Schedule for the 2026 SPF Symposium

(*Revised **May 3, 2026**, ICC room assignment*) **W3 and W5 rooms swapped**

Time		Events			
Mon. May 4 CICIMAR	08:30–18:00	Registration CICIMAR			
		Main Bldg 70, Lower Level Auditorium	**2nd Bldg 71, Upper Level Multipurpose Room**	**2nd Bldg 71, Upper Level Multimedia Room**	**2nd Bldg 71, Upper Level Classroom 8**
	09:00–10:50	Workshop 2 (hybrid)	Workshop 1	Workshop 4 (hybrid)	Workshop 8
	10:50–11:10	Coffee Break			
	11:10–13:00	Workshop 2 (hybrid)	Workshop 1	Workshop 4 (hybrid)	Workshop 8
	13:00–14:30	Lunch Break			
	14:30–18:30	Workshop 7 (hybrid)	Workshop 3 (hybrid)	Workshop 6 (hybrid)	Workshop 5 (hybrid)
	16:20–16:40	Coffee Break			
	16:40–18:30	Workshop 7 (hybrid)	Workshop 3 (hybrid)	Workshop 6 (hybrid)	Workshop 5 (hybrid)
	19:00–21:00	**Welcome Reception** La Ceiba Jardín			
Tues. May 5 ICC	08:30–18:00	Registration (ICC, area R)			
		Salon Balandra 4			
	09:00–09:30	**Opening Ceremony**			
	09:30–11:00	**Plenary Session (Day 1)** ○ Plenary Speaker – Rubén Rodriguez-Sanchez ○ Plenary Speaker – Myron Peck ○ Plenary Speaker – Ryan Rykaczewski			
	11:00–11:30	Coffee Break (area F)			
	11:30–13:00	**Plenary Session (Day 1)** ○ S5 Plenary Speaker – Nina Therkildsen ○ S6 Plenary Speaker – Mark Dickey-Collas ○ S8 Plenary Speaker – William Griffin			
	13:00–14:30	Lunch Break (area F)			
		Salon Pichilingue 1	**Salon Balandra 4**	**Salon Pichilingue 4**	
	14:30–16:00	Session 6 (Day 1)	Session 5 (Day 1)	Session 8	
	16:00–16:20	Coffee Break			
	16:20–18:00	Session 6 (Day 1)	Session 5 (Day 1)	Session 8	
	18:00–19:30	Earl Career Scientist Mentoring Event			
Wed. May 6 ICC	08:30–18:00	Registration (ICC, area R)			
		Salon Balandra 4			
	09:00–11:00	**Plenary Session (Day 2)** ○ Plenary Speaker – Akinori Takasuka ○ S1 Plenary Speaker – Éva Plagányi ○ S2 Plenary Speaker – Shin-ichi Ito ○ S7 Plenary Speaker – Cor Blonk			
	11:00–11:30	Coffee Break (area F)			
		Salon Pichilingue 1	**Salon Balandra 4**	**Salon Pichilingue 4**	
	11:30–13:00	Session 6 (Day 2)	Session 5 (Day 2)	Session 2	
	13:00–14:30	Lunch Break (area F)			
	14:30–16:00	Session 7	Session 5 (Day 2)	Session 2	
	16:00–16:20	Coffee Break (area F)			
	16:20–18:00	Session 7	Session 5 (Day 2)	Session 1 (Day 1)	
	18:00–20:00	**Poster Session/Reception** (Salon Pichilingue 2 and 3)			

Thurs. May 7 ICC	08:30–18:00	Registration (ICC, area R)		
		Salon Balandra 4		
	09:00-11:00	**Plenary Session (Day 3)** ○ Plenary Speaker – Claus Reedtz Sparrevohn ○ S3 Plenary Speaker – Dominique Robert ○ S4 Plenary Speaker – Heidi Pethybridge ○ S9 Plenary Speaker – Andrés Cisneros-Montemayor		
	11:00-11:30	Coffee Break (area F)		
		Salon Pichilingue 1	Salon Balandra 4	Salon Pichilingue 4
	11:30-13:00	Session 5 (Day 3)	Session 3 (Day 1)	Session 1 (Day 2)
	13:00-14:30	Lunch Break (area F)		
	14:30-16:00	Session 4 (Day 1)	Session 3 (Day 1)	Session 1 (Day 2)
	16:00-16:20	Coffee Break (area F)		
	16:20-18:00	Session 4 (Day 1)	Session 3 (Day 1)	Session 1 (Day 2)
	19:00-22:00	Symposium Dinner La Posada Hotel and Beach Club		
Fri. May 8 ICC	09:00-10:30	Session 4 (Day 2)	Session 3 (Day 2)	Session 9
	10:30-10:50	Coffee Break (area F)		
	10:50-12:30	Session 4 (Day 2)	Session 3 (Day 2)	Session 9
	12:30-14:00	Lunch Break (area F)		
		Salon Balandra 4		
	14:00-17:00	**Plenary Session (Day 4) and Closing Ceremony** ○ Plenary Speaker – Jürgen Alheit ○ Summary of symposium sessions and workshops – Chris Rooper ○ Panel discussion on symposium key messages (to be identified by symposium conveners, the SSC and topic session co-chairs) ○ Symposium awards		

Topic Sessions

S1: Bridging the Gap: From Ecological Data and Models to Fisheries Decision-Making
S2: New Approaches for Assessment of Human Impacts Beyond Fisheries
S3: Life History Variation Across Space, Time, and Ontogeny: Implications for Populations, Ecosystems, and Fisheries
S4: Forage Fish and Food Webs: Trophic Dynamics of Small Pelagic Fish, from Freshwater to the Open Ocean
S5: Spatiotemporal Dynamics of Small Pelagic Fishes in a Changing Ocean
S6: Managing Small-Pelagic Fisheries within an Ecosystem Approach: Lessons, Challenges, and Outlook
S7: Integrating Social Metrics into Economic Growth Strategies for Small Pelagic Fisheries
S8: Maximizing Value and Sustainability in Small Pelagic Fisheries: Markets, Nutrition, and the Post-Harvest Sector
S9: Modeling Human Choices Regarding Harvest and Management of Small Pelagic Stocks

Workshops

W1: Conceptualizing a Vulnerability Analysis for Anthropogenic Stressors on Small Pelagic Fish Communities
W2: Best Practices for Improving Assessment of Small Pelagic Fishes Using Environmental Indicators
W3: Addressing Knowledge Gaps and Future-proofing Monitoring of Small Pelagic Communities Using Novel Methods and Technologies
W4: Identifying Management- and Industry-informed Research Priorities for SPFs
W5: Revisiting the Potential of Sedimentary Records: New Answers to Old (and Emerging) Questions on Forage Fish Ecology *versus* Climate Variability
W6: Advancing Spatio-Temporal Species Distribution Models for Fish: Challenges, Methodologies, and Collaborative Solutions
W7: Operationalizing Ecosystem-Based Management of Forage Species using Management Strategy Evaluation
W8: Maximizing Nutrient Yield from Marine Ecosystems: Nutrition-sensitive Management Strategies Based on the Nutrient Composition of Small Pelagic Fish