

II Latin-American Congress of Acarology II CLAc Quindío, Colombia 24-28 May, 2016

We are pleased to invite you to the II Latin American Congress of Acarology to be held from May 24th to 28th, 2016 at the "Hotel Campestre & Centro de Convenciones Las Camelias" (Montenegro, Quindío, Colombia).

The website of the event is being designed at the moment and will be ready at the end of July, 2015. Through the website, we will communicate developments as they occur in the organization of the congress.

Collaborating institutions and societies:

- SLA Latin American Society of Acarology
- GCA Colombian Group of Aracnology
- University of Bogota Jorge Tadeo Lozano
- Ciacari SAS (Colombian company of mite identification)
- Lab. Acarology Ohio University

The congress will have a format of "Working Groups" within which different symposia will be held. The working groups are as follows:

- 1. Molecular systematics, taxonomy and morphology.
- 2. Biology, ecology, behavior and conservation.
- 3. Mites of agricultural importance.

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The contact e-mail of the congress is: <u>contactoclac@ciacari.com</u>

Information on the venue

The hotel is located in the coffee zone (Quindio , in the center of the country), 290 kilometers from Bogotá (about five hours by road). The hotel has a capacity for 350 people and offers the necessary logistic conditions for the II CLAc: spacious and comfortable facilities to provide participants with the best experience during the meeting. Moreover, its strategic location gives many benefits to the audience because of its proximity to the city of Armenia and different touristic attractions in this region. Nearby there are two airports: in Pereira "Matecaña International Airport" (47 km) and in Armenia "Eden International Airport" (8 km).

Hotel Campestre las Camelias: http://www.camelias.com.co

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHwPiZ79Nkg Visit Colombia:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Efwfy7_L0 Touristic information:<u>http://www.colombia.travel/en/</u> Coffee area: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09Kpc65OwNA</u>

Submission of abstracts for conference or poster

During all working groups, there will be the possibility of presenting a poster or oral presentation. Anyone interested in submitting their work should send an abstract. The abstract should reflect the overall content of the presentation, including the research question and the main results and conclusions on a single page. The template and example for abstracts will be available on the website of Congress and with the second circular. All abstracts will be edited by the organizers.

Post-congress courses

II COURSE OF FUNCTIONAL ECOLOGY OF MITES IN NEOTROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS. Mites as a model to identify processes and dynamics in response to abrupt or gradual changes in the ecosystem. Conducted by: Hans Klompen and Orlando Combita.

II FIELD COURSE OF MITES ASSOCIATED WITH VERTEBRATES IN THE NEOTROPICS. Evolutionary ecology of interspecific interactions between mites and vertebrates. Conducted by: Hans Klompen and Orlando Combita.

More information about post-congress courses, photo contests and special presentation of mites will be available on the website,

General Information

For this event, the Organizing Committee has defined a cost plan that includes:

- 1. Registration for the event
- 2. Accommodation in rooms for three people for 4 nights
- 3. Breakfast, lunch and dinner (buffet style) every day of the event *
- 4. Two snacks daily (one in the morning and one in the afternoon).
- 5. Cocktail and welcome dinner
- 6. Permanent coffee stations
- 7. Access to the swimming pools, ecological trail, playgrounds, gym, sports fields and the bar.
- 8. Open bar with unlimited drinks **
- 9. Wireless Internet
- 10. Hotel insurance and nursing service
- 11. The closing party

* Breakfast and lunch on the first day (May 24) are exempt because the activities and entry into the Hotel will be from 3:00 pm. The last day (May 28) only breakfast will be given, because the event will finish at noon. ** National drinks only (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), unlimited consumption during all the days of the event from 7:00 PM to 2:00 A.M.

The prices for accompanying children under 4 years, infants of 4-10 years and adults who do not attend academic activities are also calculated. There is an additional fee for participants who wish to stay in a single or double room.

Besides the formal program, we aim to offer an informal atmosphere where the Latin American acarological community and special guests from North America and Europe can get to know each other, exchange ideas, and start collaborations.

The costs are listed in Colombian pesos (Col \$), so you should check the exchange rate on the day the payment is made. For updated information of exchange rates of Colombian pesos we recommend the following websites:

www.xe.com/ucc/ or www.colombia.com/cambio_moneda/index.asp

It is an indispensable condition to send a scanned copy of the payment receipt once any payment has been done to contactoclac@ciacari.com to ensure a proper registration record, and receive the respective notification message by the organizing Committee.

The payment can be done in different installments, see details below:

Costs II Latin American Congress of acarology (in \$ COP)

	25%	discount	15%	discount	Ful	l fee
Payment categories	1 Jun 2015 31 Oct 2015		1 Nov 2015 29 Feb 2016		1 Mar 2016 24 May 2016	
Undergraduate students	\$	1.050.000	\$	1.190.000	\$	1.400.000
Graduate students	\$	1.200.000	\$	1.360.000	\$	1.600.000
Professionals	\$	1.350.000	\$	1.530.000	\$	1.800.000

25% discount

Categories installments	1st payment	2nd payment		
	1-Jun-2015/ 31 Oct-2015	1-Nov-2015/ 20-Dic-2015		
Undergraduate students	\$ 525.000	\$ 525.000		
Graduate students	\$ 600.000	\$ 600.000		
Professionals	\$ 675.000	\$ 675.000		

15 % discount

Categories installments	1st payment	2nd payment		
	1-Nov-2015/ 20-Dic-2015	21-Dec 2015/ 17-Ene-2016		
Undergraduate students	\$ 595.000	\$ 595.000		
Graduate students	\$ 680.000	\$ 680.000		
Professionals	\$ 765.000	\$ 765.000		

	Full fee				
Categories installments	1st payment 21-Dec-2016/ 19-Mar-2016		2nd payment		
			20-Mar-2016/ 24-May-2016		
Undergraduated students	\$	700.000	\$	700.000	
Graduated students	\$	800.000	\$	800.000	
Professionals	\$	900.000	\$	900.000	

Non-academic participants	1st	payment	2nd	payment	3rd	payment
Under 4 years old	\$	20.000	\$	25.000	\$	30.000
From 4 to 10 years old	\$	600.000	\$	650.000	\$	700.000
Adult or older than 10	\$	900.000	\$	950.000	\$ 1	.000.000

Double room	\$ 100.000
Single room	\$ 450.000

We ask students to send a letter from their supervisors confirming their status. To receive detailed information via mail please register on the site of the Latin American Society of Acarology or send an email to contactoclac@ciacari.com

We look forward to see you in Colombia!

Cordially

The Organizing Committee II Latin-American Congress of Acarology May 2015