



Dear participants to the 4th International Symposium on Biological Control of Arthropods (Pucón, Chile, 4-8 March 2013).

The date of the conference is just around the corner, and we are looking forward to having a great week and interesting conference. We would also like to give you some useful information for the meeting.

- First of all, we would like you to fill an online survey to collect your attendance and travel details. This will only take a couple of minutes and will help us great deal to better organize a number of aspects of the meeting. The link of the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/simposio>. Please fill this information as soon as possible, and no later than Monday January 28th.
- The web page of the conference has been updated (www.isbca.org) and you will find most of what you should need regarding how to reach the conference place, how to register and pay for the meeting, accommodations and fun activities around the Pucón area. If you haven't paid yet, we remind you that the standard fee deadline is January 31st. For the detailed instructions of how to pay using the webpay portal don't forget to download the file that will guide you if you are not fluent in Spanish (<http://www.isbca.org/archivos/Instructionsforpaymentwithwebpay2.pdf>).
- The scientific content of the conference has also been updated, and can be downloaded as a pdf, but we will be posting soon a more detailed schedule with the times of each talk within a session, as well as the poster program. As you will see, we will have an intense and exciting programme!
- Regarding accommodations, there a couple of things that you should know. First, the discounted rate and sleeping room block at the conference hotel will be released on January 31st, so be sure to make your reservations before then. This discounted rate applies from March 2nd to 9th. The other important information to keep in mind is that in order not to pay the 19% sales tax for hotels, AT THE MOMENT OF CHECK IN, you need to present your passport and tourist card (given to you at the moment you enter the country).
- Finally, for most of you travelling by plane, immigration will occur at the Santiago airport, which at this time of the year and certain times of the day (particularly in the morning) can be quite crowded. So save some patience!!!!

We look forward to your participation in the meeting.

See you in Pucón,

Organizing Committee