



**LATIN AMERICA
CARIBBEAN &
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CONGRESS 2023**

**CONGRESO
LATINOAMERICANO Y DEL CARIBE
DE PESQUERIAS**

**MAY 15-18, 2023
CANCUN, MEXICO**

Call for Proposals

Symposia, Workshops, and Innovative Sessions

Proposal Deadline: October 1, 2022

Bridging Fish, Fisheries Science, and Conservation Across the Americas

We welcome all people interested in fisheries science, management and conservation throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to join us for this important event. The Congress will address freshwater and marine systems and include traditional science presentations, training opportunities, student events and much more.

We expect to develop a program that includes symposia that cover topics of marine, estuarine, and freshwater fisheries management; commercial, subsistence, and sport fishing; cultural and historical roles of fish and fisheries; impacts on water and fish populations from energy, resource extraction, and land use; native and nonnative fisheries; the intersection of traditional cultural knowledge and western research practices; and the role of the many publics who rely on or enjoy aquatic resources.

The LACFC Program Committee invites proposals for symposia, pre-conference workshops and continuing education courses, and innovative sessions that support the theme and look to advance the fisheries profession.

Symposium proposals

Symposia are the scientific centerpiece of these annual conferences and are sessions organized around a specific topic. The LACFC Program Committee is seeking proposals for half-day, full-day, or multi-day symposia. The committee is soliciting proposals that cover the full breadth of topics related to fisheries management and conservation in the Latin America and Caribbean region. This can include freshwater and marine systems of all types.

Symposium organizers will be responsible to prepare proposals, coordinate with the program committee as the program is developed, solicit presentations for the sessions, approve/deny the inclusions of additional abstracts from the general abstract submission, communicate with speakers, and identify moderators for the live session.

Submission of symposium proposals through the portal

Symposium organizers will need to

submit your final symposium proposal to the LACFC symposium submission portal. The final symposium submission deadline is October 1, 2022.

Innovative Sessions

The Program Committee encourages organizers to submit creative proposals for sessions that utilize and engaging design, approaches, and formats. These proposals could include lightning/speed presentation sessions, slam sessions, or other interactive and non-traditional sessions.

Workshop/Continuing Education proposals

Pre-conference continuing education courses will be offered onsite as half-day or full-day sessions on Monday, May 15, 2023. Courses should be designed to offer in-depth professional development that is of interest to a variety of participants, ranging from students to professionals. It is also acceptable to propose sessions for specific audiences.

A hybrid meeting model

We recognize that there will be people interested in the LACFC but unable to travel. In order to provide access to the LACFC content we will employ a hybrid meeting model to support virtual participation.

Proposal Submission and Requirements

All final proposals need to be submitted in English through the online portal. Proposals will be reviewed, and the Program Committee may request revisions or collaborations to reduce overlap in topics and strengthen offerings. Organizers will be notified regarding the status of their proposals by October 15, 2022.

For more information about the hybrid meeting format and how to submit a proposal using the online portal, see: lacfc.fisheries.org.

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