



**10th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE NETWORK OF
LOCALISED AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS – SYAL
VALDIVIA, CHILE, 2024**

***“Localised agri-food and marine food systems: Climate change;
dynamics of interculturality and innovation”***

13 - 15 November 2024

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Network of Localised Agri-Food Systems (SYAL), Universidad Austral de Chile, Universidad San Sebastián and Universidad Católica del Maule extend an invitation to take part in the 10th International Congress of Localised Agri-Food Systems (SYAL), to be held in Valdivia, Chile, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of November 2024. The Congress will take place in the Isla Teja Campus of Universidad Austral de Chile and the Valdivia Campus of Universidad San Sebastián.

In a context of marked changes associated with alteration of the global environment, in particular the climate crisis affecting the whole planet, and in the regional scenario of Chile and Latin America, marked by the complexity of the social, political-economic and intercultural dynamics resulting in tensions and conflicts of various orders and kinds, agri-food systems at every scale are being challenged by circumstances and multiple difficulties. In this situation, uncertainty and adversity, but also resilience, creativity and opportunities for innovation and the reformulation of practices, dynamics and institutions, offer ways to persist in a search for alternatives to construct new forms of food security and sovereignty.

The *10th International Congress of Localised Agri-Food Systems* will offer a space for reflection and analysis, and prospects for transforming action in which an intercultural approach, in a broad sense, implies the possibility of visualising alternative models, innovating, re-thinking conventional models and imagining new scenarios where food production, trade, circulation and consumption occur in food governance frameworks that incorporate territorial and economic-cultural dynamics.

Activities and modes of participation*

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- Presentations in plenary session
- Symposia
- Discussion groups
- Presentation of posters
- Fairs with local producers
- Field trips/visits

Modes of participation

- Regular parallel sessions (regular symposia).
- Proposed parallel sessions (proposed symposia).
- Presentation of posters.
- Plenary sessions.

The parallel sessions with regular symposia will be organised on the basis of presentations proposed by registered participants, addressing thematic lines and sub-lines. Participants may also propose symposia to the organisation, which be their responsibility and will be open to other presentations.

The Discussion Groups will be proposed by the Organising Committee and the Coordinators of the American SYAL Network.

The posters will be shown on permanent panels, with specific times allocated for oral presentation, in the Congress venue.

Thematic Lines

Territorial governance of SYAL, actors, local networks and institutions

This thematic line includes, among other possible sub-lines, the following: Public policies and governance of SYAL; Interculturality in food supply and in localised agri-food systems; Women, gender and localised agri-food systems; Indigenous peoples, ethnicity and food supply.

Climate change, biodiversity, environment and agro-ecology

This thematic line includes, among other possible sub-lines, the following: Biodiversity and genetic resources as bio-cultural heritage; Adaptation to climate change in localised agri-food systems; Agri-ecological and transition practices; Recycling sub-products in localised agri-food systems for generation of bio-consumables, bio-products and bio-energy; Blue bio-economy and localised marine food systems;

Economy of Localised Agri-Food Systems

This thematic line includes, among other possible sub-lines, the following: Local markets, fairs, economies of proximity and short circuits; Certification processes for food products (denominations of origin, quality seals, participative guarantee systems and other forms of certification); Consumption dynamics and the role of consumers in strengthening SYAL.

Foodstuff recycling strategies in products, processes and systems

This thematic line includes, among other possible sub-lines, the following: Agrotourism and localised agri-food systems; Innovation and territorial identity of foods; Identification and characterisation of local foods and handicrafts; Recycling and innovation policies for SYAL products; Forests and forest food products; Agri-food festivals; The role of ICT in recycling local products.

Social movements and localised agri-food systems

This thematic line includes, among other possible sub-lines, the following: Collective action in localised agri-food systems; Human right to water in SYAL; Loss of legal status of the traditional quality of foodstuffs; Privatisation, contamination with genetically modified organisms and defence of traditional seeds.

Important dates*

Submission of proposals for presentations and symposia	1 March - 30 April
Notification of acceptance	30 May
Opening date for inscription	30 June
Submission of Full Abstract	15 September
Closing date for inscription	15 October

*The format for proposals for presentations and symposia, and for full abstracts, will be published in the Second Communiqué.

Inscription rates**

American international speaker	200 dollars
American international participant	100 dollars
Chilean speaker	180.000 Chilean pesos
Chilean participant	90.000 Chilean pesos
Student	50.000 Chilean pesos

**Rates subject to 20% discount between 30 June and 30 July.

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