows:
- Title (should not exceed 20 words, in bold and capital letters)
- Authors: Surname1, Name1; Surname2, Name2; & Surname3, Name3
- Institutions and addresses of each author, referred to numbers below each initial in the previous line
- Abstract text: less than 250 words in total
- Modality proposed: Oral, Poster, Symposium (title), Plenary

For making this meeting more accessible to non-English native speakers who are not so confident with this language, authors will be able to submit abstracts in Spanish, Portuguese or English. Presentations can also be in Spanish or Portuguese as long as English is accessible (i.e. words on presentation slides in English).

**Congress T-shirts**

![T-shirt images]

**T-shirts**

Sky Blue T-Shirt (cotton, 4-colour by serigraphy). Price: U$16
White T-Shirt (100% polyester, full colour by sublimation). Price: U$12
Black T-Shirt (cotton, 4-colour by serigraphy). Price: U$16
Orange T-Shirt (cotton, 4-colour by serigraphy). Price: U$16
Sizes: S, M, L, XL or XXL (see the size chart)

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**Mousepads**

With the congress logo (full color by sublimation). Price: U$3.5

Payments will occur only prior to the congress, with the payment of the registration fees.

**Grants**

‘María Elena Galiano grant’ and ‘ISA congress grant’ will be available for attending to the 22nd International Congress of Arachnology in
Uruguay. In both cases grants include waived conference registration fees plus an additional financial support.

Candidates will be able to apply to both grants if they agree with grant requirements but only one of the two grants will be awarded for the candidate.

**For applying to the grants candidates should send an email to 22ica.uy@gmail.com before 9th November 2022, as follows:**

1. Subject of the email with the name of the grant and the surname of the candidate (e.g. María Elena Galiano grant_Aisenberg; ISA Congress grant_Gonnet)

2. In the text of the email the candidate should present herself-himself and describe the relevance of this conference regarding her-his work and provide a complete list of the costs for attending to the congress. The candidate should also include a description of the financial constraints the applicant has to attend the congress (salary, lack of grants, lack of support from the university, or other). The application mail and the annexes can be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese.

3. As attached files the candidate should include: reduced curriculum vitae (maximum 4 pages long), proof of student or Post-Doc status (in the case of ISA congress grant) or proof of student (in course or finished undergraduate or Master course up to one year before in the case of María Elena Galiano grant; Postdoctoral fellows are not considered), and the Abstract of the work pretended to present in the congress.

A commission composed by experts, strictly respecting gender equity in its representation, will evaluate the postulations.
1. **María Elena Galiano grant for Latin American students in Arachnology**

This grant is intended to generate a positive impact in the development of the research career of Latin American students, by supporting their attendance to the 22\textsuperscript{nd} ICA Congress. Funds for this grant were obtained through donations from participants of the VI Congreso Latinoamericano de Aracnología, in Argentina.

**Requirements:** native citizen or naturalized citizen in a Latin American country, currently student (or having finished an undergraduate or Master’s course up to one year before 22\textsuperscript{nd} ICA 2023), carrying an undergraduate or postgraduate project focused in arachnology (Post-Docs are not eligible for this grant).

**Categories of María Elena Galiano grants**

Two Total Grants: U$S250 to cover congress registration fee (for all winners the inscription fee will have an amount equal to the category ISA student) + 1000 -1250 American dollars

A minimum of four "Partial Grants": U$S250 to cover congress registration fee (for all winners the inscription fee will have an amount equal to the category ISA student)+ 250 American dollars

2. **ISA Congress grants**

This grant is intended to generate a positive impact in the arachnological research career of students and Post-Docs, by supporting their attendance to the 22\textsuperscript{nd} ICA Congress.

**Requirements:** being at the time of the postulation a university student (undergraduate, Msc, PhD student), or a Post-Doc with a research project focused in arachnology.

**Category of ISA Congress grants**
Exoneration of congress fee + 500 American dollars

**Mid-congress excursion and Evening banquet**

For celebrating the 8th March International Women Day, after Maydianne’ s plenary and the symposium coordinated by SWA, we will enjoy a field trip along the most exciting and representative sites in Maldonado:

- Dedos de Punta del Este
- Puerto de Punta del Este
- Grutas de Punta Ballena
- Panorámica de Punta Ballena
- Casapueblo (cost of the tocket to visit the museum: U$10)
- Piriápolis (Cerro del Toro, Cerro San Antonio)
- 8th March Women’s Strike at Maldonado

**Evening banquet**

The final party will take place at the Club Uruguay ([https://cluburuguay.com.uy/](https://cluburuguay.com.uy/)), an European inspired area located at an emblematic building of the Old City. The dinner will include appetizer, hot dish, dessert and a drink. The night will end with a fabulous custome dancing party, under the topic **Fantasy**. Start preparing your customes!
Post-Congress excursion options
- La Baguala casa de campo
The countryside hotel is located in a spectacular ranch at the riverside of the Rio de la Plata. Formidably renovated, the old building combines an antique charm and a contemporaneous comfort with the country life and the serenity of the river shore, just 17 km from the Montevideo city center. The restaurant is an essential part of La Bagualoa, with a menu inspired by its magnificent surroundings. Its facilities and atmosphere, very tidy and cozy, come together to provide a unique and integral experience with excellence in every detail. Its equestrian center has first-class infrastructure conceived in regard to the equine well-being.

**Option 1**
Enjoy the countryside, combined with guided horseback riding along the shore and the woods, trekking, access to the beach and one-night hosting with complete pension. Round trip with one-night accommodation in a private suite and full pension.
Cost: U$320 per person, all included

**Option 2**
Enjoy a day in the field, combined with guided horseback riding along the shore and the woods, trekking and access to the beach. Lunch and tea included. Round trip price included.
Cost: U$100 per person, all included
Contact: soledad.fraschini@labagualachacras.com

- **Hotel San Pedro de Timote, Florida province**
  https://www.sanpedrodetimote.com/
  https://goo.gl/maps/rSPACG GnwDC3xqHb7
San Pedro de Timote is one of the most ancient and important Uruguayan ‘estancias’, located 157 km from Montevideo.
It is considered Historical National Monument due to its architecture and charming sites.
Lodging with all the meals and optional activities
Cost: U$200 double room
Contact: Diego Lazcano dlazcano@sanpedrodetimote.com

- Day trip to ‘Experience Vineyard Garzón’, Maldonado province

A table awaits you in the vineyard with fantastic views and a unique setting. We will give you a map so that you know where you can walk either on foot or by assisted electric bicycle. Through a self-guided trail by informative signage, walk among the native vegetation that houses various species of flora and fauna, not only sighting but also recognizing the traces and footprints. We will give you a Picnic basket prepared for 2 people with cheese, bread, olives, fruit, mineral water and 1 bottle of Estate line wine from Bodega Garzón. Includes: Picnic
table located at strategic points in the vineyard. Map with authorized circuit to walk through the vineyard on an assisted electric bicycle or on foot. Picnic basket for 2 people that includes cheese, bread, olives, fruit, mineral water and 1 bottle of Garzón Estate wine.

You can enjoy a walk through the vineyard to our varietal garden, learn about our terroir and the strains we develop, visit the winery and learn more about the production processes while tasting 1 Reserve wine. Includes Guided tour of the winery facilities. Tasting of 4 wines during the tour. Walk through the vineyard in our varietal garden with welcome wine.

Cost: 90 USD

Contact: reservas@experienciasgarzon.com
COVID19 Information

We are looking forward to seeing you in the 22nd International Congress of Arachnology in Uruguay, but we are aware of the particular times we are going through. We want to be sure to provide a COVID-safe environment to all of those joining us. Please see below the 22 International Congress of Arachnology COVID-safety measures that will be adjusted according to the conditions in March 2023. Similar protocols have been applied in several in-presence congresses during 2022.

1. **Up to date and complete COVID vaccination will be required for attendance when checking at the congress.** Complete vaccination means that a person has received all recommended vaccines that they are eligible for and are available in their home country. All COVID vaccines approved by the government of the home country of the participants will be accepted.

   Exceptions will be considered after request and in the case of approval the participant will be required to submit the result of a negative PCR test taken within 48 hours before the conference, or official medical record of having COVID between 10 to 90 days prior to entering the country, or an official certificate stating the reasons why the participant cannot receive vaccination.

2. **Masking will be required at the conference.** Speakers will be allowed to lower their masks while presenting.

3. **Brief unmasking will be allowed for eating within areas designated for food consumption.** To minimize potential transmission, areas where food is allowed or provided will be well-ventilated.
4. Social distancing will be encouraged, and when possible, measures to increase room ventilation will be taken. Additional information about COVID measures when travelling to Uruguay can be found here:

https://www.gub.uy/ingreso-uruguay

Web page
For more information about travelling to Uruguay, accommodation, collection in Uruguay, and others, visit our webpage hosted at ISA site:

https://arachnology.org/22nd-ica-2023.html

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