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caribbean bats"

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Presentation

The Latin American and Caribbean Bat Congress (COLAM) has been conceived by The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Bats Conservation (RELCOM) as the most important international forum for scientific exchange and discussion on bats conservation experiences in the region. This event takes place every three years under the responsibility and coordination of an Organizing Committee, conformed by RELCOM board members and representatives of the host country PCM.

By decision of the RELCOM assembly, realized on August 2014 in Quito, Ecuador, The Bat Conservation Program of El Salvador (PCMES) was chosen to carry out the organization of the II COLAM.

Conveners Organizations

- The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Bats Conservation - RELCOM
- The Bat Conservation Program of El Salvador - PCMES
- Asociación Territorios Vivos El Salvador – ATVES

Objective

Disseminate and discuss the result of experiences on research, education and conservation of bats in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Slogan

In commemoration of 10 years of hard work for the benefit of bats in Latin America and the Caribbean, the slogan of this congress is: "A decade for the conservation of latin american and caribbean bats".

Organizing Committee

General Organizing Committee:

- **RELCOM Board:** General Coordinator, Jafet M. Nassar; Former Coordinator, Bernal Rodríguez; Research Adviser, Sergio Estrada; Conservation Adviser, Armando Rodríguez Durán; Education Adviser, Mónica Díaz.
- **II COLAM Coordinators:** Luis Girón y Melissa Rodríguez.



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Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

- **Local Coordinator:** Lic. Luis Girón.
- **Academic Coordinator:** Licda. Melissa Rodríguez.
- **Promotion and Communication Coordinator:** Lucía Sánchez Trejo.
- **Fund Raising Coordinator:** Licda. Andrea Morales.
- **Administrative Coordinator:** Licda. Karla Lara.
- **Volunteers Coordinators:** Raquel Alvarado Larios, Guillermo Rugamas and Carlos Peña.
- **Events Coordinator:** Karla Zaldaña.

Academic Activities

The academic program includes the next activities:

- Invitational magisterial conference.
- Symposiums
- Free oral sessions.
- Posters exhibition.
- Pre and post congress events (Courses and workshops)

Thematic areas

Themes included in the congress:

- Molecular Biology, Genetics and Evolution.
- Taxonomy, Systematic and Biogeography.
- Ethology, Physiology and Parasitology.
- Natural History and Ecology.
- Biological Collections.
- Conservation and Management.
- Education and Divulgateion.

Contests and Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding students in the summary of the work and in the showing of oral presentations and posters. The call and instructions to participate in the contests for the prizes will be divulged in future circulars.



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Oral Presentations and Posters

The period to send summaries to the Academic Committee is from March 1 to May 31 of 2017, following the instructions bellow:

Every Summary must include:

Title: It has to be short, written in lowercase and bold (15 words max.).

Authors: List all authors with names and last names, followed by superscripts that are relate to the institution of adscription and pointing with an asterisk (*) to the expositor (applies for oral presentations and posters).

Institutions: List author's institutions of adscription, in order to superscripts indicated in the previous literal. Include postal address and e-mail of authors, without hyperlink.

Summary Body: Text has to be 300 words or less. It must contain a brief, but concise description about the problem, objectives, methods in relevant cases, most important results and highlights conclusions. Citations have not been included in the summary.

Summary Body Format Guidelines: Font type Times New Roman 12, text aligned to the left, paragraph in single space and symmetric margins to 2,5 cm.

Oral Presentations

Participants with oral presentations will have 12 minutes of exposure plus 3 minutes for questions and/or discussion. These presentations will be organized by rooms according to general themes. Presentations will be received only in Microsoft PowerPoint format.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be showing in a specific place in the hotel headquarters. Posters will be organized and collocated according to the theme. Posters dimensions must be 120 cm H. and 90 cm W. (Vertical orientation). Organizing Committee will not be responsible for helping to assemble posters that do not have the dimensions and orientation indicated.

Consider this:

- Summary format needs to be compatible with Windows (*.doc or *.docx). The file has to be named the same way as the first author's last name and has to indicate the type of participation (i.e. Funes-oral.doc or Rodríguez-Perdomo-poster.docx).
- Participants may submit one single summary as the first author, either oral presentation or poster. Finished researches will be given preference.
- For summaries acceptance, presenters must prepaid the registration to the congress.

Official Languages

The official languages in all events are spanish and portuguese.



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Symposiums and Pre or Post Congress Events Proposal

Symposiums and pre or post congress events proposal should be sent to Local Organizing Committee since November 12, 2016 until January 31, 2017. The extension for sending proposals of symposia is until February 15, 2017. Incomplete proposals or have not followed the instructions will not be considered. Proposals must include the following information:

- Title of the event (10 words max.).
- Type of event (indicate if it is symposium, forum, workshop or course).
- Thematic area (see Thematic Areas section).
- Name and contact address of the organizer.
- Include as an attachment the organizer summary resume (3 pages max.).
- Event summary (300 words max.).
- Objectives of the event.
- Duration of the event (number of sessions and required hours).
- Financial sources (indicate if you already have any or if you're planning to get one, and donor name).
- Registration fee (It only applies for pre or post congress events).

For symposiums and pre or post congress events proposal, please contact to: melissa.rodriguez@atves.org or academico@iicolam.atves.org

Donations

Donations and sponsorships will be accepted from organizations and business interested in supporting II COLAM. Donors and sponsors will be publicized on the COLAM website and in the promotional materials, and will be able to show their products and services at the environmental fair during the congress.

Interested in donations and sponsorships, please contact to: patrocinios@iicolam.atves.org

Contacts

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Registration Fees

Members of Latin American Society of Mastozoology and Bats Conservation Programs will have discount.

Category	Members		Not members	
	Until July 2017	After July 2017	Until July 2017	After July 2017
Undergraduate	US \$80.00	US \$100.00	US \$100.00	US \$120.00
Graduate students	US \$120.00	US \$140.00	US \$150.00	US \$170.00
Professionals	US \$150.00	US \$170.00	US \$180.00	US \$200.00

Important Dates

Activity	Date
Start receiving donations	Nov 1, 2016
Symposiums and pre or post congress events proposal sending	Nov 1, 2016
Deadline for submission of symposiums and pre or post congress events proposal	Jan 31, 2017
Deadline extension for submission of sumposiums proposals	Feb 15, 2017
Deadline for confirmation on acceptance of symposiums and pre or post congress events proposal	Mar 1, 2017
Start sending oral presentations and posters summaries	Mar 1, 2017
Deadline sending oral presentations and posters summaries	May 31, 2017
Deadline early registration payment	July 31, 2017
Confirmation of acceptance of summaries	July 31, 2017
Start of the congress	Nov 20, 2017