

STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRESS REPORT

Complete this form and email to the Student Representative on Council, Catharina Vendl (Catharinavendl@gmail.com), before April 30th 2018. **This report will be made available on the WDA website, thus it is also your chapter's business card.**

To be entered in the drawing for cash prizes (three \$50 prizes will be given out):

- 1) Send your report in on time (before April 30th 2018)
- 2) Complete your report according to the guidelines below
- 3) Have your officers up to date on the WDA website (contact ... if you don't know how to do this) Make sure to list the current officers and their details in this report.
- 4) After your report is received, we will reach out to the current president (if this is not the submitter of the report) and the chapter's faculty advisor for a confirmation of their position. To be entered in the drawing for a \$50 gift card their reply should be back by May xxx latest.
- 5) If possible, please attach a group shot of the chapter officers for 2018-2019 to be added to the website.
- 6) Be aware that the quality of your report will be considered as one of the criteria for the student chapter grant.

Please list and describe in detail the activities of this student chapter over the past year. Photos are welcomed and encouraged. Include specifically how this chapter worked towards the WDA Student Chapter objectives:

1. *Educate students about career opportunities, job qualifications and education, externships, volunteer, and research opportunities in wildlife health fields.*
2. *Enhance skills of students through lectures, workshops, conferences, field trips.*
3. *Connect students to mentors in WDA and wildlife health professions through the faculty advisor and guest lecturers.*

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

Established in (if known): December, 2017

Mission (if applicable):

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 guestlecturers.
- Motivate students interested in wildlife health and disease and share information about career.
- Connect students with other Institutions, as the Association of Wildlife Veterinarians (ABRAVAS), Latinvets, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) or even NGOs and Federal Health and Environment services

MEMBERS:

Faculty Advisor

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Board members 2017-2018

Please include country of the officer when your chapter represents multiple countries. Also, please include country representatives here.

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Board members 2018-2019

If nothing is changing, please report this. If changes are scheduled for later in 2018, please provide the planned time frame for board and/or country representative changes.

President: No changes**Vice President:** No changes**Other Officers** (Incl. position, name and email address)**Peru Spokesperson**

Name: Fernando Javier Vilchez Delgado

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E-mail: Fernando.vilchez.d@upch.pe**Number of chapter members:** 17**Number of chapter members that are WDA members:** 17

PR & FUNDRAISING

PR:

Online presence:

- Chapter website: not applicable (NA)
- Chapter Facebook page: [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 is collaborating jointly with the WDA Latin American Newsletter, and the next issues regarding the chapter will be published in conjunction with WDA-LA newsletter

- If your chapter has a newsletter what does it announce in it:

Through the newsletter we will promote the activities performed by the WDA-LA Student chapter, the works development by the students from the region, and the opportunities regarding workshops and conferences in Latin America. Important information from the WDA can also be disseminated through this media. The newsletter is distributed by the WDA and Latinvets emails, and the Facebook accounts of WDA-LA and WDA-LA Student chapter.

- How frequently is it sent? Every four to six months
- Is it members only? No, it is an open document mainly for universities and other student groups

Member recruitment & Club outreach:

- Member recruiting events attended (if applicable):

The initial chapter members were recruited in the 2017 WDA conference in San Cristobal de las Casas. These members carried out the creation of the chapter, and actually some of them integrate the WDA-LA Student chapter board.

In Santiago, Chile, on August 25th and 26th, members of LA-WDA student chapter Josefina Gutiérrez, Aitor Cevidanes, Luis Flores, Hugo Mendoza and Irene Sacristán put up a WDA stand at the Fifth AMEVEFAS Symposium, the meeting of the main national association of wildlife veterinarians in Chile. This association is comprised of

more than 200 members. The symposium had more than 150 attendees and many of them were interested in the WDA stand, taking 70 brochures with WDA information. For future actions we're planning to give talks in different Universities in Central and Southern Chile.



LA-WDA student chapter members at the AMEVEFAS conference, Santiago de Chile August, 2017.

In August in Lima, Peru, member of the LA-WDA student chapter Micaela De la Puente León gave a talk to 12 biology undergraduate students and 2 professors of the National University Federico Villarreal. These students work in the laboratory facilities of the university and their work relates to several areas of research in wildlife. The purpose of this talk was to promote the WDA focus among students of other disciplines besides veterinary medicine. In late September, an open talk to students and professionals was given at the Veterinary School of Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia. This talk was hosted by the Conservation Medicine Student Group (GMC) and the ONG CONSERVACION with the aim to promote the WDA.

In São Paulo, Brazil on September 14th, delegates Angélica María Sánchez Sarmiento, and Carlos Sacristán Yagüe met with 25 members of the Brazilian Student Group of Wild Animals from the University of São Paulo (GEAS). This group is under the umbrella of GEAS Brazil, the most active veterinary student association in the country, comprised of more than 300 members. Usually one GEAS is present in each veterinary school across the country. The goal of the meeting was to promote the novel initiative of the creation of the WDA-LA Student Chapter. GEAS São Paulo supports the initiative and will help to promote the mission of WDA to the other regional GEAS associations.

- Other ways of recruiting:

We are organizing two workshops ('Emerging and reemerging pathogens in marine mammals: experiences from northern waters and Latin America' to be held in Lima (Peru) on November 4th, and 'Workshop on risk assessment of wildlife diseases and Symposium in Wildlife Health in Brazil' to be held in Teresina city (Piauí, Brazil) on October 22nd, both in 2018) that will offer significant discounts for WDA members - WDA-LA student chapter members.

- How does your chapter announce 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 the activities, and the country spokesperson discloses the information to different institutions, NGO and student groups of each country.

- Any other ways how your chapter makes itself and/or its activities known to students: Gear, stickers, magnets, mugs? Flyers?

During the activities realized in every country, WDA information Flyers were delivered.

SOBRE NOSOTROS

En marzo de 1951, un grupo de 28 ciudadanos Estadounidenses y Canadienses, científicos, interesados en las enfermedades de fauna silvestre, fundaron el Comité de Enfermedades en Fauna Silvestre, el cual se convirtió en la Asociación de Enfermedades en Fauna Silvestre (WDA).



Actualmente, la WDA es una sociedad internacional de profesionales especialistas en fauna silvestre, veterinarios, epidemiólogos, biólogos, ecólogos, investigadores, y Otros individuos, involucrados con las enfermedades de la fauna silvestre y disciplinas relacionadas. Promoviendo la investigación, el manejo, la educación, la comunicación, la consultoría y la colaboración.

SECCIONES DE LA WDA

Tenemos secciones internacionales (Sección de Australasia, Sección Europea, Sección de Latino América, Sección Nórdica, Sección de Veterinarios de Fauna Silvestre) que ayudan a satisfacer las necesidades de nuestros miembros en todo el mundo.

PUBLICACIONES

La WDA publica una revista internacional revisada por pares y un boletín trimestral; ambos tienen acceso electrónico a través del sitio web de la WDA.

- **The Journal of Wildlife Diseases** incluye reportes de investigaciones en enfermedad, manuscritos de estudios realizados, notas de investigación, reportes de casos y epizootias, revisiones de libros, e información sobre las actividades de la WDA.



El boletín de la WDA

Mantiene a los miembros informados sobre las noticias de la WDA y temas actuales de interés en enfermedades de vida silvestre.

CONFERENCIA ANUAL

La conferencia de la WDA ofrece un intercambio de ideas informal y amigable, además de las presentaciones formales.

- Las conferencias generalmente son en Julio o Agosto alrededor del mundo.
- Se realizan talleres y sesiones especiales en las conferencias que califican para créditos educacionales.
- Los estudiantes son participantes activos de las conferencias y sirven en el consejo de la WDA.
- Los estudiantes pueden participar en la conferencia a través de presentaciones orales y póster y pueden competir por premios de reconocimiento.

CARRERAS DE MIEMBROS DE WDA

Las carreras de nuestros miembros abarcan un amplio rango de subdisciplinas dentro de la profesión de enfermedades en fauna silvestre, incluyendo actividades de manejo de salud, trabajo de laboratorio clínico, e investigación básica y aplicada. Las actividades profesionales de los miembros de la WDA son diversas incluyen, pero no están limitadas a, lo siguiente:

- **Especies amenazadas y en riesgo:** preservando y mejorando el estado de las poblaciones de fauna silvestre en riesgo.
- **Animales de caza:** mejorar la comprensión de las enfermedades de los animales salvajes que se utilizan para alimentos y fibra.
- **Conservación de la fauna silvestre:** investigando los efectos de toxinas ambientales, calentamiento global, alteraciones de hábitat, e introducción de especies exóticas sobre la salud de la fauna silvestre nativa.
- **Translocación de fauna silvestre:** previniendo la introducción de enfermedades y monitoreando la salud y bienestar de los animales translocados.
- **Rehabilitación de fauna silvestre:** rehabilitando fauna silvestre enferma y herida, y usándolos como indicadores ambientales.
- **Parques Zoológicos:** entregando cuidados básicos y veterinarios a las especies amenazadas o en peligro en cautiverio, y entregando apoyo veterinario a los programas de conservación basados en los zoológicos.
- **Salud Pública:** contribuyendo hacia un aumento en el conocimiento de toxinas ambientales y enfermedades transmisibles desde los animales a los humanos.
- **Ganadería y aves de corral:** controlando las enfermedades de fauna silvestre que pueden tener un impacto económico en la producción del ganado y de aves de corral.
- **Medicina comparativa:** conduciendo investigación básica usando animales como modelos de enfermedades encontradas en humanos o fauna doméstica.
- **Salud de ecosistema:** abordando el complejo tema de salud de ecosistemas. La WDA ha tenido una mirada de "Una Salud" desde hace más de 50 años.
- **Ecología de enfermedades de fauna silvestre:** estudiando la ecología de enfermedades endémicas y exóticas para entender sus impactos a nivel de población, comunidad y ecosistema.

SOBRE LAS SECCIONES DE WDA

Sección de Australasia

La sección de Australasia organiza una conferencia anual amistosa en lugares fabulosos alrededor de Australia y Nueva Zelanda, acogido siempre por el famoso equipo de Shirley. Nuestro grupo se comunica activamente a través de un boletín.



Sección Europea

La sección Europea de la WDA (EWDA) es un grupo activo de más de 150 miembros de 19 países a lo largo de Europa. La EWDA organiza reuniones y talleres de estudiantes bienales, publica semianualmente y está desarrollando una red de salud de fauna silvestre Europea. Para mayor información, por favor, visite nuestra página web: www.ewda.org.



Sección de Latino América

La sección de Latino América es la sección más joven de la WDA, creada en Agosto de 2011. El grupo se comunica regularmente vía correo electrónico y desarrollará prontamente un boletín. El plan es reunirse bienalmente, crear un comité de estudiantes activo, y desarrollar una red de salud de fauna silvestre regional.



Sección Nórdica

Los países Nórdicos (Dinamarca, Finlandia, Noruega, Suecia e Islandia) tenemos una larga tradición de programas de vigilancia de enfermedades en fauna silvestre. La sección Nórdica fue fundada en 1983. Se realizan reuniones bienales, con presentaciones en idiomas escandinavos o inglés, las cuales se alternan en años con las reuniones de la sección Europea.



Sección Veterinarios de Fauna Silvestre

La sección de veterinarios de fauna silvestre incluye a cualquier miembro de la WDA cuyo interés es la salud de la fauna silvestre y la medicina de la conservación. Los miembros son de todas partes del mundo y el interés por las enfermedades en fauna silvestre, incluyendo veterinarios, y campos relacionados, manejadores, investigadores y estudiantes.



Collaboration:

- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?

We are collaborating with different students groups like Conservation Medicine Student Group from the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Peru, Brazilian Student Group of wild animals in Sao Paulo University, Brazil, group of students of the PhD program in Conservation Medicine in Andrés Bello University, Chile. Additionally, we are in contact with the Biodiversity Research study Group at Federal University of Piauí State, which held undergraduate students from veterinary, biologist, forestry engineers and zootechnicians. Moreover, we are collaborating with the XII Congress of the Latin American Society of Specialists in Aquatic Mammals (SOLAMAC) 2018.

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

Together with the PhD program in Conservation Medicine we are planning a symposium of Conservation Medicine held in October-November in Santiago de Chile, Chile. The event is on the initials now so the program and details are not yet available.

Together with the Biodiversity Research study Group at Federal University of Piauí State, we are preparing a workshop on risk assessment of wildlife diseases and Symposium in Wildlife. Moreover we are planning to organize another workshop during the XII Congress of the Latin American society of Specialists in Aquatic Mammals.

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.
- Does your chapter charge a fee for participation in your events? If so, is this fee different for members and non-members?
In the upcoming workshop in Brazil and Lima, the WDA members will have free online transmission and the participants for the Workshop will have a 15% of discount.
- 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), if yes please share the organizations you applied to, but not the dollar amount?

Yes. We have been applying to (UFPI), Council of Veterinary Medicine of Piauí State (CRMV-PI), Federal University of Pará State (UFPA) and to the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) fund from the Brazilian Government. Additionally we have financial support from the SOLAMAC organization.

- 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 2017 and April 30th 2018. 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.

- Symposium?

We are organizing the 'V Simposio de Medicina de la Conservación', which will be held at Andres Bello University in Santiago de Chile, in October-November 2018. This symposium is an event organized by the PhD program in Conservation Medicine. Part of the students of this PhD program are members of the WDA-LA student chapter, and the idea is that the symposium could be accessible to the rest of WDA members.

- Public outreach events?
- Field trips?
- Workshops?

Workshop: 'Emerging and re-emerging pathogens in marine mammals: experiences from northern waters and Latin America' to be held in Lima, Peru on November 4th within the SOLAMAC 2018, XII Congress of the Latin American Society of Specialists in Aquatic Mammals, scheduled from 5 to 8 November, 2018

'Workshop on risk assessment of wildlife diseases and Symposium in Wildlife Health in Brazil' to be held in Northeast of Brazil, in Teresina city, Piauí, Brazil, from

21 to 26th October, 2018. This event will be organized in partnership with the International Union of Conservation for Nature (IUCN), Federal University of Piauí State (UFPI), Council of Veterinary Medicine of Piauí State (CRMV-PI), Federal University of Pará State (UFPA), and CAPES.

Weekly or monthly 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.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We are a very young chapter, considering that only four months have passed since our creation. During this time some of our main goals were to get an internal organization and define future strategies. A hard work of coordination has been done to reach these goals, involving students from different countries, mainly during monthly online meetings. The good response from all the people involved in the chapter encourages us to continue our labor promoting the WDA mission in Latin America, and to try to contribute in our most challenging task, involve students in the preservation of Latin American biodiversity.