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### ***Parallel programme announced and early bird for WCSJ 2023 extended!***

Happy new year! As we stride into 2023, the Medellín conference is fast approaching. Closer still is the end of the early bird rate to save on your registration. We have had a great deal of interest and enquiries and so are extending the early bird deadline to the end of the month to allow more of you to take advantage of the special rate.

Register [now](#) to save up to \$100 USD off your admission rate to WCSJ23, prices go up February 1. Book your accommodations at one of our host hotels in Medellín while you're at it!

The full parallel programme for the World Conference of Science Journalists in Medellín, Colombia is now live! The 24 sessions across five tracks have been published on the [WCSJ 2023 website](#) as well as the details of the themes for the plenaries - though these are yet to be announced.

We are highlighting a handful of sessions below. We hope you agree they will be insightful and offer plenty of opportunity for discussion and engagement.

#### **A note from Ximena Serrano Gil, director of the WCSJ Medellín conference**

This will be a wonderful year for scientific journalism, our great reunion is approaching and we are excited to know that the time will soon come to meet again, see each other face to face, hug and share.

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journalists from all corners of the planet to join the Conference, so we are building a varied, attractive and impressive WCSJ2023 for all of you.

Colombia is a magical land, its colors, rhythms, biodiversity and warmth of its people have positioned it as one of the world's attractions to visit. *The New York Times* last week pointed out Medellín as one of the best destinations for this year, so do not miss this great opportunity to enjoy the magic that this WCSJ will have and register soon to secure your place and attractions.



### **Programme information**

We are happy to release more of the programme with a reminder that there are five tracks to enjoy during the conference. Details below.

#### **Track 5. Our craft: tools of the trade (ideas to improve our reporting!).**

##### **Science podcasts and the rise of audio**

Give your ears the pleasure of a good science story! This session aims to share different experiences in science podcasts from around the world and show the diversity of audio stories, as well as how productions adapted to the pandemic.

##### **Moderator:**

Lindsay Patterson, USA

##### **Speakers:**

Silvia Viñas, UK

Anne Chisa, South Africa

Halima Athumani, Uganda

##### **Writing the popular science book: Four authors tell their stories**

authors of recently published books will address the challenges of planning, pitching and completing a book. Find out how they found the ways and means to succeed.

**Moderator:**

Kathryn O'Hara, Canada

**Speakers:**

Sarah Everts, Canada

Frederico Kukso, Argentina

Engela Duvenage, South Africa

Alyaa Abo-Shabha, Egypt

**Track 4. North/South: to a new dialogue in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.****Reporting on Indigenous Knowledge**

In this discursive session, journalists from different parts of the world talk over the issues they faced reporting on cases where science has gone wrong in a context where science denialism is surging.

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Rebekah White, New Zealand

**Speakers:**

Dr Daniel Hikuroa, New Zealand

Kalen Goodluck, US Native American

Maria Clara Valencia, Colombia/Latin America

Rae Johnston, Australia

**Track 1. Science immersion (great science stories)****8,000 Metres of Discovery: First Crewed Expedition to the Atacama Trench, the Deepest Point in South America**

Science under pressure: come travel with researchers to the ultimate ultra deep ocean adventure, the first crewed expedition to the Atacama Trench, 8,069 metres deep, off the coast of Chile-Peru.

**Moderator:**

Angela Posada-Swofford, USA/Colombia

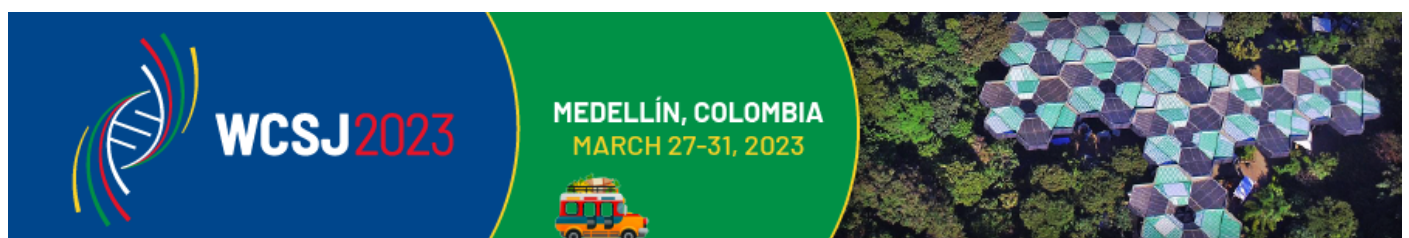
**Speakers:**

Dr. Osvaldo Ulloa, Chile

Hector Salvador, Spain

Mtro. Hugo Montoro, Cdr, Perú

Catalina García-Jove Contreras, Chile



**More travel grants will be announced soon! Watch this space....**

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