

**XIII WORLD BUFFALO CONGRESS
CARACAS, VENEZUELA 22-24 NOVEMBER 2023**

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

General information

Submissions will be divided into four categories:

1. Poster/Abstracts
2. Abstracts *in extenso* (up to four pages)
3. Full Papers (Research Article/Review Article)
4. Conference Paper (only available for invited lecturers)

All contributions into the scope of the different primary areas of buffalo production, i.e., Behavior & Animal Welfare, Management, Feed & Nutrition, Genetics, Animal Health & One Health, Reproduction, Biotechnology & Omics Technologies, Buffalo's Products, Industry & Marketing, Smart Farming, Digitization, & Precision Technologies, Sustainability & Socioeconomics. Other areas not mentioned are also welcome.

Data presented must be original, not accepted for publication elsewhere, nor presented at national or international meetings before the World Buffalo Congress 2023. Regardless of the category in which the author proposes their contribution, all postulations must be asked by submitting an abstract of the corresponding work.

Abstracts should be written in English. Non-English-speaking authors are encouraged to have their works proofread and checked by a native or a fluent English speaker. Abstracts can be rejected due to a poor standard of English. Graduate students (Candidates for master's and doctoral degrees) are encouraged to submit their works to the **Young Scientist and the Best Oral Presentation Awards**. Abstracts submissions will be made online at the following link: <https://www.conftool.org/wbc2023/>. In the first registration stage, authors can primarily submit the title of the contribution and their respective affiliations. Nonetheless, as an important key date, the final **ABSTRACT Submission deadline will be 11:59:59 VET (Venezuelan Standard Time) UTC/GMT -4 hours on May 31, 2023.**

The presentation of the works at the conference is open to receive both oral and poster postulations. Although some submissions will be selected to present their works in oral form for the competition awards, all accepted works not selected for oral presentation should display a poster during the Congress. The posters must be on exhibition for the duration of the Congress, and there will be a time for authors to stand by their posters so that judges can evaluate them and participants can approach and discuss the research. Authors selected for oral presentation also could display their posters if they wish.

Abstract guidelines are reported in Annexe 1.

All abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed by the scientific committee members to ensure an adequate standard (the proposed subject has been followed, the suitable length, the appropriate standard of English, paper is appropriately referenced). The Scientific Committee will review the

abstracts, and the acceptance decision will be notified by July 31, 2023, to the corresponding author. Abstracts accepted for an oral and poster presentation will be published as:

1. As abstracts in the World Buffalo Congress 2023 Proceedings Book edited by Professor Juan Carlos Gutiérrez and published in a special issue in the Journal “**REVISTA CIENTÍFICA de la Facultad de Ciencias Veterinarias de la Universidad del Zulia**” (ISBN N° 0798-2259; <https://produccioncientificaluz.org/index.php/cientifica/about>) cited by Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ): <https://doaj.org>). According to the instructions reported in **Annexe 1**. The abstract will be in English and Spanish (edited by Congress) in the proceedings. Accepted abstracts will be published in the open access congress proceedings providing at least one author completes registration (including payment). The congress proceedings will be available online and published with an ISBN and ISSN. After acceptance, the final version must be submitted **NO LATER THAN September 1, 2023**. Invited Lectures must also submit their contributions (Conference Papers) until September 1, 2023.

And voluntarily, according to options 2 or 3:

2. As an Abstract *in extenso* in Spanish or English (up to 4 pages) issue in the Journal **REVISTA CIENTÍFICA de la Facultad de Ciencias Veterinarias de la Universidad del Zulia** (Download the instructions for authors here: <https://produccioncientificaluz.org/index.php/cientifica/about>).

To be submitted **after the conclusion of WBC2023, NO LATER THAN December 15, 2023**.

Those interested in option (2) should signal their interest in publication to Professor Juan Carlos Gutiérrez (juan.gutierrez.wbc2023@gmail.com) and copy knowledge to revistafcv@gmail.com, peremptorily by Professor Mario Pérez, specifying in the email the title of the paper (accepted as abstract) they would like to publish and their affiliation.

3. As a full paper in English (Research article or Review Article) in a special issue published in the international peer-reviewed scientific the **Journal of Buffalo Science** to a reduced rate price. Papers should address one of the topics listed in the call of the XIII World Buffalo Congress 2023 for papers (Download instructions for authors and sample manuscript here: <https://www.lifescienceglobal.com/guidelines-for-authors-jb>).

To be submitted **after the conclusion of WBC2023, NO LATER THAN December 15, 2023**.

Those interested in option (3) should signal their interest in publication to Prof. Antonio Borghese (antonio.borghese@email.it) and Prof Juan Carlos Gutiérrez (juan.gutierrez.wbc2023@gmail.com) in copy knowledge to pm.mr@lifescienceglobal.com, peremptorily by Stella Dorothy, specifying in the email the title of the paper (accepted as abstract) they would like to publish and their affiliation.

For options 1), 2), and 3), articles **MUST** be submitted by the Corresponding Author. They can also be submitted by one of the other authors, but the Corresponding Author must be included in the knowledge, and communications will still go to the Corresponding Author. The article file should be named as follows: “Last Name First Name” of the Corresponding Author. Only articles that conform to the available templates will be considered. In addition, the e-mail should indicate the session being attended and whether the abstract has been accepted as a poster or an oral talk. **ABSTRACT Submission deadline until 11:59:59 VET (Venezuelan Standard Time) UTC/GMT -4 hours on May 31, 2023.**

4. For Conference Articles, scientists, academicians, and well-recognized experts will be invited to participate as speakers at the main conference of the World Buffalo Congress 2023 to present either proposed or assigned topics according to their expertise. All invited lecturers must submit a manuscript according to the subject they will deliver in the Congress. Conference Articles should be written in English. Non-English-speaking authors are encouraged to have their works proofread and checked. The manuscript should include a Title page with a summary and keywords. The main text could be developed as free will by the author according to the aspects he/her will discuss in the lecture. A Conclusion and Future Perspectives are appreciated, accompanied by the Acknowledgements (in case of any) and a Reference Section. To list the reference section, use the VANCOUVER style. Conference Articles will be published in the World Buffalo Congress 2023 Proceedings Book edited by Professor Juan Carlos Gutiérrez and published in a special issue in the Journal “**REVISTA CIENTÍFICA de la Facultad de Ciencias Veterinarias de la Universidad del Zulia**” (ISBN N° 0798-2259; <https://produccioncientificaluz.org/index.php/cientifica/about>) cited by Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ): <https://doaj.org>). For additional information on the format, revise the instructions reported in **Annexe 1** at the end of this document.

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Graduate students (Candidates for master’s and doctoral degrees) are encouraged to submit their abstracts to the Young Scientist Award, which must be declared at the moment of the work’s registration. Based on the scientific quality, relevance, and importance, six submissions between the oral presentations category will be selected to compete for the Young Scientist Award. The experimental data presented in the abstract must be original and must have been collected during the student’s degree program. The applicant joining the competition must have been a student at some point during the calendar year immediately prior to the meeting for that competition. An individual student will be allowed to enter only one abstract into the competition, and such a student must be the first author.

The Scientific committee will judge the quality of the abstract, and six Young Scientists will be chosen as a finalist, who shall present the paper as an oral presentation (5 minutes + 5 minutes for discussion). The acceptance decision will be notified by July 31, 2023, to the corresponding author

The first-place winner and two runners-up will be awarded a cash prize (US\$600 and US\$400, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees. Young scientists whose abstracts are outside the six selected for oral presentation must attend the conference and present their data in the poster session.

BEST SCIENTIFIC ORAL PRESENTATION AWARD

Based on the scientific quality, relevance, and importance, nine submissions between the oral presentations category (Research Articles/Extended Abstracts) will be selected by the WBC-2023 Scientific Committee to compete for the Best Scientific Oral Presentation Award. The acceptance decision will be notified by July 31, 2023, to the corresponding author.

A first-place winner and second-place will be awarded a cash prize (US\$800 and US\$500, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees.

BEST POSTER AWARD

From all posters presented in all WBC2023 sessions, two will be awarded. Judges will be representatives from the WBC-2023 Scientific Committee with no conflicts of interest concerning candidates in the competition. Participants will also be asked to vote for the best poster, the proportionality of their votes will be considered for the poster prize within the evaluation scale designed by the judges appointed by the Scientific Committee board. A first-place winner and a second place for the best poster presentation will be awarded a cash prize (US\$600 and US\$400, respectively). The winner will also be granted three-year IBF membership fees.

ANNEXE 1 - ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDE

General information

Abstracts must be in English and prepared rigorously according to the following instructions for submission. Space limitations allow a maximum of 2500 characters (including space). Title, authors affiliation, and keynotes excluded. Abstracts above 2500 characters will be rejected automatically by the system. Abstracts submissions will be made online at the following link: <https://www.conftool.org/wbc2023/>

ABSTRACT Submission deadline until 11:59:59 VET (Venezuelan Standard Time) UTC/GMT -4 hours on May 31, 2023.

Instructions for abstract submission

TITLE. 15 words maximum. Font: Times new roman. 12. Centered
Capitalize only the first word, leaving all others lowercase unless they are proper nouns. Do NOT bold or italicize the entire title.

AUTHOR(S). The full first and last names of each author need to be written. Initials are optional and permitted only for middle name(s).

Examples:

Christina T. Sahn, Andrea Lucas-Hahn

The maximum number of authors is 12.

AFFILIATION. List affiliations in the following format: Department, Institute/Company, City, and Country. No other details are required. Please, do not list complete postal addresses.

Examples:

◇ Facultad de Ciencias Veterinarias, Universidad del Zulia, Maracaibo, Venezuela

◇ University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover, Hannover, Germany.

Authors from different institutions can be differentiated by numbers inserted in superscript at the end of the last name. When authors belong to multiple institutions, insert numbers in order of appearance by a comma.

Formatting. The content must include objectives, materials and methods, results, and conclusions. Do not use sub-headings (e.g., introduction, methods, conclusion) in your abstract. Tables and figures will not be accepted. Except for established abbreviations (e.g., FSH, LH, hCG, IVF, IVP), abbreviations must be fully defined only the first time they appear in the abstract text; then, they can be used if necessary. Commercial products and other materials should be identified in the text by manufacturer name, city, and country. Any dosages and routes of administration should be specified. The statistical methods used in the analysis must be indicated. References should be avoided in the abstract.

Keywords. Please enter up to six keywords for the contribution in lower cases, separated by commas. For example, Buffalo, IVF, in vitro fertilization, oocytes, sperm, embryo

Authors will receive a confirmation by e-mail when submitting the abstract. If he/she does not, please check the 'spam' folders.