

# COLOMBIAN MEETING ON CHONDRICHTHYES

October 29 - November 2, 2012

Santa Marta, Colombia

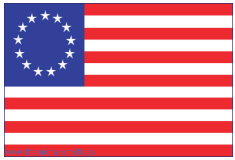


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# PRESENTATION



The Colombian meeting on Chondrichthyes is an opportunity to disseminate knowledge and to interact with researchers interested in this group of fishes, both in Colombia and Latin America. The first meeting was held in 2008 at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá and the second in 2010 at the Universidad ICESI in Cali. Students and researchers from nine American countries attended these events.

Past events have been supported by numerous national and international institutions; they have joined as sponsors willing to support this initiative. Therefore, and in order to consolidate the Meeting at national and international level and to ensure its continuity in time, the SQUALUS Foundation has considered creating a Logistics Committee. The Committee would be formed through cooperation agreements with organizations identified as strategic partners. The Committee will vary according to the needs of each Meeting and will be selected by the SQUALUS Foundation.

This year, for the Third Colombian Meeting on Chondrichthyes (III ECC), the SQUALUS Foundation has formed the Committee with the Universidad del Magdalena and Conservation International. The Committee will coordinate the logistic, technical, and academic tasks necessary to keep the quality standards that the Meeting has achieved in previous years.

We hope that this initiative will promote greater interest in future attendees and participants, who can enjoy a high quality Colombian Meeting on Chondrichthyes in support of the conservation of sharks, skates, rays, and chimaeras, not only in Colombia but in Latin America.



**I Colombian meeting  
on Chondrichthyes  
Bogotá, 2008**



**II Colombian meeting  
on Chondrichthyes  
Cali, 2010**

# OBJETIVES



Offer high-level training to the attendees on different topics related to cartilaginous fish.

Create the opportunity to disseminate, discuss, and consolidate efforts of national and international cooperation to conduct research, sustainable management, and conservation of chondrichthyes in the region.

Offer the necessary means to highlight the academic strengths of the research groups that are conducting studies with this species, and therefore facilitate the cooperation among them.

# SCHEDULE

This ECC III (including the pre-meeting courses) will be held between October 29th and November 2nd of 2012 on the campus of the Universidad del Magdalena. It will include:

**1. PRE-MEETING COURSES:** The courses will take place the 29th and 30th of October. Each course will involve 14 hours of training. The courses offered include:

**Introduction to studies of aging and growth in cartilaginous fishes.** Gregor Cailliet, PhD. Professor Emeritus of Moss Landing Marine Laboratory. Course offered in English.

**Population dynamics, fisheries and conservation of the Potamotrygonidae.** Maria Lucía Góes de Araújo, PhD. Universidade do Estado do Amazonas. Course offered in Spanish.

**Demographic analyzes for elasmobranch populations.** Fernando Marqués-Farias, PhD. Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, Mexico. Course offered in Spanish.

**Introduction to diet analysis, feeding ecology, and ecological role of elasmobranchs.** Andrés Felipe Navia, PhD (cand.) Paola Andrea Mejía-Falla, PhD (cand.). Fundación SQUALUS, Colombia. Course offered in Spanish.

**2. MEETING:** The meeting will take place between October 31st and November 2nd. It will include:

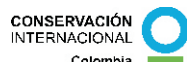
Plenary presentations by national and international researchers invited to the event.

Oral presentations by national and international participants.

Poster presentations by national and international participants.

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# ABSTRACTS



The III ECC will publish the abstracts of the event in a proceedings book with ISBN. The abstracts will have a maximum length of one page, and must include the following sections:

Title, Authors and Affiliations, Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusions, and Literature Cited  
For abstracts writing and submission, a Microsoft Word template has been designed including the sections listed above. This template is available at:  
[www.squalus.org/encuentro2012/resumenes.html](http://www.squalus.org/encuentro2012/resumenes.html)

The file must be named with the last name of the first author, the subject (a keyword), and the type of presentation (talk or poster), e.g. Arcila-diet-talk. If an author sends two or more documents for the same subject, add a consecutive number. E.g. Arcila-diet-talk1, Arcila-dieta-talk2. Abstracts will be accepted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

The abstract (template) should be sent to the e-mail address [squalus@squalus.org](mailto:squalus@squalus.org). The subject of the e-mail should be "MEETING ABSTRACT". The name of the exhibitor must be included within the message.

**Deadline for abstracts submission:** July 16th, 2012

**Date of confirmation of abstract acceptance:** August 15th, 2012

All abstracts will be reviewed by the III ECC Scientific Committee (see below in this issue)

## AWARDS FOR THE BEST WORKS

In order to encourage participation of national and international researchers, 12 prizes will be awarded for the best abstracts submitted for oral presentation.

Awards include a free registration to the meeting and a pre-meeting course. These awards will be divided into three categories:

- 1. Undergraduate:** 5 prizes will be awarded to abstracts related to undergraduate thesis.
- 2. Graduate:** 5 prizes will be awarded to abstracts related to graduate thesis.
- 3. Research:** 2 prizes will be awarded to research abstracts not related to undergraduate or graduate thesis.

The poster presentation awards will follow the same categories than for talks: 1 undergraduate award, 1 graduate award, and 1 research award.

When submitting the abstract, the author must indicate in the message whether he or she wants to participate for a prize and in which category. Students must attach a letter from their supervisor certifying that their abstract falls under the category requested (undergraduate or graduate).

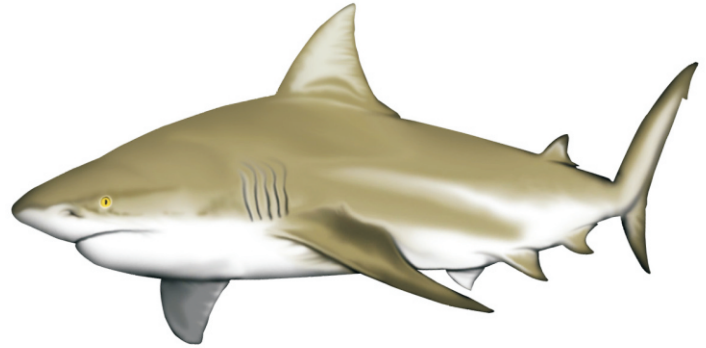
# SPEAKERS



**Gregor Cailliet, Ph.D.**  
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**Maria Lúcia Góes de Araújo, Ph.D.**  
Universidade do Estado do Amazonas  
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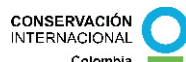
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# APPLICATION PROCESS



## COLOMBIAN RESIDENTS

1. Pay the registration fee at the Bancolombia Savings Account Number 829-510-54492 on behalf of Fundación SQUALUS, according to the appropriate category (student or professional).
2. Fill out the online registration form indicating the number of the deposit receipt (without this number the information cannot be send).
3. Send a scanned image of the deposit receipt to [squalus@squalus.org](mailto:squalus@squalus.org). If you paid the registration fee as a student, please also send the scanned image of your current student ID.

## NON-COLOMBIAN RESIDENTS

The fee of the pre-meeting course and/or the meeting shall be made in the city of Santa Marta; however, the cost will depend on the date of your online registration (before or after July 16, 2012). To register please follow these steps:

1. Fill out the online registration form. Enter 111111 in the “Number of the deposit receipt” field and the date of registration in the “Date of the deposit” field.
2. If you chose the registration fee as a student, please send the scanned image of your current student ID to [squalus@squalus.org](mailto:squalus@squalus.org).



# INVESTMENT

	Before July 16, 2012		After July 16, 2012	
	\$Col	USD	\$Col	USD
<b>Meeting</b>				
Students	130.000	70	160.000	90
Researchers	160.000	90	190.000	105
<b>Pre-meeting courses</b>				
Students	130.000	70	160.000	90
Researchers	160.000	90	190.000	105
<b>Meeting + Pre-meeting courses</b>				
Students	230.000	130	290.000	160
Researchers	300.000	170	360.000	200

Students (Undergraduate and graduate)

For more information contact the Meeting Chair Luz Marina Mejia at [squalus@squalus.org](mailto:squalus@squalus.org)