

SECOND CIRCULAR

The International Congress for Ecosystem Services in the Neotropics aims to consolidate as a forum for interaction and discussion about ecosystem services research and management in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through its various modalities of interaction (symposia, forums, conferences), the Congress will cover conceptual, methodological and applied aspects across case studies from all over the region. In this fourth edition, interactions among academia, decision-makers and other stakeholders will be promoted in order to contribute to ecosystem services research and the formulation of public policies for sustainable development.

Early registration to CISEN4

Early registrations are open in the web site:

<http://www.geap.com.ar/cisen4/inscripcion>

Important dates

Abstract submission opens: **15th February 2015**

Abstract submission deadline: **31th March 2015**

Communication of results: **1st June 2015**

Congress structure

In this edition of the International Congress of Ecosystem Services in the Neotropics there will be different modes of participation:

Symposia and poster sessions

In this mode, there will be oral and poster presentations of studies and experiences in the following themes:

1. Ecosystem services characterization and assessment
2. Economic and social valuation of ecosystem services

3. Incorporation of ecosystem services in decision making and public policy formulation
4. Ecosystem services and society
5. Ecosystem management for ecosystem service supply

Forums

Forums will provide a space for panel and plenary discussion about the following topics of relevance at the interface among academia, decision-makers and other social actors:

1. Environmental law and public policies
2. Bottom-up initiatives for the conservation of ecosystem services
3. Regional experiences of research in ecosystem services

Keynote speakers

Confirmed conferences:

Sandra Díaz



Sandra Díaz obtained her BS and PhD in Biology from the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba de Argentina (UNC). She is a senior researcher at the National Council of Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET) and professor of the Biological Diversity and Ecology Department of the Exact, Physic and Natural Sciences Faculty (UNC). She works at the Multidisciplinary Institute of Plant Biology (CONICET-UNC). Her research focuses on understanding the interactions between plant functional types and ecosystem processes and services in the context of global change. She is recognized for her leading

role in the conceptual development and practical implementation of the concept of functional diversity, its effects on ecosystem properties and its social relevance. Sandra was a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Millenium Ecosystem Assessment (MEA). In 2009 she was elected as one of the 18 foreign associates of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States (NAS) in the Environmental Sciences and Ecology section. Currently, she actively participates in the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services (IPBES), and she is the General Scientific Coordinator of DiverSus, an international network of researchers on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Sustainability. Recently, se was awarded the Platinum Konex Prize (2013).



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Laura Nahuehual



Laura Nahuehual is an Agronomic Engineer and obtained a PhD on Agricultural and Resource Economy from the Colorado State University (USA). Since 2001 she is an academic of the Agricultural Economy Institute where she has collaborated in under and postgraduate courses at the faculties of Veterinary, Sciences, Forestry and Natural Resource Science and Economy of the Universidad Austral de Chile. She has published 27 articles in peer reviewed journals and she is co-author of seven books and book chapters. She has carried out several projects on economic valuation and assessment of ecosystem services, promoting transdisciplinary work in this field. To date, she manages solid collaboration networks both in the scientific and decision-making areas. From 2009 to 2012 the Faculty of Agronomy has awarded her outstanding scientific productivity. Currently, she is part of a research group at the Centro de Ciencia del Clima y Resiliencia (CR2), where she leads investigations on vulnerability and ecosystem services.

Simone Maynard



Simone works at the Australia National University. Her multiscale research, multidisciplinary knowledge and ability to think across complex systems have received much attention. She facilitates stakeholders to develop agreed frameworks for ecosystem service assessments and to implement these into management activities. In 2011 Simone was invited to Parliament House to address the Prime Minister on 'an ecosystem services approach to sustaining Australia'. She has led numerous consultancies, published in books and journals of high quality at the international level. Simone is on the Executive Committee of the Ecosystem Services Partnership; Editorial Board of the journal Ecosystem Services; and contributed to the UN's System of Environmental-Economic Accounts. She has received many scholarships and awards, including a Planning Institute of Australia Award for the project she previously managed, the SEQ Ecosystem Services Project.

Activities pre and post-congress

Courses

In the days prior to the main event, there will be courses dictated by renowned professionals in the field.

Confirmed courses:

Ecosystem services mapping and assessment

Concepts, methodological approaches and case studies (module 1)

Dictated by Pedro Laterra y Laura Nahuelhual

Use of the ecosystem services mapping and assessment protocol ECO-SER (module 2)

Dictated by Pedro Laterra y Paula Barral

Field trips

In the last day of the congress, we will offer several field trip options to places of high natural and cultural value within the region.



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