

## THIRD 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.

### Important dates

Abstract submission starts	15 February 2015
Abstract submission closes	<b>31 March 2015</b>
Communication of selected abstracts	1 June 2015

### Venue

#### PRESIDENTE PERÓN HOTEL

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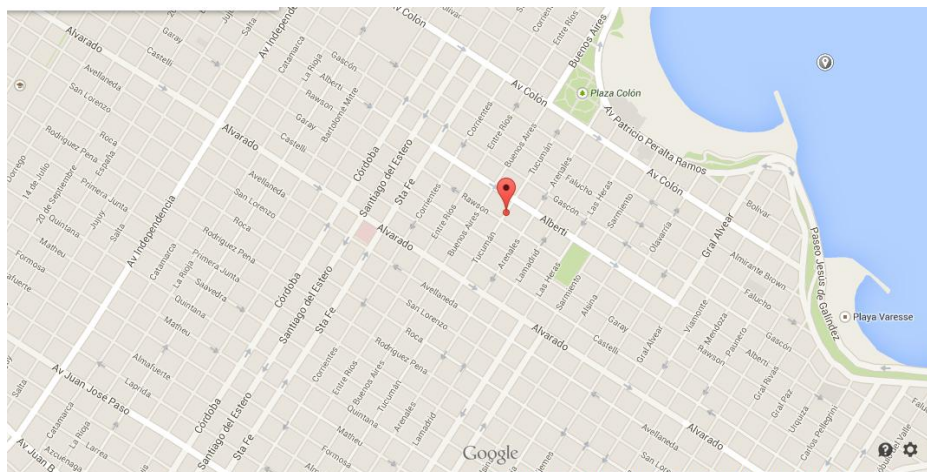
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The Presidente Perón Hotel counts with two spacious auditoria where poster and oral sessions will take place. The hotel has wi-fi access, meeting rooms, restaurant, cafe and all kinds of facilities for this event.



## Venue location



## Registration to CISEN4

Early registration and payment starts on 15 February 2015

### Registration costs (in Argentine pesos)

Payment date	Undergraduate students <sup>1</sup>		Postgraduate students <sup>1</sup>		Professionals	
	Residents	Non-residents <sup>2</sup>	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents
Before 30 April (40% discount)	350	500	1500	2200	1800	2500
Before 30 June (20% discount)	500	680	2100	2800	2400	3300
After 30 June	600	850	2600	3500	3000	4200

<sup>1</sup>: To be eligible for the students' discount, graduate and undergraduate students must send a student certificate issued by its university/school.

<sup>2</sup>: Non-residents are persons living in countries other than Argentina.

Exchange rate at 12 February 2015: 1 USD = 8.7 Argentine pesos

For an updated exchange rate, go to <http://www.bna.com.ar>

Go to the following site on the congress web page to know how to make the payment:

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

## Registration fee fellowships

We will offer a limited number of fellowships to cover registration fees. We will prioritize students and members of NGO's related to the subject of the congress. To apply for a fellowship you must send a single Word file (\*.doc) with the following documents to [becas@geap.com.ar](mailto:becas@geap.com.ar) before **31th March 2015**:

- Cover letter explaining your reasons to apply for a fellowship (maximum one page)
- *Curriculum vitae* (maximum one page)
- Copy of the abstract submitted to the congress

**Note:** name your Word file as follows: "Registration ID number\_last name\_fellowship.doc"

We will announce the results on **15th April 2015**.

## Congress structure

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

- I. Symposia
- II. Poster session
- III. Debate forums
- IV. Conferences

### I y II. SYMPOSIA AND POSTER SESSION

In this mode, there will be oral and poster presentations of studies and experiences in the following themes. Work presented in symposia and poster sessions will be selected by the scientific committee from those abstracts submitted following the submission guidelines.

#### Thematic areas:

##### 1. Ecosystem services characterization and assessment

- a. Identification, modeling and mapping of ecosystem services
- b. Assessment of environmental risk and vulnerability
- c. Monitoring of ecosystem services

##### 2. Economic and social valuation of ecosystem services

- a. Methods and processes of economic and social valuation of ecosystem services
- b. Methods and processes of economic and social valuation of benefits

##### 3. Incorporation of ecosystem services in decision-making



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- a. Public policy instruments: land-use planning and environmental monitoring plans
- b. The role of economic instruments in public policy
- c. Instruments for incorporating ecosystem services in private initiatives
- d. Ecosystem services governance

#### **4. Ecosystem services and society**

- a. Environmental education and ecosystem services
- b. Participatory work in ecosystem services research. Transdisciplinary approaches.
- c. Experiences of social communication, outreach and rural extension.

#### **5. Ecosystem management for the provision of ecosystem services**

- a. Ecosystem conservation for ecosystem services provision
- b. Ecosystem restoration for ecosystem services provision
- c. Management and planning of agro-ecosystems for sustainable ecosystem services provision

#### **6. Land-use change and ecosystem services**

- a. Scenario analysis of land-use change and ecosystem service impacts
- b. Trade-offs and synergies between ecosystem services
- c. Regional planning

### **III. DEBATE 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. Forums will consist of panel presentations of invited speakers and a debate open to all attendees. Three themes will be covered:

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

## IV. CONFERENCES

### 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).

#### Laura Nahuehual



Laura Nahuelhual 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.

### **Pablo Tittone**



Pablo Tittone is since March 2012 chair Professor of the group Farming Systems Ecology of Wageningen University, in The Netherlands, and holds external Professorships at the Ecole Doctorale Sibaghe of the University of Montpellier, France and at the National University of Lomas de Zamora, Argentina. He is an agronomist by training and holds a PhD in Production Ecology and Resource Conservation and his areas of expertise include soil fertility, agroecology and farming systems analysis. He participated in a diversity of research and development projects around the world, on design, resilience and adaptation of farming systems. His career in the international research arena (CGIAR) started at the Tropical Soil Biology and Fertility (TSBF) Institute of CIAT in Nairobi, Kenya, and at the University of Zimbabwe, where he run research and educational programmes on soil fertility, conservation agriculture and agroecosystems modelling. He worked at CIRAD (Centre de coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement) where he led a research team on Systems Design and Evaluation with activities in America, Asia and Africa. He is a board member of the African Conservation Tillage network, coordinator of the community of practice on Farming Systems Design within the European Society for Agronomy, and the European focal point of the Latin American Society for Agroecology (SOCLA).

## Activities pre and post-congress

### Courses

In the days prior to the main event (28-29 September), there will be courses dictated by renowned professionals in the field.

Confirmed courses:

#### **1. Ecosystem services mapping and assessment**

##### **Concepts, methodological approaches and case studies (part 1)**

Dictated by Pedro Laterra y Laura Nahuelhual

##### **Use of the ecosystem services mapping and assessment protocol ECO-SER (part 2)**

Dictated by Pedro Laterra y Paula Barral

#### **2. Restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Concepts and applications.**

Dictated by José María Rey Benayas (Universidad de Alcalá)

##### **Course fees (in Argentine Pesos)**

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Congress and course (20% discount)	380	600	550	850	650	1000
Course only	480	700	680	1000	800	1200

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Course registration and payment will be open soon.

### Field trips

In the last day of the congress (3 October), we will offer several field trip options to places of high natural and cultural value within the region.



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