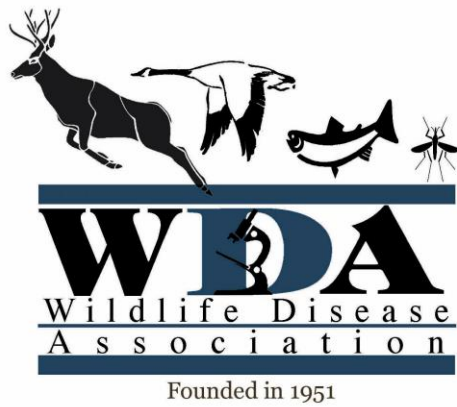




Student Chapter Progress Report – Guidelines

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Marianthi Ioannidis (ioannidis.marianthi@gmail.com), before May 1st 2020. This report will be made available on the WDA website, thus it is also your chapter's business card.

- 1) Complete your report according to the guidelines below
- 2) Make sure to list the current officers and their details in this report.
- 3) If possible, please attach a group shot of the current chapter officers for 2020 to be added to the website.
- 4) Chapter that are not sending back a progress report will not be considered active anymore.



Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: Latin American Student Chapter/ Capítulo de estudiantes latinoamericanos/ Capítulo de estudantes latino-americanos.

Established in (if known): December, 2017.

Mission: Our mission is to acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation and interactions with human and domestic animals in Latin America.

- Educate students interested in wildlife health and diseases;
- Enhance the skills of students interested in wildlife health and diseases;
- Connect students interested in wildlife health and diseases to mentors in WDA and WDA-LA through the faculty advisor and guest lectures;
- Motivate students interested in wildlife health and disease and share information about career.

Number of chapter members: 08

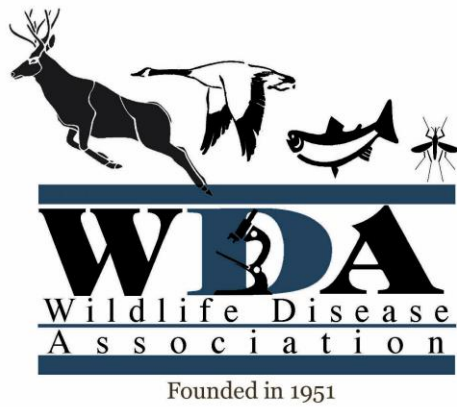
Number of chapter members that are WDA members: 08

Faculty Advisor

Name: José Luiz Catão Dias

Position: Titular Professor of Wildlife Comparative Pathology - School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences – University of São Paulo, Brazil.

Email: zecatao@usp.br



Current board members

Please include country of the officers when your chapter represents multiple countries. Also, please include country representatives here (this only applies to regional, not university- based chapters).

President: (Brazil)

Name: Roberta Ramblas Zamana
 Email: rrzamana@gmail.com

Vice President: (Peru)

Name: Fernando J. Vilchez Delgado
 Email address: fernando.vilchez.d@upch.pe

Other Officers (e.g. treasurer, secretary etc.)

Secretary (Mexico)

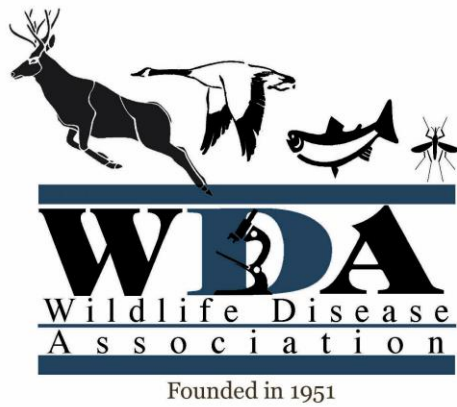
Name: Deyra Jatzire Ortiz Chabolla
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Treasurer: (Colombia)

Name: Jessica Paola Matheus Anzola
 Email address: jessica29anzol@hotmail.com

Country Spokesperson

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Chile	Esperanza Beltrami Woelkar	beltramiwoelkar@gmail.com
Costa Rica	Graciela Aguilar Orozco	graci.gao@hotmail.com
Mexico	Adrián Serrano Villagrana	adrianserranov.27@gmail.com



How frequently does your chapter hold elections?

The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are elected each two years. However, spokesperson can be a member any moment to amplify our collaborations.

Board members 2020-2021

If nothing changes, please report this. If changes are scheduled for later in 2020, please provide the planned time frame for board and/or country representative changes. **Always make sure to update the Student Representative on Officer changes!**

Last Student Chapter WDA LA election was on July, 2019 in a meeting of LA Student Chapter, with presence of WDA Latin American Section and Student Chapter representatives. The new members and respective positions were informed to Student Representative. Thereafter, no changes happened.

President: No changes

Name:

Email:

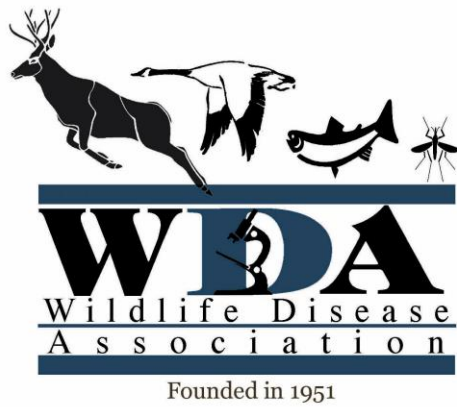
Vice President: No changes

Name:

Email address:

Other Officers

Incl. position, name and email address **Description of Chapter Activities**



PR & Fundraising

PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website (if applicable): not applicable (NA)
- Chapter facebook page (if applicable): [Student Chapter- Wildlife Disease Association, Latin American Section](#)
- Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter): e-mail address: wdalastudents@gmail.com
- Does your chapter have a newsletter?

The WDA LA Student Chapter published in conjunction with WDA-LA newsletter. Last edition: Eight WDA Latin American Section Newsletter- volume III, number I, April 2020.

Member recruitment & Club outreach

- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?

Through Facebook page, Student Chapter – Wildlife Disease Association Latin American Section, via e-mail. Furthermore, we placed posters in the universities that held activities, and the country spokesperson discloses the information to different institutions and student groups of each country.

Collaboration:

- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?

None, at the moment. In addition, we have been working to former a partnership with Peruvian and Brazilian Wild Animals Study Groups in conjunction with WDA-LA. These are a student groups with undergraduates (veterinary medicine, biology) with interest in working with wildlife, they also organize workshops and lectures.

- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organization?

WDA-representation:

- How did your chapter promote the WDA? (i.e. hand-out WDA flyers, announced at meetings what WDA mission is and how to become a member, coordinated travel to the WDA conference)

We have promoted the WDA through the announcement at meetings, conferences in different universities, extending the information to student members of different wildlife student organization. In addition, we will promote the WDA in the next workshops we are organizing.



Fundraising:

- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?
No, it is free for all members.

- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?
Not at this moment.

- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)?
Yes. We have been applying to WDA student chapter Blossom grant on April, 2020.

- Any other way the chapter's financial health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)?
Not at this moment.

EVENTS

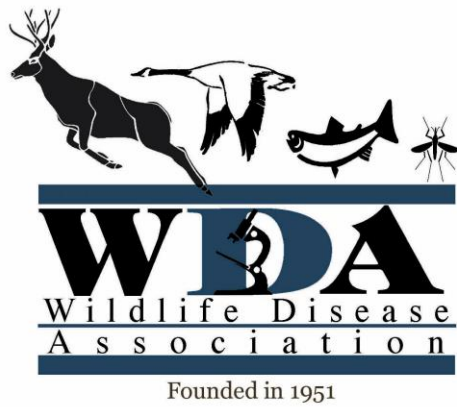
Please share the activities your chapter organized or co-organized between April 30th 2019 and May 1st 2020. It is ok to overlap if you mentioned some of the events above. In addition, if you have exciting end of semester / summer plans please share those too. We love to know how you keep members engaged when school is not in session.

(Bi)Annual events (if applicable):

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

- Members of Latin American Student Chapter participate of WDA Latin America IV Biennial Conference at Costa Rica, in July, 2019. During the conference, the LA Student Chapter organized a meeting to recruit new chapter members. These recruited members, actually some of them integrate the WDA-LA Student Chapter board.

- Symposium?
- Public outreach events?
- Field trips?



- Workshops?

LA Student Chapter and WDA LA submitted a Blossom Grant to organize the I Workshop of management and response to infectious diseases in wildlife. We propose to hold the event in a 100% virtual platform, aiming for the event to be easily disseminated to members of Latin America (and also other regions) and considering the current world pandemia scenario.

Weekly or monthly events (if applicable): Not applicable (NA)

Please provide a brief description of the activity, include at least the date(s), speaker/host/goal and approximate attendance. If you have pictures, please include them.

- Seminars?
- Paper discussions?
- Volunteer events?
- Webinars?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During this time some of our main goals were to get an internal organization with the new members and define future strategies. A hard work of coordination has been done to reach these goals, involving students from different countries.

!!!Regarding the WDA conference in 2021, Wisconsin

In order to organize the next student event prior the annual meeting we decided to ask the student chapter officers:

What would you like to have as a main topic/red line?

- Importance of infectious diseases and the vulnerability of susceptible animals:

Why do such diseases emerge?

What are the factors that lead to dramatic epidemics?

How can we apply our knowledge to improve the methods of control?

What would you like to see during this event in terms of lectures, workshops,...?

- Impact of Covid-19 on Wildlife.