

First Announcement

3rd World Lagomorph Conference

**9 – 14 November 2008
México**

Organized by



World Lagomorph Society



**INSTITUTE OF
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The World Lagomorph Society, The Mexican Association for the Conservation and Study of Lagomorphs (AMCELA), and The Centre for Research on Environmental Geography are pleased to invite you to attend the 3rd World Lagomorph Conference that will be held on November 9th to 14th 2008 in the City of Morelia, State of Michoacán, México.

Background

25 years after the 1st World Lagomorph Conference (WLC) in Guelph (Ontario, Canada), the 2nd WLC was held in Vairão (Portugal) in 2004. This meeting was very successful in re-uniting scientists and students interested in lagomorphs from all over the world. A happy result of the 2nd WLC at Vairão was that a decision was taken to hold the WLC every four years. Mexico was proposed as the host country for the 3rd WLC. We challenge all lagomorph researches to come to Mexico and help establish the WLC as the official and regular meeting of the World Lagomorph Society.

The WLC brings together top researchers to provide an opportunity for scientists and students to share their knowledge and interests in the study and conservation of lagomorphs. Moreover, the WLC aims to provide a forum for the leading scientists to present their recent research under the various themes catered for in the program and to encourage collaboration and the forging of cooperative networks that will aid in the conservation of lagomorphs.

Location

Morelia, a colonial city in central México considered a Heritage of Humanity site by UNESCO, offers an ideal setting with easy travel access. It has an international airport, a vibrant culture, major universities, an exciting gastronomic heritage, excellent accommodation that range from luxury hotels to student hostels, and convenient access to temperate montane forests and lakes.

Language

The official language of the meeting will be English.

Host Institutions

Mexican Association for Conservation and Study of Lagomorphs (AMCELA)
World Lagomorph Society
Centre for Research on Environmental Geography, UNAM
Government of the State of Michoacán, México
IUCN/SSC Lagomorph Specialist Group (LSG)

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Scientific program

The scientific program will include oral and poster presentations, workshops, and scheduled scientific activities. The 3rd WLC will host the General Assembly of the World Lagomorph Society and provide an opportunity for the meeting of the IUCN/SSC Lagomorph Specialist Group. Also, AMCELA will hold a national meeting during the conference.

Estimated costs

Costs of registration fees are estimates. Efforts will be done to keep fees at low cost, to offer grants for students and discounts for members of AMCELA and the World Lagomorph Society. Registration will cover attendance to the scientific program, a welcome social event, and the abstract book and meeting documents.

Regular fee: \$ 100.00 USD

Student fee: \$ 50.00 USD

Other activities such as the concluding banquet and field trips will have additional costs.

Contact

AMCELA Committee 3rdwlc@gmail.com

Pre-registration form

Please complete the pre-registration form and return this to 3rdwlc@gmail.com to reach the organizers before January 15th 2008.

Pre-registration form

Are you interested in attending the meeting?

Yes _____

No _____

Are you interested in making a presentation?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, what type of presentation? Oral _____ Poster _____

Please provide a provisional title for your presentation:

Are you interested in organizing or participating in a workshop or another activity?

Yes _____

No _____

Workshop _____

Activity _____

Please provide a provisional title and short explanation for the workshop or activity you would like to organize or participate in:

Please provide the requirements for the workshop or activity:

Please provide the approximate number (minimum and maximum) of participants to attend the workshop or activity: _____

Additional observations:

Please provide the following information:

Your name and surname: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Postal code and City: _____

Country: _____

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Note: Completing this pre-registration form does not guarantee your registration. Returning this pre-registration form to 3rdwlc@gmail.com before January 15th 2008 will ensure you will receive the second and third announcements.