



## III Latin American Congress of Primatology “Priorities for Latin American Primatology”

### General Proposal

The main theme of the 3rd Latin American Congress of Primatology is “*Priorities for Latin American Primatology*”. As a result, the congress has been specifically designed to promote the identification of such priorities by the primatological community dedicated to the study and conservation of neotropical primates. Besides the actualization on research progress and the exchange of ideas and debates that are common to most congresses, this congress is also aimed at identifying research priorities and actions to enhance the development of Latin American primatology, together with products and services that SLAPrim should prioritize in order to achieve these objectives and to comply with its goals as a Society.

### Thematic priorities

In order to identify the thematic priorities to advance primatology in Latin America, the congress will open with a keynote speech by Dr. Karen Strier (IPS president), who will provide her own perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of Latin American primatology based on her own research experience in the region. The next three days will each be focused on one thematic axis: Diversity and Systematics, Ecology and Behavior, and Conservation. Each day will start with a keynote speech by a prominent researcher on the particular theme of the day, followed by a round table in which research and action priorities will be discussed. On the fourth day of the congress, there will also be a session dedicated to environmental education and outreach, where other priorities in these topics will also be addressed.

The afternoons will include a session for oral and poster presentations, which will also be organized following the themes of the day. As part of their presentations, authors are encouraged to also identify priorities in their research areas. These priorities can be in terms of taxonomic breath, geographic scope, methodological improvement, conceptual approach, etc.

All of these sessions will be non-overlapping, with the intention of capturing the participation of all attendants in the respective discussions.

Session	Diversity and systematics	Ecology and Behavior	Conservation	Environmental Education and outreach
<b>Keynote speaker</b>	Jean Philippe Boubli	Anthony Di Fiore	Stella de la Torre	
<b>Round table</b>	Liliana Cortés Ortiz Anthony B. Rylands Bernardo Urbani Fanny Cornejo Luciana I. Oklander Jessica Lynch-Alfaro	Martín Kowalewski Andrés Link Eduardo Fernández Duque Mauricio Talebi Filippo Aureli Pedro Américo Duarte Días	Leandro Jerusalinsky Víctor Arroyo Rodríguez Sam Shaneé Sònia Sánchez López Domingo Canales Espinosa Ernesto Rodríguez Luna	Arturo González Zamora Juan Carlos Serio Silva
<b>Oral and Poster presentations</b>	Enrolled participants	Enrolled participants	Enrolled participants	Enrolled participants

## SLAPrim Action Priorities

In order to guide SLAPrim's strategic planning, there will be three workshops aimed at defining priorities of action for the Society. These workshops will be divided in four axis (integration, cooperative production, information consolidation, and training), and will identify action plans for products and services that are critical to fulfill SLAPrim's bylaws' objectives, as well as the groups of primatologists that can carry out these plans. The actions discussed during these workshops will be consistent with the priorities identified during the thematic round tables.

Action axis	SLAPrim's strategic objectives (according to the bylaws)
Integration	1. To facilitate integration among people interested in the study and conservation of neotropical primates. 2. To promote scientific meetings (congresses, conferences, symposia, round tables), and other related activities. 3. To boost the creation of and bonding among national and regional primatological societies in Latin American countries.
Cooperative production	4. To coordinate and promote joint activities for the study and conservation of primates in the Neotropics. 5. To provide advise in decision making that helps in the study and conservation of Neotropical primates, and actively participate in the design and implementation of related programs.
information consolidation	6. To consolidate and make available a repository of information regarding neotropical primates, and the ways to study and conserve them.
Training	7. To promote the formation and training of personnel for the study and conservation of neotropical primates.

## Priority consolidation

At the end of the congress there will be a plenary session in which working groups will present all the priorities identified in each thematic axis, and the results of each workshop. The organizing committee will coordinate the discussions, take all notes, prepare a summary to compose the final report, and determine the most appropriate option for publication. It is expected that this report will be used by people involved in primate research and conservation in Latin America, and will also serve to guide the actions of the SLAPrim in the years to come.

## Other activities

On the first day, and before the formal opening of the congress, there will be two symposia addressing current topics in primatology: communication and health. Also, parallel to the planning workshops, there will be short courses on themes of potential interest for young primatologists, that include: design of field primatological studies, spatial analysis of the habitat, scientific writing, participatory action research, and audiovisual project production. During the entire congress there will be contests on scientific illustration, photography and posters. The multimedia exhibition "The sound of the saraguatos" will also be open throughout the congress. The day after the conclusion of the congress there will be a touristic visit to the towns of Coatepec and Xico where participants will be able to get a glimpse on the famous celebrations of "Día de Muertos". Finally, from November 3-6 there will be a post congress course open to Latin American students in the town of Catemaco, Veracruz.

We look forward to seeing you in Xalapa!

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