

SECOND COMMUNICATION

XVII RENAMAC



58th Annual Meeting WSM

2025



Western Society of Malacologists



XVII RENAMAC & 58TH WSM MEETING



Welcome

In March 2025, the SMMAC and the WSM are organizing a joint meeting for the second time in their history. The occasion was in 2011, during the XII Reunión Nacional de Malacología y Conquiliología and the 44th Annual Meeting of the WSM in La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico. More than a decade later, we are resuming the links between both societies to consolidate the advances in malacological research, foster collaboration and establish connections among students, early-career researchers and established researchers, with the aim of strengthening research at the national and international level and continuing to promote the study of mollusks.

Celebrating this meeting, enriched by the valuable cultural perspective of the Comcaac Nation, marks a milestone for our societies, as it will be the first time that we will have cultural hosts.

For this joint meeting, a series of events have been organized, including pre-congress workshops and short courses, keynote lectures, symposia, oral and poster presentations, student contests, a photography exhibition, and social and cultural events.

Both societies extend a warm welcome and invite everyone to participate and contribute to the advancement of malacology and conchology, creating a meeting space to share their knowledge.



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The Malacology Society of Mexico A.C. (SMMAC) and the Western Society of Malacologists (WSM), in collaboration with the University of Sonora (UNISON) and the Comcaac Nation, are pleased to invite members, researchers, professors, students, and the general public to participate in the XVII National Meeting of Malacology and Conchology and the 58th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists. The meeting will be held in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, from **March 31st to April 5th, 2025**.

OBJECTIVE

Our aim is to bring together Mexicans and foreigners who are members, researchers, professors, students, and the general public interested in the study of mollusks, with the purpose of sharing and enriching the study of malacology and conchology, and to strengthen collaborations at the national and international levels.

CULTURAL HOSTS

The **Comcaac Nation** will accompany us, providing intercultural exhibitions related to their cosmivision and their interaction with mollusks in their life and diet. We will have an opportunity to visit Tiburón Island, which they protect. It is important to highlight that this will be the first RENAMAC to feature cultural participation of this kind

LOCATION

Centro de las Artes at the Universidad de Sonora,
in Hermosillo, Sonora, México

(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jBmCqHY44stJG19j7>)



Tudu 2022



Nassim Molina



Mundo Kossio



Mina Barnett



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TOPICS

- Aquaculture, fisheries and bioeconomy
- Systematics, molecular biology and evolution
- Biology and ecology
- Pollution and climate change



SYMPOSIA

Pollution and exploitation of mollusks



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KEYNOTES

- Climate change
- Divulagation
- Archaeology
- Marine pollution



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POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Oral Presentation.** 15 minutes to present the work plus 5 minutes to answer questions.
- **Poster.** Portrait orientation, 120 cm (47.2 in) height x 90 cm (35.4 in) width.

Note: Each participant may appear as first author only in one oral presentation and one poster.



LANGUAGES

The languages of the meeting will be **spanish** and **english**.

SHORT COURSES

- **Introduction to biological data analysis with R**
- **Functional diversity**
- **Ecological interactions**
- **Micromollusks**
- **Morphometry**
- **Cephalopods**



Note: The registration form for the courses will be available in an upcoming post with specific details about them. The courses will be taught in spanish unless otherwise stated.



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AWARDS



- ✓ ORAL PRESENTATION
- ✓ POSTER

SMMAC: Bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students may compete. Contestants must be members of the SMMAC and must have presented their work in the modality in which they wish to participate.

WSM: Students who are currently enrolled in, or have graduated from, a degree-granting program within a year immediately prior to the meeting's registration are eligible to compete. Students must present their work in the modality in which they wish to participate.

- ✓ THESIS
- ✓ RESEARCH ARTICLE

All bachelor's, master's, and doctoral theses, as well as research articles on areas related to malacology and conchology, defended or published between October 2022 and March 2025, may compete. Contestants must be members of the SMMAC and participate with an oral presentation during the XVII RENAMAC.

- ✓ PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Authors may submit up to three photographs each. The printed material will become part of the SMMAC collection and may be exhibited at different events, always recognizing the authorship of each photograph. Contestants must be members of the SMMAC and do not need to be present during the XVII RENAMAC.

[Award registration form](#)



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REGISTRATION COSTS

Early-bird registration: until December 31st, 2024

Regular registration: from January 1st, 2025

All costs are given in Mexican Pesos (currently about 20 pesos = \$1 USD)

REGISTRATION COSTS FOR THE XVII RENAMAC		
SMMAC & WSM MEMBERS		
	2024	2025
Undergraduate student and retiree	\$1,700	\$2,100
Postgraduate student	\$2,100	\$2,600
Professional	\$2,900	\$3,300
Attendant (registration form)	\$1,700	\$2,100
NON-MEMBERS		
Undergraduate student and retiree	\$2,500	\$3,000
Postgraduate student	\$3,200	\$3,700
Professional	\$4,100	\$4,600
Attendant (registration form)	\$2,500	\$3,000

Registration form for participants presenting an [oral presentation or poster](#)

Event open for students of all educational levels, professionals, retirees, general public, etc. The cost per attendee includes access to the meeting presentations, icebreakers, coffee break, closing dinner and proof of presentation or attendance at the event. Attendant category includes people not presenting and guests of an attendee.

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PAYMENT METHODS

Early-bird registration: until December 31st, 2024

Regular registration: from January 1st, 2025

Payment methods (in Mexico)

Bank deposits and electronic transfers are accepted

Please include in the payment concept: **Inscripcion-Name.**

Send proof of payment to the email **contacto@smmac.org.mx**

Bank account:

NAME: Sociedad de Malacología de México AC

BANK: Bancomer

ACCOUNT: 0180479403

CLABE: 012744001804794030

PAYMENT METHOD: Deposit or bank transfer

RFC: MME1011181Z4

Procedure

- 1) Register through the **online form.**
- 2) Make the corresponding deposit or bank transfer.
- 3) Send proof of payment to the email **contacto@smmac.org.mx** with the subject: "Inscripción-Full Name".

To assist in international payment in Mexican pesos, we have set up a PayPal account.

For more information about this payment method visit:

<https://renamac.unison.mx/>



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TRIP TO ISLA TIBURÓN

To conclude the congress, a special visit to Tiburón Island has been organized on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, in collaboration with the Comcaac, our cultural hosts, who will share with us their rich heritage and connection to this ancestral territory.

Transportation: The University of Sonora will provide round-trip transportation, free of charge, from the University to the Comcaac Nation. Departure is scheduled at 9:00 a.m., with an estimated return at 7:00 p.m. (tentative time). The total cost of the trip is **\$1,400 Mexican pesos**, of which each attendee must pay \$1,200 pesos in cash directly to the Comcaac on the day of the event. Likewise, to secure your place on the trip, it is necessary to complete the **Registration form** and pay in advance a fee of \$200 pesos, which will be non-refundable in case of non-attendance. This fee includes snacks and drinks prepared especially for participants, with the aim of guaranteeing a comfortable and pleasant experience for all.

Availability: 40 places.

Activities: The service and tours on Isla Tiburón are offered by SOCAAIX, under the direction of Mina Barnett.

Details:

- Boat transfer to Isla Tiburón (with life jacket)
- Welcome ceremony (traditional singing)
- Demonstration of traditional Hamooij game
- Face painting
- Display and sale of crafts
- Power songs and cleansings
- Use of kayaks



If you have any questions or comments, please contact contacto@smmac.org.mx

Important: no institution or society obtains any financial gain from this activity.

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ACCOMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Hotels within a 10-minute drive of the meeting venue

Hotel Lucerna Hermosillo:

- <https://hoteleslucerna.com/lucerna-hermosillo/>
- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cDMzwbsRtgnKLDHp9>



City Express by Marriott Hermosillo:

- <https://www.marriott.com/es/hotels/hmoxh-city-express-hermosillo/overview/>
- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xoSQwoE279GfXfp96>



Hotel Santiago Plaza:

- <https://hotelsantiagoplaza.com/>
- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YMQVeMupxEsq67qY8>



Hotel Colonial:

- <https://www.hotelescolonial.com/nuestros-hoteles/hotel-colonial-hermosillo>
- <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qmGJQzXuenoQc59A7>



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TRANSPORTATION

Air transportation

The General Ignacio Pesqueira International Airport in the city of Hermosillo offers various airline options and destinations that can suit the needs of most visitors. In general, the Mexican airlines that arrive to this city are: Aeromexico, Viva Aerobus and Volaris; departing from Mexico City, Monterrey, Guadalajara, Tijuana, Cancun, among others, and offering a variety of schedules. From the USA, the airlines that travel to Hermosillo are American Airlines, Delta and Alaska Airlines.

Ground transportation

The city offers a bus station and various terminals where the main land bus companies are concentrated: Omnibus de México, TAP, Estrella Blanca, Tufesa, Albatros, among others.

Local ground transportation

The city has public transportation, which can be monitored in real time using the UNE Transporte Sonora app available for Android and iOS. Additionally, there is local taxi service and app services from UBER, DiDi and InDrive.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Registration

Abstracts: October 15, 2024 to December 15, 2024.

Contests: October 15, 2024 to December 15, 2024.

Attendees: October 15, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Courses: November 2024 to March 31, 2025 (information on each course coming soon).

Reservations for trips to Isla Tiburón: October 15 to March 31, 2025. (or until all places are filled)

**We look forward to your participation in the joint meeting:
XVII RENAMAC and the 58th Annual Meeting of the WSM.**

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SMMAC 2024 MEMBERSHIP

Benefits: certificate of recognition issued by the SMMAC, notification of activities organized and/or supported by the SMMAC, discounts for attending courses, workshops and the National Meetings of Malacology and Conchology (RENAMAC).

NEW MEMBER*	REGISTRATION FEES
Bachelor student and retiree	\$500
Post graduate student	\$700
Professional	\$1,000
RENEWAL**	
Bachelor student and retiree	\$200
Post graduate student	\$300
Professional	\$450

DISCOUNTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Those with continuous membership in 2023 and 2024 will be able to access a 10% discount on registration for the XVII RENAMAC (during 2024).
- Applications will be received through the email contacto@smmac.org.mx for a 50% discount scholarship on registration, aimed at active students who are tutored by SMMAC members with a current membership of at least two years (limited capacity).
- Food scholarships will be available for students with active membership (limited capacity).

REGISTRATION FORM

<https://forms.gle/iKxswV88myCPFpkD6>

* Membership is renewed annually, if you have not paid for your 2024 membership or it is your first time registering, you will be considered a new member.

** If you pay for your 2024 membership after May 31, new member fees will apply.

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PAYMENT METHODS

Payment methods

Bank deposits and transfers will be accepted.

Please include in the payment concept: **Membresía-Name**.

Send proof of payment to the email **contacto@smmac.org.mx**

Bank details:

NAME: Sociedad de Malacología de México AC

BANK: Bancomer

ACCOUNT: 0180479403

✓ CLABE: 012744001804794030

✓ PAYMENT METHOD: Deposit or electronic transfer

RFC: MME1011181Z4

Procedure to become a SMMAC member

1) Both new members and renewals must register through the following **online form**.

2) Make the corresponding deposit or bank transfer.

3) Send proof of payment to the email **contacto@smmac.org.mx** with the subject: "Comprobante de pago Membresía SMMAC 2024 Name".



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WSM MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP	
Individual Membership	\$20
Institutional Membership	\$20
Student Membership	\$8

Notes:

- *Costs are in US dollars (USD)*
- *Annual dues, from January 1st through December 31st*

PAYMENT METHODS

Join or Renew Online

<http://westernsocietymalacology.org/membership/>



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