



IV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE MYCORRHIZAL SYMBIOSIS IN SOUTH AMERICA



Facets and assets of mycorrhizal symbiosis for future ecologies

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Second Call

The Scientific Committee of the IV International Symposium on Mycorrhizal Symbiosis in South America is pleased to announce the official opening of the abstract submission process for oral presentations, posters, and roundtable discussions, within the framework of the symposium to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from 24 to 28 August 2026. This second circular provides detailed instructions for submitting contributions via Google Forms, the evaluation and notification schedule, and guidelines regarding the publication of contributions in proceedings and scientific journals of the region.

We are pleased to recognize and sincerely thank our valued sponsors: SPUN, IRD, The New Phytologist Foundation, and the Global Initiative for Sustainable Agriculture (GISAE). Their support is essential to the development and success of this scientific space.

• **Thematic lines and types of contribution**

Contributions will be received within the following 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.
8. Mycorrhizal Outreach: Expanding the mycelium, connecting scientists with society.

• **Accepted types of contribution:**

1. Oral presentations
2. Scientific posters.
3. Roundtables (panel discussions / structured dialogues)

• Formal requirements for abstracts

- Language: Spanish and English.
- Length: Maximum of 250 words or approximately 1,800 characters (including spaces), not counting title, names, and affiliations.
- Title: Clear and informative; a maximum of 150 characters is recommended.
- Writing format:
 - o A single paragraph, without references, tables, figures, or footnotes.
 - o Avoid non-standard abbreviations; if used, define them the first time they appear.
- Required structure of the abstract content:
 - o Background / context.
 - o Objectives.
 - o Methods in a concise form.
 - o Main results (abstracts without results or those that only state “results will be presented at the symposium” will not be accepted).
 - o Conclusions and relevance for mycorrhizal symbiosis and/or its applications.

• Recommendations for submission via Google Forms

- It is recommended to draft the abstract and check its length in a text document before pasting it into the form.
- Once the form has been submitted, the abstract version will be considered final. If you need to make a major correction before the call closes, you must contact the Scientific Committee indicating the title of the contribution and the email used in the form.
- After completing the Google Form, the main author will receive a copy of their responses at the registered email address (according to the configuration you define in the form).

- Abstract submissions will be accepted exclusively online through Google Forms. Submissions sent by email or any other means will not be considered.
- This circular will provide the links to the submission forms.
- Oral presentation and poster submission form (Google Forms)

[LINK:](#)



• Participation limits and presentation rules

In order to promote balanced and diverse participation, the following rules are established:

- Each person may appear as presenting author in a maximum of one oral presentation and one poster or two posters within the scientific program of the symposium.
- There is no limit to participation as co-author in other contributions.
- The main author will indicate in the Google Form who will be responsible for the presentation.
- The Scientific Committee reserves the right to:
 - Reassign the presentation modality (for example, from oral to poster).
 - Relocate the contribution to another thematic line if considered a better fit for its content.

If the presenting author is unable to attend, a substitute may be designated, with prior notification to the Organizing Committee in due time.

• Abstract evaluation and schedule

Abstracts received through Google Forms will be compiled in a database for evaluation by the Scientific Committee and, when appropriate, by external reviewers. The evaluation criteria include:

- Clarity of the objectives and the research question or of the focus of the roundtable.
- Thematic relevance to the symposium and the selected thematic line.
- Adequacy of the methodology.
- Quality and clarity of the results presented (or of the proposal, in the case of roundtables).
- Consistency between results and conclusions.
- Relevance for advancing knowledge on mycorrhizal symbiosis and its application in Latin American and global contexts.

• Tentative schedule:

- Opening of abstract submission via Google Forms: From the publication date of this second circular.
- Deadline for abstract submission (oral, poster, and roundtables): 31 March 2026.
- Abstract evaluation: 1 April to 30 April 2026.
- Notification of acceptance and assigned modality (by email to the main author): By 15 May 2026.
- Early registration: Until 20 June 2026.
- Final deadline for registration: 20 August 2026.
- Symposium dates: 24–28 August 2026, Quito, Ecuador.

Important: Only contributions whose presenting author has completed registration and payment by the deadline indicated on the event website will be included in the final scientific program and in the book of abstracts.

• **Presentation of contributions during the symposium**

The following general organization is envisaged:

- Thematic oral sessions
 - o 10-minute presentations with a joint question block at the end of the session.
 - o Organization in blocks by thematic line or integrative axes.
- Poster sessions
 - o Specific blocks, preferably in the afternoon.
 - o Mandatory presence of the presenting author during the assigned schedule.
- Roundtables
 - o 60–90 minute blocks, with flexible format, moderation, and time for discussion with the audience.

Further details will be provided in a forthcoming circular and on the official website: session language, slide format, poster dimensions, suggested templates, and ethical guidelines for presenting results.

• **Publication of contributions: proceedings and Latindex journals**

Accepted contributions that are effectively presented during the symposium will serve as the basis for subsequent publications:

- Proceedings of the IV International Symposium on Mycorrhizal Symbiosis in South America, in digital format with ISBN registration and editorial review (Scopus Q4).

- Special issues or thematic sections in scientific journals of the region, indexed in Latindex and other relevant regional indexes, in areas such as mycorrhizas, soil ecology, ecological restoration, agroecology, biotechnology, education, and science outreach.

Authors will be invited to submit extended versions of their contributions for peer review. The invitation to submit a manuscript does not imply automatic acceptance for publication. Future communications will provide details on associated journals, deadlines, style guidelines, and templates.

• **Terms and conditions of submission**

By submitting an abstract via Google Forms, the main author declares that:

- They accept the rule of a maximum of one oral presentation and one poster or two posters as presenting author within the symposium.
- They certify that the contribution is original and that all co-authors have approved its submission.
- They accept that the Scientific Committee may reassign the modality (oral/poster/roundtable) and the final thematic line of the contribution.
- They commit to completing registration and payment by the established deadlines; otherwise, the contribution may be withdrawn from the program.
- If they are unable to attend, they will inform the organization and will, if possible, propose a substitute to deliver the presentation.

• **Additional information and contact**

The symposium program will include plenary lectures by international specialists, pre-congress courses and workshops, special workshops, and activities linking mycorrhizal science with philosophy, law, public policy, and society.

The official event website will provide updates on: preliminary program, logistical aspects (venue, accommodation, transport), registration fees, support for students and early-career researchers, and cultural activities.

If you require an official invitation letter or an early response on the acceptance of your abstract for institutional procedures, scholarships, or visa applications, we invite you to contact the Scientific Committee as soon as possible; we will do our best to prioritize the review of your submission and provide you with a response in the shortest possible time.

For specific questions, requests for invitation letters, or additional information, please write to:

Official symposium email:
micorrizas.sudamerica2026@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your contributions and to seeing you in Quito to collectively build ecologies of the future informed by the diversity and value of mycorrhizal symbiosis



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March 31, 2026.



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Oral Presentation and Poster Submission Form

[Submission Form](#)

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