

16<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
 **OTTER**  
**CONGRESS**  
24-28th February 2025, Lima, Peru

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**Scientific program**

**Monday Feb 24th**

9:00 **Greetings**

9:30-10:00 **Opening lecture:**

Gonzalo Medina Vogel - Long standing otter research and conservation in Chile

10:00 – 13:30

[11:00 – 11:30 coffee break]

**Session 1 – Success stories**

Chair: [Nicole Duplaix](#)

Invited speaker: [Klaus Koepfli](#)[or Eduardo Eizirik] – Improving our knowledge on genomics and phylogeny of Lutrinae

13:30-14:30 lunch

[15:30 – 16:00 coffee break]

**Session 2 – Ex situ: captive breeding – husbandry**

Chair: [Jason Palmer](#)

Invited speaker: Tim Schikora – experience with giant otters connecting ex-situ

**Tuesday Feb 25th**

9:00 – 13:00

[11:00 – 11:30 coffee break]

**Session 3 – Emerging threats and trade**

Chair: [Caroline Leuchtenberger](#)

*13:00-14:30 lunch*

14.30-17:00

[15:30 – 16:00 coffee break]

**Session 4 – Conflicts and coexistence**

Chair: [Gonzalo Medina Vogel](#)

**Wednesday Feb 26th**

9:00 – 13:00

[11:00 – 11:30 coffee break]

**Session 5 – How to: advance techniques for otter monitoring and research**

Chair: [Joanna Alfano and Carlos Calvo](#)

Invited speaker: Elizabeth Chadwick 20 yrs otter monitoring in the UK

*13:00-14:30 lunch*

14.30-17:00

[15:30 – 16:00 coffee break]

**2h Workshops (parallel sessions)**

- Necropsies [Anna Roos and Simone Rohner](#)
- *Environmental DNA* ([Anna Loy](#), [Simone Giovacchini](#), [Enrico Mirone](#), [Pushpinder Jamwal](#))

**Thursday Feb 27th**

9:00 – 13:00

[11:00 – 11:30 coffee break]

**Session 6 - Red and green status assessment**

Chair: [Anna Loy and Syed Hussain](#)

Invited speaker: Magdalena Cygan IUCN Green Status task force

*13:00 – 14:30 lunch*

14.30-17:00

[15:30 – 16:00 coffee break]

**Session 7 – Education, Communication and Networking**

Chair: [Arno Gutleb and Margherita Bandini](#)

Invited speaker: [Monika Bohm](#) – IUCN SSC Freshwater networking

[20:00 Social dinner]

**Friday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 12:00

[10:00 – 10:30 coffee break]

**Session 8 – Conservation planning**

Chair: [Shawn Larson and Tom Serfass](#)

- Caroline Leuchtenberger - Giant otter Brazilian action plan

12:00-13:00 **Final recommendations: Otter strategic plan 2026-2030**

Nicole Duplaix and Anna Loy

*13:00 – 14:30 lunch and post congress tours*

Scientific Committee

Joanna Alfano, Carlos Calvo Mac, Nicole Duplaix, Arno Gutleb, Pablo Hernández, Max Khoo, Shawn Larson, Caroline Leuchtenberger, Anna Loy, Jeffrey Mangel, Gonzalo Medina Vogel, Marcelo Rheingantz, Anna Roos, Karin Schwartz, Tom Serfass