



## ICHNIA 2024 Third Circular

### Welcome!

In a few days, we will meet again at ICHNIA. Welcome to Brazil! Welcome to ICHNIA 2024– The 5th International Congress on Ichthyology!

### Venue and language

ICHNIA 2024 will take place on April 14-19, 2024, at the [Canto da Ilha Hotel and Convention Center](#), located at Av. Luiz Boiteux Piazza, 4810, Ponta das Canas Beach, Florianópolis, SC. Although the official language of ICHNIA is English, Brazil's official language is Portuguese, and the majority people do not speak English. If you do not speak Portuguese or Spanish, we strongly advise you to utilize a translator software to converse while in transit in the country.

### Brazilian currency

The Brazilian Real (BRL or R\$ as it is known in Brazil) is the country's official currency. Most places do not accept foreign currencies; therefore, you must use a debit/credit card or have cash in Brazilian Reals. Almost all exchange money stores accept US dollars and Euros (as well as traveler checks), however the closest are in Canasvieiras (15 minutes by vehicle from the hotel). Thus, the best alternative is to change some money at the airport upon arrival and use an international credit or debit card. **Check with your bank to ensure that your debit/credit card can be used in Brazil.** Prepaid debit or credit cards may also be a suitable alternative. There aren't any ATM cashiers near the Canto da Ilha Hotel, although they may be found elsewhere. In Canasvieiras, there is a Western Union office where you can withdraw money.

### Health insurance, medication, dietary restrictions

It is highly advised that you bring health insurance on your trip. Bring along all your prescription drugs for long-term usage as well as any special medications you need in case of emergency. Remember to pack the recipes, preferably with the active ingredient's generic name in case you need to purchase an additional supply. Allergies, chronic illnesses, and dietary restrictions need to be reported to the organizing team. Any circumstance resulting from the absence of this data will not be the responsibility of ICHNIA 2024.

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In Brazil, there has been a dengue outbreak since July. In the southern regions, it tends to decrease in the fall, but the number of cases is still rather significant. To avoid mosquitoes, it is therefore strongly advised to apply bug repellent throughout the day, but particularly in the early morning (up to 10 a.m.) and late afternoon (starting at 4 p.m.). During these hours, keep your room's windows closed and utilize the electric repellent device while you sleep. And keep in mind that COVID-19 is still active! If you experience any symptoms (or flu-like symptoms), please wear a mask, stay away from your coworkers, and notify us right once.

### Arriving at ICHNIA 2024

Florianópolis is a large island, there may be a significant distance between other hotels and the conference offices, and rush hour traffic is common on the island. Additionally, there isn't much public transit to Ponta das Canas Beach, and most taxi drivers don't understand English (sadly, this also applies to eateries and businesses!).

### Arriving in Florianópolis

There are three transportation options to go to Florianópolis: bus, vehicle, or airplane. Drivers arriving in their cars need to be advised that all traffic updates are given in Portuguese. You also need to be mindful of the posted speed restrictions, as Florianópolis is rife with speed traps and steep fines! All buses and aircraft arrive at the same location in Florianópolis since there is only one bus station and one airport there. Upon your arrival, ICHNIA 2024 will provide for transportation from the airport to the Canto da Ilha Hotel. In order for us to include your name in the transfer service, kindly provide your flight number and arrival time to [secretary@ichnia2024.com](mailto:secretary@ichnia2024.com) as soon as possible. From Friday, April 12, to Sunday, April 14, the transfer service will be available. Be advised that the number of persons arriving on that day and at that time will determine the transfer from Sunday night. The ICHNIA 2024 Open Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and will involve all of us.

If you arrive on a day and time when the transfer service isn't available, we strongly advise using the Uber app or hailing a cab inside the airport from designated booths (do not accept offers from strangers for a taxi ride). Please share your itinerary with us by calling +55869998237995 (Sara Memória) or +5551991124026 (Romulo Cenci). Please notify us by a Whatsapp message to these numbers if you plan to arrive by taxi or Uber. Both the bus stop and the airport provide free wifi.

### Check-in at Secretary Desk

Upon reaching the Canto da Ilha Hotel, seek out the large banner extending a warm welcome to ICHNIA 2024. The secretary is positioned here. Make sure you check in to get your congress pack and credentials. You can hang your poster on Sunday, April 14, from 6 to 7 p.m., or on Monday, April, beginning at 7 a.m. Keep in mind that the posters will be on display for the entire week. Put up your poster where its number indicates. If you need assistance, the Organizing Team will be pleased to provide it.



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Make sure to provide your slides by 6:30 p.m. on the day before your lecture if you're doing an oral presentation. To protect your talk from configuration issues that could ruin it, save your slides as a PDF file.

### What is covered by registration

All ICHNIA 2024 materials, admission to the technical sessions and keynote addresses, coffee breaks and lunch during the technical sessions, use of the co-working space, transportation, and meals during the intra-congress field trip are all included in the registration cost. It also includes the Congress Dinner (restricted or excluded alcohol), the Brazilian Night Party, and the ice-break reception. Accommodations, normal supper meals, alcoholic beverages at lunch, field trips prior to and during the congress, workshops, and short courses are not included in the registration fee. All coffee breaks and lunches, co-working space access, transportation and meals for the intra-congress field trip, and social events are all included in the companion cost. Workshop and short course fees include access to the activity, coffee breaks, and materials provided by the course lectures and workshop leaders.

### Oral and poster presentations

Oral talks will be given in English and will last 15 min plus 5 min for questions. As ICHNIA 2024 does not have parallel sessions, time and hour may be re-scheduled in case of no-shows.

All posters will be exposed from April 15 to 19, 2024, and presenters are invited to stand on their posters every day as much as possible, for questions and discussions. Posters must be displayed vertically (portrait orientation). Posters must be 90 cm wide and 160 cm long at maximum, printed in paper/fabric, without frame. A 1 cm-wide white border in all sides is required.

Poster and slides for oral presentations must be written in English, using Arial Rounded, Arial Unicode, or Arial lettering. ICHNIA 2024 official logo must be inserted in the superior left corner, aligned with the poster title. Students granted with IIA, IAS, and/or SEPM travel grants, must insert the respective logo(s) in the superior right corner, aligned with the title. The ICHNIA 2024 and sponsors official logos are available at <https://www.ichnia2024.com/ichnia-2024-timeline/ichnia-2024-second-circular-and-logos>.

There is no printer service in Canto da Ilha Hotel or nearby; thus, bring your poster printed.

The general program is available on ICHNIA 2024 website ([www.ichnia2024.com](http://www.ichnia2024.com)).

### Check-in at the Canto da Ilha Hotel

To check in if you have a reservation at the Canto da Ilha Hotel, show your ID or passport at the front desk. At check-in, you will pay for your stay. A single room costs BRL 246 per night, a double room is BRL 307.50 per night, and a triple room is BRL 399.75 per night (taxes included). Credit and debit cards from other countries that are approved for use in Brazil are accepted. Meals and other extras like drinks must be paid for at the time they are purchased.

Every room has a balcony overlooking the garden, a local cable TV, a fridge, and a private bathroom. Costs include a free breakfast, free wifi, and free parking if you're traveling by car.



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### Power outlets and electricity

Florianópolis has an electric voltage of 127 volts. The two different kinds of electrical outlets that are shown below are present in the Canto da Ilha Hotel. Remember to pack adapters if necessary for your gadgets.



### Meals during the congress

The registration cost includes lunch, which is served in the hotel restaurant at 1 p.m. on April 15, 16, 18, and 19. A brown bag lunch will be served to registered attendees on April 17. The hotel's restaurant will serve meals on request, with a salad bar and a selection of hot dishes. For those who would rather eat outside for evening, there are a few options for bars and restaurants within a radius of two kilometers from the hotel. Make sure the places are open before you travel there because April is not a popular month for tourists and many close on Mondays and Tuesdays.

A travel agency will be on hand in the hotel lobby to offer recommendations and offer guidance on how to experience the island's attractions and gastronomy.

### Conveniences

Merely a ~km stroll from the hotel, along the main street, are a few convenience stores, a pharmacy, a mini-market, and a gas station. Call the Organizing Team or ask for assistance at the front desk.

### Florianópolis' climate

Florianópolis is experiencing lovely autumnal temperatures, with daily highs of 18 to 25 degrees Celsius. It is anticipated that there may be intermittent rain during the meeting, so pack a raincoat. Visit <https://www.accuweather.com/en/br/florianópolis/35952/daily-weather-forecast/35952> to keep track of the Florianópolis forecast.

### ICHNIA 2024 Social Events

Since enjoyment is important in life, knowledge is not the only thing that matters. In light of this, the organizing committee has scheduled daily social events, including the following, for your enjoyment:

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- Immediately after the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, April 14, at 8:30 p.m., is the ice-break reception.
- Following technical sessions on Monday, April 15, and Tuesday, April 16, happy hour at the pool
- Wednesday, April 17, at 5 p.m., on the beach in front of the hotel, is the ICHNIA Soccer Game.
- Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in the restaurant and pool, is the Brazilian Night Party.
- Thursday, April 18, at 7 p.m., the Conference Dinner, at the Mighill Hotel.

The Gondwana Team and the Laurasia Team will compete in the ICHNIA 2024 Soccer Game using the most well-liked Brazilian variant of soccer: beach soccer. Don't miss what promises to be an amazing game!

### ICHNIA 2024 Intra-Congress Field Trip

All registered attendees are invited to join the intra-congress field excursion. We will spend the day exploring Santinho and Daniela beaches in search of biogenic structures formed on coastal dunes, beaches, and mangrove areas. The field excursion begins at the Canto da Ilha Hotel's parking lot at 8:30 a.m., and you must be there by 8:10 a.m. To board the bus, you will need to provide your credentials. Please pick up your brown bag lunch at the Secretary Desk before leaving. Water and soft drinks will be available on the bus.

#### Field Trip General Instructions

- Brazilian regulations do not permit removal of animal and plants from the country, and collections need to be reported in advance to the National Biodiversity Agency. Our goal is to observe biogenic structures and **we only have permission to take photos**. Airport inspections are strict.
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, and a hat are highly recommended for this field trip.
- We will walk on the beach, so you can wear short pants and sandals if you wish. Flip-flops are not recommended on the trail at stop 3.
- Brazilians do not strip naked on the beach, either to change clothing or dive. It is only permitted at nude beaches. As a result, we recommend that you wear your swimsuit because there will be no accessible facilities to change clothing.
- We will have time for lunch at Daniela Beach, but feel free to eat whenever you want.
- Bring water with you on beach walks.

Ready for ICHNIA 2024? We hope to see you in Brazil next week!

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