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March is round the corner and the final preparations are taking place for a dynamic and informative WCSJ in Medellín. The programme is available on our website for you to explore. From parallel sessions on [knowledge sharing](#) across borders and [covering science while science is under attack](#), reaching [underserved audiences](#) and challenges and new ideas for [reporting on climate change](#), you are sure to fill your schedule.

Our plenaries are on biodiversity, food security, climate change and more, as well as open

New to the programme: Plenary by Avecita Chicchón: News from Amazonia: Conserving bio-cultural ecosystems

The Amazon is the Earth's largest remaining rainforest. It provides one-fifth of the world's fresh water, is home to the planet's most diverse collection of wildlife, provides life-giving resources to local people and Indigenous communities. And importantly, the region plays a vital role in mitigating climate change. Although the last decade has seen progress in the sustainable management of Indigenous lands and protected areas of the region, significant threats remain. Our panelists will discuss key threats and share how local and national governments, Indigenous communities, NGOs and the private sector are working to conserve the Amazon basin to benefit local and global communities.



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2001, it has helped conserve and improve management of over 170 million hectares in the Amazon, nearly one-third of the original forest cover. Vecita also led the team that developed the foundation's forests and agricultural markets work.

Vecita has over 30 years of experience in natural resource use, biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean. She currently serves on several committees and boards, including the Funders of the Amazon Basin, Strategic Steering Committee for the Andes Amazon Fund, the Amazon Biodiversity Center advisory board, and the program team for the Climate and Land Use Alliance. Before coming to Moore, Vecita served as the executive director of the Latin America program at the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), where she led conservation programs in 15 countries.

This session will also be viewable online. For more information check our website.

New: workshop and excursion from World Mosquito Program

Learning session: New tools for the global fight against Dengue fever

March 27, 2023, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration and refreshments begin at 12:30 p.m.



Dengue fever is the world's fastest-growing mosquito-borne disease, annually infecting nearly 400 million people across 129 countries. Climate change, globalization, and urbanization are accelerating its spread, and the WHO has declared it one of the top-10 threats to global health. But for the first time in history, effective vector control tools and vaccines are emerging to fight this dreaded disease, and new, multi-country efforts to develop urgently needed treatments have been launched. This workshop will provide an expert analysis of the global dengue burden and

produces *Wolbachia*-carrying mosquitoes to block dengue transmission in Medellin.

[More information here](#)



Journalists who register for the learning session will be transported to the World Mosquito Program's mosquito mass production facility in Medellin, where they will receive a tour of the insectary, which is capable of producing 40 million *Wolbachia*-carrying mosquitoes each week. Tours will be offered in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and journalists will learn how WMP technicians manage the production and delivery of these mosquitoes to urban communities in Colombia.

Following the tour, reporters are invited to participate in an on-the-record Q&A session regarding the development of new vaccines, therapeutics, and vector control methods for dengue with subject-matter experts.



LATAM airline offer

We have partnered with LATAM airlines to cover special discounts for WCSJ attendees on business and economy flights from across Latin America. Bookings should be made through [Gema Tours](#), as this agency is authorised to manage the discounts. Discounted tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis, so don't delay!



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There is just few days left to take advantage of our Valentine's offer, so take a look at the [programme](#) and [book your place](#) now.



The World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ, www.wcsj.org) is the biggest global event on science journalism, attracting approximately 1,200 journalists covering science and medical issues, as well as international experts, scientists, and communicators, among others.

The 10th World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ2017) in San Francisco (26–30 October 2017) and the 11th World Conference of Science Journalists (WCSJ2019) in Lausanne (1-5 July 2019) both attracted more than 1,300 attendees. WCSJ2022 Medellín will be hosted at the extraordinary venue of the city's Jardín Botánico de Medellín from 27-31 March 2023.



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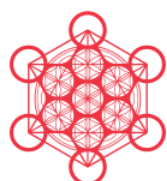
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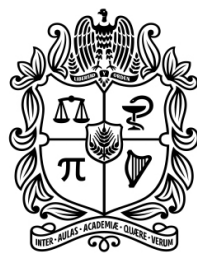
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