

# II Congress of the Latin American Society for Vector Ecology

"Control of endemic zoonotic and vector-borne emerging and re-emerging diseases: Current challenges in Latin America "

# La Plata, Argentina

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### 6th LA SOVE 2022 Newsletter

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# WHAT'S NEW IN THE 6<sup>th</sup> NEWSLETTER?

Dear LA SOVE 2022 attendees, in this opportunity we bring you the 6th newsletter where you will find the following news:

- Latest news on confirmed symposia and conferences.
- Updated information on transportation options to La Plata city.
- Information about the field trip.
- Presentations in "TURBO TALK" mode (SHORT ORAL PRESENTATIONS).
- Social media and inauguration of our new *Latin American Society for Vector Ecology* (LA SOVE) Facebook page.

## DATES AND VENUE SITE

We are pleased to remind you that you are invited to participate in the *II Congress of the Latin American Society for Vector Ecology* (LA SOVE 2022) that, as previously announced, will be held this year in La Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina, from the 29th of October to the 3rd of November (2022), at the National University of La Plata (UNLP) Graduate and Convention Center - Karakachoff Building.

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We are very glad to remind you that, given current COVID-19 protocol policies, we can now host the **site's full capacity (150-180 people)**. So, if you're interested in attending the meeting in person, which we sincerely hope you are, please note that registration is open (check our registration fees and payment options on our website <u>https://congresos.unlp.edu.ar/lasove/</u>). There will also be an "online" registration option to attend the congress but, after such a long (and continuing) pandemic, we hope you can make it in person. We remind you that there are **early bird fees for those who register until July 15, 2022**, and that the **deadline for receiving abstracts is also July 15, 2022**.

#### PROGRAM

The II LA SOVE Congress is endorsed by the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Museum (National University of La Plata, UNLP).

The scientific program covers **neglected zoonotic and vector-borne diseases**, including (but not limited to) **mosquito-borne diseases**, **Chagas**, **leishmaniasis**, **tick-borne diseases**, **viral haemorrhagic fevers**, **rabies**, **and leptospirosis**. These diseases especially affect the health of our Latin American people and the economy of our countries. Moreover, global warming, wildfires, habitat fragmentation, international travel and, last but not least, the current COVID-19 pandemic, are impacting the establishment of vectors in new regions and the emergence of epidemics, though we do not yet know to what extent. It is our objective to share state-of-the-art research and the current status for each of these diseases and aspects.

Furthermore, it is with great enthusiasm and satisfaction that we announce that we have incorporated new topics of great regional relevance that, without a doubt, will be transcendental for LA SOVE. These new topics are:

- Insect vectors of plant diseases;
- Arthropod-borne diseases of veterinary importance;
- Genetically modified insects for use in agriculture, livestock, and poultry; and
- Vector resistance to pesticides used in Public Health.

It is our goal to share state-of-the-art research and the current status for each of these diseases, aspects and topics.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

We are glad to announce that all the Symposia are confirmed and uploaded on our website (see Symposia <u>here</u>). As you will be able to appreciate there, approximately 60 % of speakers will attend in person.

Likewise, 4 of the 5 daily Conferences are already confirmed and uploaded on our website (see Conferences <u>here</u>), and all the speakers will attend in person.

## TURBO TALKS

As LA SOVE 2022 is a hybrid congress we had to rethink the way in which the participants, both in person and virtual, could present their scientific advances. Therefore we decided that

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abstracts accepted by the Scientific Committee are to be presented as TURBO TALKS (SHORT ORAL PRESENTATIONS). Briefly, in a turbo talk the author has to explain her/his research using a few slides and an audio recording in a 5-min video. For more details, we invite you to go to the <u>turbo talks</u> page and to the <u>abstract submission</u> section.

We will soon be posting more details, including instructions on how to prepare the video for the TURBO TALKS.

## VENUE

We are pleased to inform you that we have updated the <u>Venue</u> section of the website. Among others, you will find an interactive map with information on different lodging possibilities in the city of La Plata, as well as tourist attractions in our city. You will also find information on different transportation options to La Plata city from the airports and from Buenos Aires city, and about how to use public transportation within the city and between cities. Check out the details <u>here</u>.

## FIELD TRIP

The field trip, which will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, is a distinctive feature of LA SOVE meetings and is covered by the registration fee. On this occasion we will visit the "El Destino" Natural Reserve, located in the neighbouring city of Magdalena. The aim of this field trip is to encourage communication and exchange among colleagues, while we discover a unique natural beauty, the southernmost relict of the gallery forests that border the Paraná and Uruguay rivers and their tributaries, the *Marginal Forest* or *Gallery Forest*. If you are interested in being a part of this unique activity, it is essential you indicate it when registering (there is a specific question regarding the field trip in the registration form). We hope you join us on this adventure to an ecological sanctuary created to protect the biodiversity of the Río de la Plata riverside. You can peruse the itinerary and recommendations on our website (see the details here).

# LA SOVE FACEBOOK PAGE

We are glad to announce that we have created the official page of the Latin American Society for Vector Ecology (LA SOVE) on Facebook global social media. This page will be used not only to promote LA SOVE 2022, but also as a means of communication between the LA SOVE community, to post news about the society itself and to promote future LA SOVE meetings. We highly recommend following our page to keep you updated. The page can be found as @LatinAmericanSOVE or Latin American Society for Vector Ecology (https://www.facebook.com/LatinAmericanSOVE/). This space is being used to massively advertise LA SOVE 2022, sharing news such as the confirmation of Symposia, confirmed speakers, and the aforementioned field trip, among others.

We are using this together with (lasove\_2022, page, Instagram ttps://www.instagram.com/lasove\_2022/) Twitter (@LASOVE\_2022, and https://twitter.com/LASOVE 2022), to advertise LA SOVE 2022 reaching not only the whole American continent but also the rest of the world. We strongly encourage you to follow us on our social media and, in so doing, ensure you are updated on all the latest news about the event.

# CONTACT

We remind you all our contact information:

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