



LACEA-LAMES ANNUAL MEETINGS

Call for Proposals to Organize a Meeting

Academic or research institutions interested in organizing the 2023 or 2024 annual meetings of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin America Econometric Society (LAMES) are hereby invited to submit proposals to LACEA's Executive Committee. Please consult the summary information on the conferences provided below before preparing your submission.

DEADLINES: 30 April 2022 for the 2023 Meeting
 31 August 2022 for the 2024 Meeting.

1. OVERVIEW

The LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting is the annual conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin America Econometric Society (LAMES), which share a common program. The joint meeting of LACEA and LAMES is the most important professional conference for economists in Latin America in terms of size, scope, diversity, and quality. While each Society had its own separate meeting prior to 2005, since then the two Associations have held joint meetings every year, except in years when the Econometric Society holds its World Congress (every five years). See Table 1 below.

The main goals of the meetings are to provide a forum for the scholarly exchange of research in economics; and to encourage debate on relevant economic issues for the region among leading academics, policy makers, international financial



institutions officials, and economists from the private sector. The conference also seeks to attract and involve young researchers, students, and economists from the least advanced countries in the region.

Every year, a different academic or research institution organizes the conference. The local organizers are responsible for both the academic program and the local logistics. A Conference Committee is set up, composed of a Conference Chairperson and two Program Committee Chairs – one for LACEA and one for LAMES. In addition, a Local Organizing Committee – reporting to the Conference Chairperson – is convened to handle logistics and organization. The choice of the Conference Chairperson and the two Program Committee Chairs is usually taken in consultation with the heads of LACEA and LAMES. The LACEA secretariat provides some support, but its role is limited to issuing letters of agreement, setting submission deadlines, distributing the call for papers, announcing the conference, and verifying membership.

Every year the Annual Conference program should include an Albert Hirschman Lecture, given by a recognized development economist. Also, during the conference two prizes are awarded, to encourage high quality research on economic and social issues relevant to Latin America. The *Juan Luis Londoño prize* is awarded in odd years and the *Carlos Diaz Alejandro prize* in even years.

The Conference organizers coordinate with the heads of LACEA and LAMES on the selection of plenary and invited speakers, as well as on the composition of the program committees. They should choose an easy-to access submission platform and encourage the participation of policy makers and members of multilateral organizations. Local organizers also undertake an online survey after the Conference, to obtain feedback from participants, reporting the results of the conference to LACEA no later than 15 days after the Conference. Finally, the conference organizers should schedule the appropriate time frame for LACEA's Executive Committee meeting, including room and lunch arrangements in the Conference's venue or for any partner meeting that will be requested.

2. PAST CONFERENCES

LACEA's meetings usually gather around 700 participants including recognized economists and high-level scholars, to discuss relevant academic and economic policy issues. About 43% of the attendees pay registration fees which has added up to around US\$90,000 for the conference budget. The remaining attendees usually receive fee waivers – this includes LACEA and LAMES Executive Committee members and honorary members, program chairs and referees, Keynote and Invited Speakers. The conference organizers should decide who will be receiving the waiver when the budget is set (this mostly refers to referees and LACEA honorary members since it is standard that Keynote and Invited speakers do not pay to register). Details related to the number of participants and the registration fees received during the annual meeting can be found in the Table 2. The conference features a broad range of academic material on a variety of topics, which emerge from the different type of sessions such as plenary lectures, invited and contributed sessions. Contributed sessions cover relevant topics for economics, from an academic perspective both theoretically and empirically.

Policymakers and students benefit from high-level sessions at the conference. Previous conferences had an average of 700 participants (77% males and 23% females) out of which 20% were students, 30% were policymakers, and 50% were professors from universities around the world. A number of Nobel laureates in Economics have participated in past events (See table 3). Proposals that seek to improve the gender balance and diversity of the conferences are particularly welcome.

3. BUDGET OUTLINE

The average cost of past Annual Meetings is approximately US\$ 400,000, funded primarily by registration fees and local donors. Local organizers commit to the necessary fund raising, collect and administrate the Conference registration fees, and ensure that all the conference's expenses are covered. These funds should only be used to expenses related to the meeting. Organizers have autonomy for establishing the rates but should implement differentiated rates for different type of members. Usually, these funds are used to pay for technology resources (website and streaming, printed material, registration system and

materials), funds to travel grants for selected participants to attend the Conference, administrative expenses, transportation costs and the welcome cocktail and dinner party.

4. PROPOSAL

The proposals are presented to the Executive Committee Members, who will then take the final decision during their Annual Meeting. Please note, that in order for your candidacy to be considered, you should include the following information in the final proposal:

- Name and a short description of the local organizers (universities, research center, central banks and organizations committed to high quality research are encouraged to send their proposals).
- Proposed conference chairs and organizing committee (previous experience organizing conferences of this size and quality is a plus).
- Proposed Keynote speakers.
- Venue information (location, total number of conference rooms, maximum capacity for plenary sessions, as well as contributed session, maximum capacity for parallel sessions, networking space; proximity of the venue to airport, hotel area).
- Information about the city: hotels (average price), accessibility (nearby airports), safety, transportation within the city, Covid-19 requirements.
- List potential local sponsors.
- Preliminary budget.

Additional information is provided, in considerably greater detail, in the document “How to run a LACEA”, which can be requested from lacea@lacea.org. The terms of a final agreement between the Association and the local organizers are laid out explicitly in a Letter of Agreement signed by both parties.

Table 1. Recent Conferences and their Organizers

Annual Meeting	Date	Associations	City	Organizers	Program
26 th	October 20-22, 2021	LACEA-LAMES	Virtual event	Universidad del Rosario	Joint meeting with a unique program
25 th	November 12-13, 2020	LACEA	Virtual event	LACEA	LACEA’s Program
24 th	November 7-9, 2019	LACEA-LAMES	Puebla, México	Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla and Colegio de Economistas del Estado de Puebla	Joint meeting with a unique program
23 rd	November 8-10, 2018	LACEA-LAMES	Guayaquil, Ecuador	ESPOL	Joint meeting with a unique program
22 nd	November 8-11, 2017	LACEA-LAMES	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Universidad de San Andres	Joint meeting with a unique program
21 st	November 10-12, 2016	LACEA-LAMES	Medellin, Colombia	Universidad EAFIT	Joint meeting with a unique program
20 th	October 15 - 17, 2015	LACEA	Santa Cruz, Bolivia	Bolivian Society of Economists (SEBOL), The Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD), The Private University of Santa Cruz de la Sierra (UPSA)	LACEA’s Program
19 th	November 20-22, 2014	LACEA-LAMES	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Universidad de Sao Paulo USP)	Joint meeting with a unique program

18 th	October 31- November 2, 2013	LACEA-LAMES	Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico	El Colegio de México (COLMEX)	Joint meeting with a unique program
17 th	November 1-3, 2012	LACEA-LAMES	Lima-Peru	Universidad del Pacifico (UP)	Joint meeting with a unique program
16 th	November 10-12, 2011	LACEA-LAMES	Santiago, Chile	Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI)	Joint meeting with a unique program
15 th	November 11-13, 2010	LACEA	Medellin, Colombia	Universidad EAFIT, Banco de la Republica de Colombia, Universidad de Antioquia, Centro de Pensamiento.	LACEA´s Program
14 th	October 1-3, 2009	LACEA-LAMES	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Universidad Torcuato Di Tella	The meeting was held simultaneously but with independent programs.
13 th	November 20-22, 2008	LACEA-LAMES	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Instituto Nacional de Matematicas Pura e Aplicada (IMPA)	The meeting was held simultaneously but with independent programs
12 th	October 4-6, 2007	LACEA-LAMES	Bogota, Colombia	Universidad de los Andes and Fedesarrollo.	The meeting was held simultaneously but with independent programs.

Table 2. Recent Conferences Participations and Registration Fees¹

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of participants	910	620	632	583
Registration fees	\$ 94,363.00	\$ 82,743.00	\$ 91,844.91	\$ 82,722.44
Registration fee price	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 325.00
Approx. Number of payments	337	276	287	255

¹ Please note that the Registration Fee price is the general fee, as usually there are student, early birds, and regular fees applied for the conference registrations.

Table 2. Some conference statistics

Annual Meeting	Participants	Plenary Sessions/Lectures	Contributed sessions	Invited sessions	Invited Nobel Prize in Economics
26rd (2021)	769	8	114	23	Profs. Alvin E. Roth (2012) and Joshua Angrist (2021)
25th (2020)	300	5	N/A	N/A	-
24th (2019)	583	14	169	27	-
23rd (2018)	632	11	99	36	Profs. Christopher Pissarides (2010) and Christopher A. Sims (2011)
22nd (2017)	620	8	94	38	Profs. James J. Heckman (2000) and Jean Tirole (2014)
21st (2016)	910	11	117	39	Profs. Finn E. Kydland (2004) and Edmund S. Phelps (2006)
20th (2015)	785	10	79	30	-
19th (2014)	540	10	125	42	-
18th (2013)	520	8	316	100	Prof. James Heckman
17th (2012)	657	7	112	28	Profs Robert Lucas (1995) and Eric Maskin (2007)
16th (2011)	699	5	101	36	Professor Vernon Smith (2002)
15th (2010)	600	7	71	31	-



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14th (2009)	698	4	127	30	Professor Roger Myerson (2007)
12th (2007)	787	4	113	25	Professor Eric Maskin (2007)
