



9TH ARGENTINE CONFERENCE OF LIMNOLOGY FIRST NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

We announce and invite you to the 9th Argentine Congress of Limnology (CAL9), which will be held in the city of Esquel (Chubut province) from September 20th to 24th, 2020. The congress is organized by the Esquel Center for Research in Patagonian Mountains and Steppe (CIEMEP, CONICET-UNPSJB).

This newsletter provides general information on the congress and specifies the benefits related to early registration.

CONFERENCE AIMS

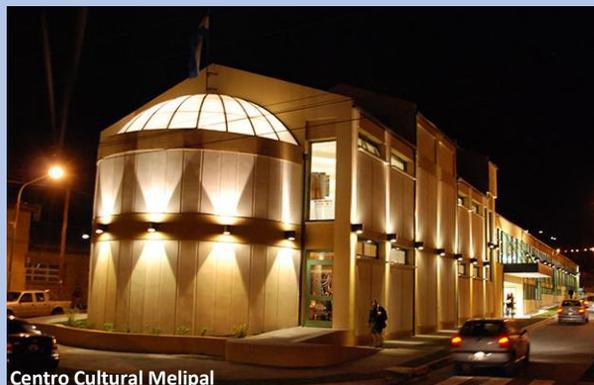
In the last decades limnology has undergone a great diversification in Argentina. Many researchers contribute on a daily basis to the development of this area of study allowing a better understanding of our vast freshwater ecosystems. Freshwater is a key resource for human development, therefore is of utmost importance the study of its availability and quality. Additionally an inadequate use of this resource may hamper the integrity, health and biodiversity of freshwater ecosystems.

The focus of this congress is to create a space of discussion, reflection, and also of knowledge development in order to increase a multidisciplinary progress of the field.

ABOUT ESQUEL



Esquel city is located in northwestern Chubut, Argentina. The city is surrounded by the La Zeta, La Cruz and Nahuel Pan mountains. The name **Esquel** refers to a “place where there are thistles” or “trembling place ” which relates to the wetland (mallín) present in this area. Several touristic attractions are found in the region. Among them is the Old Patagonian Express La Trochita, the Ski Center La Hoya, the lagoon La Zeta, and the National Park Los Alerces, recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Los Alerces Park is a must-visit for limnologists due to its diversity of freshwater environments since it includes lakes, wetlands, rivers, creeks, waterfalls and glaciers, all surrounded by the beautiful and characteristic Subantarctic Forest.



Activities will be held at the **Centro Cultural Melipal**, located downtown Esquel (intersection of Fontana Av. and Alvear Av.).

How to get here

- Esquel has a daily flight from Buenos Aires city (Aerolíneas Argentinas, Jorge Newbery Airport). One can also fly to Bariloche city (Aerolíneas Argentinas, Flybondi, LATAM, etc.), and then take a bus to Esquel (a 4 hr. trip since Esquel is located some 300 km south of Bariloche).
- Esquel can also be reached by bus, different companies from all over the country do this trip:
 - Andesmar
 - Vía Bariloche / El Valle/ Don Otto
 - Cooperativa T.A.C.
 - El Rápido Argentino



Climate

Esquel has the four seasons well defined, nonetheless one can experience all four in just one day. Spring is the season when the congress will take place, this month is rather cool and quite variable; the average low and high temperatures for this month are 2 °C and 13 °C. We suggest bringing a good coat or jacket and appropriate footwear. Keep in mind that it may snow (the ski season ends in October)!

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The Esquel Center for Research in Patagonian Mountains and Steppe (CIEMEP) is a research center of double dependency, CONICET and UNPSJB. It was created in 2013 on December 23. An important number of researchers, postdocs and graduate students work here in different aspects related to freshwater ecosystems, both in applied and basic limnology of basins, rivers, wetlands and lakes. We study the influence of natural and anthropic disturbances. Studies are carried out at population and community levels, including invertebrates, fish, birds and macrophytes. We also have research lines in systematics, phylogeny, evolution, biogeography, physiology, etnolimnology, conservation, biology and ecology of aquatic organisms. CIEMEP is also involved in environmental policies and preservation of resources at a regional scale.

ACTIVITIES

Among the proposed activities we can mention main conferences, specific symposia, panel discussions, oral expositions and poster sessions on different subjects dealing with different aspects of freshwater ecology.

REGISTRATION

Please contact the organizers for information on prices, payment methods, and billing.

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THEMATIC AREAS

- Ecohydrology
- Biogeochemistry
- Land use-related impacts
- Trophic networks
- Population and community ecology
- Ecosystem function
- Evolutionary biology, biodiversity, and conservation
- Microorganisms
- Lentic environments
- Paleolimnology
- Mixohaline environments
- Urban environments
- Ecological indicators and biomonitoring
- Ecotoxicology
- Global change
- Etnolimnology
- Ecosystem services and restoration
- Environmental education

UPCOMING DATES

- **December 2019:** our second newsletter will be available. It will include information related to the abstract submission. It will also include more details on the program, invited speakers, lodging, and other activities to take place before and after the congress.
- **March-April 2020:** abstract submission.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

CAL9 is supported by the following institutions:

- Asociación Argentina de Limnología
- Centro de Investigación Esquel de Montaña y Estepa Patagónica
- Facultad de Ciencias Naturales y Ciencias de la Salud – Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia San Juan Bosco

It has also been declared Event of Municipal Interest by the Honorable Concejo Deliberante de la Ciudad de Esquel – Municipal decree 19/19.

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