

2nd International Silo Bag Conference - Fourth Announcement

The National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), the College of Agricultural Sciences of the National University of Mar del Plata (UNMdP) and Fundación ArgenInta are pleased to invite you to the **2nd International Conference on Grain Storage in Silo Bag**, which will take place from **October 15 to 17, 2025**, at the **INTA Balcarce Research Station** (RN 226 km 73.5, Balcarce, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Through this **Fourth Circular**, we share the updated **Program of the Conference**.

Day 1 – Wednesday, October 15

Time	Activity
7:30 - 8:45	Registration
8:45 - 9:15	Opening Address
9:15 - 9:45	Keynote 1: “The Silo Bag System and its Journey: from Local Innovation to Global Adoption” - Ricardo Bartosik (INTA)
9:45 - 10:30	Keynote 2: “Ecosystem of Grains Stored in Silo Bags” - Bernadette Abadía (INTA)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 11:45	Keynote 3: “Best Practices for Grain Storage in Silo Bags” - Héctor Malinarich (Independent consultant)
11:45 - 12:30	Panel 1: “Silo Bags in Action: Use in Farms, Grain Elevators, and Industry” - Gabriel Sandin (CREA), Marcelo Oviedo (Acopio Scorziello y Galella), Enrique Rada (Maltería Quilmes)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch (included)
14:00 - 14:45	Keynote 4: “Features, Evolution, and Trends in Machinery and Equipment for Silo Bags” - Mauricio Santa Juliana (INTA)
14:45 - 15:30	Keynote 5: “Principles and Tools for Monitoring Silo Bags” - Leandro Cardoso (INTA)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:20	Keynote 6: “Fungi and Mycotoxins: Fundamentals and Challenges” - Andrea Astoreca (UNLP – CONICET)
16:20 - 16:45	Keynote 7: “Prevention of Fungi and Mycotoxins in Silo Bags” - Claudia Castellari (UNMdP)
16:45 - 17:30	Panel 2: “Storage of Non-Traditional Grains and Specialty Crops” - Alejandro Colombo (Organic Rice, La Loma Alimentos), Adriana Godoy (Beans & Chía, INTA), to be confirmed (Popcorn)

Day 2 – Thursday, October 16

Time	Activity
8:00 - 8:45	Keynote 8: “Silo Bags and Grain Quality: Interactions of Physical, Biological, and Management Factors” - Ricardo Bartosik (INTA)
8:45 - 9:30	Keynote 9: “Novel Technologies for Insect Control in Stored Grains: Feeding the Future” - Christos Athanassiou (Universidad de Tesalia, Grecia)
9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 - 10:45	Keynote 10: “Insect Control with Phosphine and Carbon Dioxide in Silo Bags” - Diego de la Torre (INTA)
10:45 - 11:30	Panel 3: “Silo Bags without Borders: International Experiences” - Leandro Cardoso (Argentina, INTA), Solenir Ruffato (UFMT, Brazil), Cornell Adler (Julius-Kühn-Institut, Germany), Eliana Álvarez (FENALCE, Colombia)
11:30 - 11:50	Keynote 11: “Tools to Evaluate Costs in Silo Bag Storage” - Hernán Urcola (INTA)
11:50 - 12:15	Keynote 12: “Economic Impact of Silo Bag Technology in Argentina” - Nicolás Gatti (INTA)
12:15 - 13:45	Lunch (included)
13:45 - 14:45	Panel 4: “Fauna Associated with Silo Bags: Impact and Management Strategies” - Marcelo Hoyos (Rodents, BASF), Agustín Abba (Armadillos, UNLP), Speaker TBA
14:45 - 15:15	Keynote 13: “Using Silo Bags to Store Moist Grain and By-products for Animal Feeding” - Gustavo Depetris (INTA)
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 - 16:45	Panel 5: “Polyethylene in Silo Bags: Properties and Recycling” - Silvia Barbosa (Plapiqui CONICET), José Luis Piccone (CAIRPLAS), Flavio Luetto (ACA Pentasilo)
16:45 - 17:30	Panel 6 (Closing): “From Argentina to the World: Opportunities and Challenges of Silo Bags” - Ricardo Bartosik (INTA), Marco Stiuso (CAFMA), representatives from silo bag companies and the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs
20:00 - 22:00	Gala Dinner Gala dinner is charged separately, not included in the registration fee – further details will be available soon

Day 3 – Friday, October 17

Time	Activity
10:00 - 14:30	Field Day: Live demonstration of machinery for bagging and extraction, along with complementary technologies for silo bags (hermeticity testing, monitoring, sealing, fumigation practices among others).
14:30 - 15:30	Lunch (included)
End of the conference	

Also, we would like to inform you that the deadline for the 20% discount in the registration fee has been extended until **September 15, 2025**.

For further information:

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This Conference is an excellent opportunity to stay updated on the latest technological and scientific developments in grain storage using silo bags. Simultaneous translation Spanish/English will be available. We look forward to your valuable participation.

Sincerely,

The Organizing Committee of the 2nd International Silo Bag Conference