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Schedule	Wednesday 20 th November
13:00 - 18:00	Educational Workshops - Universidad de los Andes
13:00 - 13:30	Registration
13:30 - 18:00	Room SD701: Learning Mycology through Clinical Cases - Workshop of Adult Patients. Jorge Cortés - Angela Tobón - Laura Nocua - Sandra Valderrama - Carlos Álvarez - Jairo Pérez - Isabel Cristina Ramírez Alicia Hidrón Fernando Rosso
13:30 - 18:00	Laboratory J104: Rapid methods for the immunodiagnosis of fungal infections. Diego Cáceres - Regielly
13:30 - 18:00	Room RGD-08: Mycologic Advanced Diagnostics. Beatriz Gómez - Vania Vicente - Emmanuel Razzolini - Andrés Ceballos - Elaine Cristina Francisco - Guillermo García Efron
13:30 - 18:00	Room ML513: Infocus Kids - Workshop of Clinical Cases. Andreas Groll - Fabianne Carlesse - Laura Ferreras Antolin - Maria Teresa Rosanova - Adilia Warris - Luz Ángela Moreno - María Elena Santolaya
Pan American Health Organization PAHO Pre Congress Meetings - Hotel Hilton Bogotá Corferias	
8:00 - 18:00	Reunión de Micología de la Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe para la Vigilancia de la Resistencia a los Antimicrobianos (ReLAVRA+)
8:00 - 18:00	Priorizando Investigación Operativa en Enfermedad Avanzada VIH en America Latina y el Caribe: Reunión de Expertos



Schedule	Thursday 21st November	
8:30 - 9:30	Registration /coffee	
9:30 - 11:00	Candida Symposium	Pediatrics 1 Symposium
Chair, Co-chair	José Oñate - Fernando Riera	Fabianne Carlesse - Alejandro Díaz
9:30 - 9:55	Controversial issues, what the guidelines don't address appropriately. José Oñate - Fernando Riera	Pediatrics perspectives of novel antifungals. Brian Fisher
9:55 - 10:20	Fluconazole resistant <i>C. parapsilopsis</i> behaves like <i>C. auris</i> ? Guillermo García Efron	How to dose posaconazole in children. Andreas Groll
10:20 - 10:45	Difficult foci to eradicate in invasive candidiasis. Luis Ostrozky-Zeichner	Which role has isavuconazole in the treatment of aspergilosis in children. Brian Fisher
10:45 - 11:00	Q&A	Q&A
11:00 - 11:30	Key lecture - <i>Candida auris</i>: advances and challenges. Jorge Alberto Cortés	
11:30 - 12:00	Key lecture - Tribute to Dr. Angela Restrepo and her educative mission - Elizabeth Castañeda	
12:00 - 13:30	Stendhal Satellite Symposium	Bruker Satellite Symposium
13:30 - 14:30	Posters and commercial exhibition	
14:00 - 15:30	Endemic Mycoses Symposium	Proteomics and Genomics Symposium
Chair, Co-chair	Ángel González - Flavio Queiróz Telles	Claudia Parra - Patricia Escandón
14:00 - 14:25	New trends in the epidemiology of systemic endemic mycoses in Latin America. Gustavo Giusiano	Beyond the bench: the importance of genomics guiding clinical and public health response. Nancy Chow
14:25 - 14:50	Clinical aspects of systemic mycoses in Latin America: complications and sequels. Angela Tobón	Unveiling the proteomic secrets of human pathogenic fungi: decoding molecular mechanisms for better therapies. Claudia Parra
14:50 - 15:15	Development of vaccines for endemic fungi: how far are we from it? Angel González	From the environment to the host: use of next generation sequencing for tracking and diagnosing fungal infection agents. Vania Vicente
15:15 - 15:30	Q&A	Q&A
15:30 - 16:00	Recess	
16:00 - 17:30	Mycoses Study Group: Joint INFOCUS/MSG-ERC session: New response definitions for clinical trials in medical mycology Symposium	Pediatrics 2 Symposium
Chair, Co-chair	Indira Berrio - Luis Ostrosky-Zeichner	Andreas Groll - María Elena Santolaya
16:00 - 16:25	General framework, definitions for <i>Aspergillus</i> and <i>Candida</i> infections. Luis Ostrozky-Zeichner	Pulmonary infiltrates in a neutropenic child. Alejandro Díaz
16:25 - 16:50	Definitions for cryptococcosis. Todd McCarty	Fungal infections in children with primary immunodeficiencies. Adilia Warris
16:50 - 17:15	Definitions for endemic mycoses. Nathan Bahr	A breakthrough fungal infection? Germán Camacho
17:15 - 17:30	Q&A	Q&A
17:30-18:00	Recess	
18:00 - 20:00	Opening Ceremony	
18:00 - 18:15	Welcome	
18:15 - 19:00	Key lecture - Challenges in tackling fungal infections in LATAM. Arnaldo Lopes Colombo	
19:00 - 20:00	Welcome cocktail	



Schedule	Friday 22nd November	
7:30 - 8:30	Meet the expert 1: Framework of interventions required for a paradigm shift: from the Fungal Pathogens Priority List (FPPL) to Blueprint. Chairs: Tom Chiller -Carlos Alvarez. Speakers: Hatim Sati - Ana Alastruey-Izquierdo	Meet the expert 2: What's New in Antifungal Susceptibility Testing: CLSI Standard Protocols, MALDI-TOF, and Molecular Resistance Markers. Advantages, Limitations, Interpretation, and Challenges. Chairs: Juan Diego Vélez - Francelise Cavassin. Speakers: Andrés Ceballos - Guillermo García Efron
8:30 - 10:00	Immunosuppressed patients (hematological) Symposium	Selected research oral presentations
Chair, Co-chair	Ricardo Rabaqliati - Patricia Cornejo	Julian Esteban Muñoz - Carolina Firacative - Sonia
8:30 - 8:55	New therapies in leukemia: from new drugs to CAR-T Cell - risks of invasive fungal infection. María José López	Research advances: 10 minute: IRO-01 . Posaconazole as a viable alternative in treating histoplasmosis: insights from a Colombian high-complexity clinic. IRO-02 . Epidemiología genómica de <i>Candida auris</i> : revelando mecanismos de resistencia en aislamientos colombianos. IRO-03 . Extensive genotyping of <i>Sporothrix brasiliensis</i> reveals that spread is largely driven by clonal clades. IRO-04 . Utilización de pruebas rápidas para la estratificación del estado inmunológico y detección de infecciones oportunistas en personas con infección avanzada por VIH. IRO-05 . Sensibilidad a los antifúngicos in vitro de hongos dematiáceos en Argentina, período 2011-2023. IRO-06 . Revelando los posibles mecanismos de resistencia a polienos en levaduras del género <i>Malassezia</i> . IRO-07 . Widespread transmission of <i>t. indotineae</i> , an emerging, frequently drug resistant dermatophyte: a global genomic epidemiology study. IRO-08 . Molecular characterization of <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i> isolates in non-HIV patients. IRO-09 . Performance of IMMY® Sona <i>Aspergillus</i> LFA in detecting Galactomannan in tracheal aspirates from patients with CAPA: A Cross-Sectional and systematic review.
8:55 - 9:20	Revisiting antifungal prophylaxis. Patricia Cornejo	
9:20 - 9:45	Points to update in the management of antifungals in patients with febrile neutropenia. Ricardo Rabagliati	
9:45 - 10:00	Q&A	
10:00 - 10:30	Recess	
10:30 - 12:00	ECMM Symposium - antifungals and resistance	Fungal infections in patients living with HIV Symposium
Chair, Co-chair	Carlos Álvarez - Jorge Cortés	Omar Sued - Jairo Lizarazo
10:30 - 10:55	Dual use antifungals. Norman Van Rhijn	Results and learned lessons of the implementation of programs among people living with HIV in Latin America. Fredy Pérez
10:55 - 11:20	Mitigating AMR via combination therapy. Elaine Bignell	Challenges and advances in the treatment of Cryptococcal meningitis: perspectives from the implementation. José Vidal
11:20 - 11:45	Emerging drug resistant dermatophytes. Anuradha Chowdhary	Results of single dose amphotericin B in disseminated histoplasmosis and perspectives from detection of <i>Histoplasma</i> in patients without advanced disease. Alessandro Pasqualotto
11:45 - 12:00	Q&A	Q&A
12:00 - 13:30	Biotoscana Satellite Symposium	Immy Satellite Symposium
13:30-14:30	Posters and commercial exhibit	
14:30 - 16:00	Aspergillus (new populations) Symposium	Pediatrics 3 Symposium
Chair, Co-chair	Carlos Álvarez - Patrice Le Pape	Maria Tereza Rosanova - Flavio Queirós Telles
14:30 - 14:55	The Latin American <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> Environmental Azole Resistance Survey 2021-2024. Wieland Meyer	A child with superficial skin lesion and a dog. Alexandro Bonifaz
14:55 - 15:20	Clinical impact and management of <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> resistance. Paul Verweij	A child with conjunctivitis and a cat. Flavio Queirós Telles
15:20 - 15:45	Emergence of azole-resistant <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> in the last vicennium. Jacques Meis	A child with deep-seated infections and outdoor activities. Ángela Tobón
15:45 - 16:00	Q&A	Q&A
16:00 - 17:30	Integrating regional strategies for fungal disease response, prevention, and control in the Americas: A partnership to form the fungal disease interest group Symposium	
Chair, Co-chair	Ana Alastruey - Izquierdo - Beatriz Gómez	
16:00 - 16:15	PAHO: Presentation of the FUNGAL DISEASE INTEREST Group, PAHO activities in the region. TBD	
16:15 - 16:30	CDC: Regional work overview and specific partner presentation. Tom Chiller - Patricia Escandón - Claudia Banda	
16:30 - 16:45	GAFFI: Access to diagnosis: centralised vs decentralised. Two useful models depending on the health systems. Guillermo García Efron - Claudia Frola	
16:45 - 17:00	MRC CMM EXETER: Introduction to MRC CMM, highlights research target areas and FAILSAFE. Gordon Brown - Elaine Bignell	
17:00 - 17:15	CMM LATAM Unit: Research target areas, partners and funding opportunities. Arnaldo Lopes Colombo - Elaine Bignell	
17:15 - 17:30	Q&A	
17:30 - 18:00	Key Lecture - Globally emerging resistant fungi: why now? Shawn Lockhart	
18:00 - 18:30	Key Lecture - One Health approach to fungal infections - Carlos Álvarez Moreno	
18:30 - 19:00	Recess	
19:00 - 22:00	Congress Dinner	



Schedule		Saturday 23rd November	
8:30 - 9:30	Meet the expert 3: Epidemiology and Diagnosis of Rare Yeasts: Current Challenges and Future Directions. Chairs: Álvaro Rúa - Juan Carlos Gómez	Meet the expert 4: Approach to recent outbreaks caused by <i>Mucor</i> and <i>Fusarium</i>	
	Emerging threats: insights into rare and unknown yeasts of Basidiomycota phylum. Adriana Celis	Experience with outbreaks caused by <i>Mucor</i> . Alejandro Bonifaz	
	Emerging insights into arthroconidial yeasts: epidemiological trends and diagnostic challenges in LATAM countries. Elaine Cristina Francisco	Experience with outbreaks caused by <i>Fusarium</i> . Fernanda González	
9:30 - 12:00	PAHO - Resistance surveillance Symposium	Laboratory Innovations Symposium	
Chair, Co-chair	Narda Medina	Beatriz Gómez - Norma Fernández	
9:30 - 10:55	<i>Candida</i> : Exploring the secrets of the genome and the impact in the antifungal resistance in the regional epidemiology. Constanza Taverna	From historical techniques to new methods: A polyphasic approach to pathogenic mold identification. Dea Garcia Hermoso	
10:55 - 11:20	Highlights from the Latin American <i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> azole resistance survey in 12 Countries and 20 laboratories - The LatAsp Project. Plinio Trabasso	Advances in molecular diagnosis of mycoses. Lewis White	
11:20 - 11:45	Trichophyton indotineae and the challenge of antifungal resistance. Anuradha Chowdhary	Genotyping emerging yeasts outbreaks. Jacques Meis	
11:45 - 12:00	Q&A	Q&A	
11:00-12:00	Closure Ceremony		
12:00-14:00	Recess		
14:00-18:30	ISHAM ONE Health Sporotrichosis WG Workshop		
Monitoring introductions of <i>S. brasiliensis</i> in new regions			
Chair, Co-chair	Alyson Cavanaugh - Dallas Smith		
14:00 - 14:15	Early diagnosis and treatment of sporotrichosis, overview. Carolina Melchior Prado		
14:15 - 15:00	Panel: Jose Brunelli, Pamela Thompson, Isabela Gremiao, Carolina Melchior Prado		
Diagnostics: current status, challenges, and prospects for improved & timely diagnosis capacity			
Chair, Co-chair	Diego Caceres - Nancy Chow		
15:00 - 15:15	Diagnosis of sporotrichosis in humans can be challenging, overview. Rodrigo Paes		
15:15 - 16:00	Panel: Regielly Cognialli, Sandro Antonio Pereira, Eelco Meijer, Rodrigo Paes		
16:00 - 16:30	Recess		
Treatment of humans and cats: access, treatment failure, & antimicrobial resistance			
Chair, Co-chair	Flavio Queiróz Telles - Shawn Lockhart		
16:30 - 16:45	Treatment of humans and cats with sporotrichosis, overview. Dayvison Freitas		
16:45 - 17:30	Panel: Vanice Poester, Giovanni Breda, Francelise Cavassin, Dayvison Freitas		
Prevention and Control of the Spread of <i>S. brasiliensis</i>			
Chair, Co-chair	Tom Chiller - Maria Adelaide Millington		
17:30 - 17:45	Transmission of <i>S. brasiliensis</i> , overview. Regielly Cognialli		
17:45 - 18:30	Panel: Sandro Rogerio Almeida, Isabela Gremiao, Regielly Cognialli, Amanda Santos		
14:00 - 18:30	Infectious diseases program at Universidad Nacional de Colombia - alumni encounter meeting		