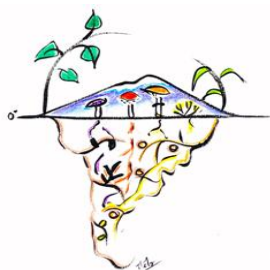


**IV International Symposium on Mycorrhizal Symbiosis in South America: Diversity and Value of Mycorrhizal Symbiosis for Future Ecologies**  
**August 24-28, 2026**  
**Quito, Ecuador**



Dear colleagues,

It is an honor to reiterate our invitation to the **IV International Symposium on Mycorrhizal Symbiosis in South America: Diversity and Value of Mycorrhizal Symbiosis for Future Ecologies**, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from August 24 to 28, 2026.

This symposium will bring together international experts, emerging researchers, and students around the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis for sustainable development and the conservation of future ecosystems. We will feature a diverse agenda including plenaries, oral presentations, scientific posters, and roundtables, as well as high-level pregress courses and workshops, among them:

- **Confirmed Plenaries**

- **Sidney Luiz Stürmer**, Universidade Regional de Blumenau. International Culture Collection of Glomeromycota (CICG), Brazil.
- **Jim Bever**, University of Kansas, International Collection of (Vesicular) Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Fungi (INVAM), USA.
- **Elisa Pellegrino**, Istituto di Produzioni Vegetali, Italy.
- **Jason Hoeksema**, University of Mississippi, USA.
- **Liz Koziol**, University of Kansas, International Collection of (Vesicular) Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Fungi (INVAM), USA.
- **Paula Aguilera**, General Manager and Founder of Myconativa, Chile.
- **Adriana Corrales**, Principal Field Research Scientist and Director of the Underground Explorers Program, Society for the Protection of Underground Networks (SPUN), Colombia.

- **Pregress Courses and Workshops:**  
**Certificate in Soil Biology and Health**  
Sponsor: Global Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment (GISAE)  
**August 20-21, 2026**

**Taxonomy of Glomeromycetes**

Instructors: Sidney Luiz Stürmer, Camila Nobre, and Jim Bever  
Sponsor: Society for the Underground Network—SPUN  
**August 22-25, 2026**

- **Special Fungi Philosophy, Led by César Marín**  
**Workshops:**  
**Translating Mycological Science into Law: The Basics**, Jacqueline Gallant, Director of Programs, More-than-Human Life (MOTH) Program, The Earth

### **Key Dates for Your Participation**

- Registration opens: January 5, 2026
- Early bird registration until: June 20, 2026
- Registration deadline: August 20, 2026
- Abstract submission deadline (oral presentations, posters, and roundtables): March 31, 2026

### **Symposium Thematic Lines**

1. Taxonomy: Back to the roots: renewed and rooted interest in mycorrhizae.
  2. Biogeography: From pieces to the puzzle: diversity and distribution of plants and mycorrhizal fungi in South America.
  3. Mycorrhizal Physiology and Molecular Biology: Clarifying the mechanisms.
  4. Mycorrhizal Ecology Across Scales, from Individuals to Ecosystems.
  5. Global Change and Mycorrhizae: Invasions, pollution, warming, restoration, and beyond—looking to the future!
  6. Mycorrhizae for Sustainable Agriculture and Silviculture: Harnessing mycorrhizal resources.
  7. Mycorrhizal Biotechnology: Bioformulation, bioremediation, and other applications.
  8. Truly Engaging Mycorrhizae: From the field to scientific diplomacy and policy.
  9. Mycorrhizal Outreach: Expanding the mycelium, connecting scientists with society.
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The official event website will be launched soon with all the details to facilitate your participation.

We especially thank the support of our sponsors, Society for the Underground Network (SPUN) and Global Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment (GISAE), whose collaboration makes our event possible.

We look forward to seeing you in Quito, Ecuador, and sharing an enriching space for scientific advancement and international collaboration in the field of mycorrhizal symbiosis.

See you in Quito!

Kind regards,

### **Scientific Committee**

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