



PSI conference Colombia 2025 provisional info. *updated 24th Jan 25*

Page 1: Overview

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The conference will be spread over 8 days (9 nights), in 3 centres:

13-15 May

Medellin, where we join the Passiflora Exporters Association* 3rd World Congress
Some fascinating talks and presentations, with opportunities to network in between
Largely in Spanish, some Portuguese, but simultaneous translation into English etc.

<https://avancepasifloras.org/en/home/>

** aka Avance Pasifloras Colombia*

16-18 May

Jardin, about 3 hours north of Medellin

Lovely old town, from which we'll make field trips and hope to see *P. jardinensis* itself.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jard%C3%ADn>

19-21 May

Misiones. We stay at a traditional hacienda 2.5 hours south of Bogota. We'll be able to search for wild *Passiflora* in the forest, learn about *Passiflora* fruit breeding processes and visit the historic *beneficiadores*, where coffee beans are processed and dried

<https://cafemisiones.com/video>

(coffee-oriented but gives an idea of the place)

REGISTRATION AND PRACTICALITIES

PLACES ARE LIMITED so please register ASAP using the form provided

You will need to register separately for Medellin - instructions will be posted later

If you do not have time, you do not have to attend all 3 centres

HOTEL Information for Medellin and Jardin will be posted later; Misiones is free of charge

FLIGHTS We recommend you book your flights to and from Colombia AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

A number of airlines are currently offering bargain prices, but expiring very soon

You may find it easier to book your internal flights separately

Please book flight AV9337 dep 14:11 Medellin arr Bogota 15.10 on 19 May (to facilitate transport)

BAGGAGE **Please travel light**, without checked bags if possible. Less delays at airports and cars less crowded

CAR HIRE Please say on form if you're hiring a car, or willing to. We need several for the Jardin leg.

Easiest to do so on first arrival at Medellin airport, returning them on 19th May

Need not be 4x4 but vital to have good clearance eg Renault Duster

Those doing so will be reimbursed for any passengers they carry

AGM Those wishing to attend the AGM on 18 May by Zoom will be asked to register for this later

ESTIMATED COSTS PER PERSON at current prices

some will be charged in advance, some pay as you go

		excl Medellin	
Attendance at WPFC proceedings in Medellin (total)		\$100	\$0
Transport for week			
Flight Medellin to Bogota		\$100	\$100
based on car hire for Jardin only, 4 to a car, inc fuel)		\$80	\$80
Food and drink	9/6 days @ \$40	\$360	\$240
Accommodation (*assuming single occupancy)			
Medellin	4/1 nights @ \$125*	\$500	\$125
Jardin	3 nights @ \$70*	\$210	\$210
Misiones	free (guests of Sergio)	\$0	\$0
Estimated total cost (apart from flights to join)		\$1,350	\$755

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Page 2: Outline programme

Detailed programme for days 1-2 on page 3

(including Preliminary Agenda of the World Passion Fruit Congress 2025, Medellin on green days)

(PSI only on yellow days)

night at:

Mon-12-May Day 0	Medellin	PSI Delegates arrive (those from Europe may need to leave 11 May) Informal dinner for PSI members
19:00		
Tue-13-May Day 1	Medellin	WPFC Day 1: Genetic Resources, Ecophysiology and Nutrition <i>Each block consists of 3 half-hour sessions: see full prog. for details</i>
08:00	08:30	Registration and Welcome
08:30	09:00	Proceedings begin: official inauguration
09:00	10:30	Block 1: Theme 1 - Genetic Resources and Propagation of Plant Material
11:00	12:30	Block 2: Theme 2 - Ecophysiology of Passion Fruits
12:30	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	Block 3: Theme 3 - Nutrition and Ecological Production
16:00	17:30	Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion
Wed-14-May Day 2	Medellin	WPFC Day 2: Phytosanitary Protection, Agroindustry and Cultural Practices
08:00	08:30	Opening of Day 2
08:30	10:00	Block 1: Theme 4 - Crop Protection and Phytosanitary Management
10:30	12:00	Block 2: Theme 5 - Agroindustry and Agribusiness
12:30	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	Block 3: Theme 6 - Cultural Practices of Cultivation
16:00	17:30	Closing Round Table
Thu-15-May Day 3	Medellin	Activities tbc
Fri-16-May Day 4	Jardin	PSI members by road to Jardin Free at present
morning		
afternoon		
Sat-17-May Day 5	Jardin	PSI members fieldtrip from Jardin PSI members fieldtrip (continued)
morning		
afternoon		
Sun-18-May Day 6	Jardin	PSI AGM meeting (with Zoom) Possible further fieldtrip/explore Jardin
morning		
afternoon		
Mon-19-May Day 7	Misiones	By road to Medellin airport (MDE)
09:00	13:00	
14:11	15:10	Fly to Bogota (please book Flight AV9337)
16:00	18:30	By road to Misiones
Tue-20-May Day 8	Misiones	Visit Misiones forest, search for <i>Passiflora</i> in the wild
Wed-21-May Day 9	Misiones	Visit Ocati breeding programme greenhouse Visit commercial organic passion fruit (<i>gulupa</i> ie <i>edulis</i>) field
morning		
afternoon		
Thu-22-May Day 10	n/a	By road to Bogota airport
morning		

Tue-13-May Day 1		Genetic Resources, Ecophysiology and Nutrition
		<i>Each block consists of 3 half-hour sessions: see full prog. for details</i>
08:00	08:30	Registration and Welcome
08:30	09:00	Proceedings begin: official inauguration
09:00	10:30	Block 1: Theme 1 - Genetic Resources and Propagation of Plant Material <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: John A. Ocampo (Universidad Nacional, Colombia) <i>Genetic resources and improvement of passion fruits.</i>2. Talk: Fabio Gelape Faleiro (EMBRAPA, Brazil) <i>Improved varieties of passion fruits.</i>3. Short Presentation: Nohra Rodríguez (Universidad del Valle, Colombia) <i>Application of biotechnology in the improvement of passion fruits.</i>
		Break
11:00	12:30	Block 2: Theme 2 - Ecophysiology of Passion Fruits <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Al 19-21 May <i>Propagation and experiences in grafting.</i>2. Short Presentation: Luz Marina Melgarejo (Universidad Nacional, Colombia) <i>Climate resilience in passion fruits.</i>3. Talk: Alon Samach (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) <i>How increased temperature, fruit load and light intensity affect flower development and fruit set in <i>Passiflora edulis</i> (Passion fruit)</i>
12:30	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	Block 3: Theme 3 - Nutrition and Ecological Production <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Manuel Iván Gómez (Ingeplant, Colombia) <i>Nutritional requirements by phenological stages.</i>2. Short Presentation: Henrique Petry (Epagri, Brazil) <i>Software for fertilization recommendations in passion fruit.</i>3. Talk: Raul Castro Carriello Rosa (EMBRAPA, Brazil) <i>Regenerative cultivation practices under tropical conditions.</i>
		Break
16:00	17:30	Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion Panel: Selected participants from the day's blocks. <i>Challenges and opportunities in the propagation and nutrition of passion fruits.</i>

Wed-14-May Day 2		Phytopathology Protection, Agroindustry and Cultural Practices
08:00	08:30	Opening of Day 2
08:30	10:00	Block 1: Theme 4 - Crop Protection and Phytopathology Management <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Edgar Herney Varón Devia (AGROSAVIA, Colombia) <i>Management of arthropod pests in yellow passion fruit for export with emphasis on thrips and flower bud fly.</i>2. Talk: Ricardo Mora Hernández (OCATI, Colombia) <i>Proliferation and incidence of diseases in producing areas and management strategies.</i>3. Short Presentation: Luz Stella Fuentes (Scientia, Colombia) <i>Biological control strategies.</i>
		Break
10:30	12:00	Block 2: Theme 5 - Agroindustry and Agribusiness <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Ana María Costa (EMBRAPA, Brazil) <i>Development of products from passion fruits.</i>2. Short Presentation: Coralia Osorio Roa (Universidad Nacional, Colombia) <i>Bioactive compounds of passion fruits.</i>3. Case of Success: Ricardo Merino (QUICORNAC, Ecuador) <i>Production and commercialization of concentrated juice.</i>
12:30	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:30	Block 3: Theme 6 - Cultural Practices of Cultivation <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk: Geraldo Magela (Emater DF, Brazil) <i>Intensive production and protected crops.</i>2. Short Presentation: Eric T. Stafne (Mississippi State University, United States) <i>Production systems in the United States.</i>3. Case of Success: Jacinto Edwin Villanueva (Oxapampa Fruits, Peru) <i>Production of granadilla in Peru.</i>
		Break
16:00	17:30	Round Table with representatives of all thematic axes. <i>Integral vision for the sustainability of the passion fruit value chain.</i>