

AQUAEXPO 2026 CALL FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

AQUAEXPO is an event organized by the National Chamber of Aquaculture of Ecuador. It gathers actors from the national and international aquaculture industry and has established itself as the largest aquaculture event in the country and one of the most important in the region. In 2026, it will take place in three editions, hosted in the primary regions of the country's aquaculture industry: Santa Elena (Salinas), El Oro (Machala), and Guayaquil.

AQUAEXPO consists of a trade fair and a scientific-technical conference. The trade fair brings together hundreds of companies showcasing innovative products and services related to the aquaculture industry. In a spacious venue designed for the occasion, stands are set up where company executives and technicians present the highlights of their product portfolios to attendees.

The technical conference that takes place during AQUAEXPO is divided into sessions in which the most relevant aspects of aquaculture research are addressed: nutrition and feeding practices, genetic improvement, disease prevention and management, market trends, efficiency and technological innovations, farming systems, among others. Numerous researchers and aquaculture professionals from around the world gather at this conference to present the most recent advances and the latest research in the industry.

In 2026, the events will take place according to the following schedule:

EVENT	DATE	PLACE
Santa Elena	March 4 th and 5 th	Salinas Golf & Tennis Club
El Oro	July 14 th to 16 th	Hotel Oro Verde Machala
International	October 19 th to 22 nd	Guayaquil Convention Center

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PAPERS

Those who wish to submit their papers to be presented at the AQUAEXPO technical sessions must submit them to the Organizing Committee for the selection process. The papers should address relevant topics for the aquaculture industry and propose innovative solutions to the current challenges or needs of the sector.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is not necessary to be registered for the Congress to submit a paper.
- To submit your presentation, you must include the personal information (full name, position, institution, email address) of the main author and the co-authors. The oral presentation may be given by a single speaker.
- The submitted paper must align with one of the thematic axes of the congress:
 1. Nutrition and feeding strategies
 2. Genetic improvement
 3. Disease prevention and management
 4. Soil and water quality
 5. Farming systems
 6. Efficiency and technological innovation
 7. Sustainability and certifications
 8. Processing and quality control
 9. Market access requirements and trends
 10. Other (specify)
- The congress is parallel, but independent of the trade fair. Hiring a booth is neither a requirement nor a guarantee that the participating company will have space for a technical conference.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

- Abstracts must be submitted for evaluation to the AQUAEXPO Technical Committee in a Word document, written in Spanish or English, with a length of 500 to 1200 words, excluding the title and keywords. Additionally, the speaker's résumé must be attached, including academic background, current position, experience in the field, publications, and other relevant details.
- The abstract must include the following information, where applicable:
 - Complete information about the authors (underline the name of the speaker)
 - Institution and location where the research was conducted
 - Objectives
 - Methodology used

- Observations
 - Results (tables and/or images may be included in the presentation)
 - Conclusions
- AQUAEXPO does not promote brands or specific commercial products, but rather highlights the benefits of the active principle, instrument, machinery, software, or service in a generic way. Therefore, **the inclusion of trademarks of the products used in the tests is not accepted**, only the generic names or active principles of the product, or the type of service that is to be shown.
 - Those interested in submitting their papers should send the abstract and their résumé to ypiedrahita@cna-ecuador.com and maguayo@cna-ecuador.com
 - It is recommended that submissions not be identical to those previously presented at similar events, either nationally or internationally. If presenting a previously discussed topic, it is suggested to include updated data and tailor the presentation to align with the audience's interests.
 - Submissions can be made at any time of the year, specifying the edition in which the presentation is intended. The deadlines for submitting oral presentations for each edition of AQUAEXPO are as follows:

EVENT	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
Santa Elena	January 23 rd
El Oro	May 8 th
International	July 27 th

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ABSTRACTS

- Authors will be informed via e-mail if their paper has been accepted or rejected and for which event can be included. In case you want to participate in a specific event, please indicate it when submitting the presentation.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or reject applications, and its decision shall not be subject to appeal.

ORAL PRESENTATION FORMAT

If your application for an oral presentation at the Congress is accepted, you will receive a confirmation email that includes a speaker instruction guide, along with detailed information about the date and time assigned for your presentation. Additional details regarding the duration of your talk, the official slide template, and other relevant aspects of your participation in the event will also be provided.