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*Announcement:*

## **Free Zoom Seminar on Leishmaniasis**

**Topic:** This free and openly accessible virtual seminar will focus on Leishmaniasis in Peru, and will offer clinical, epidemiological, ecological, and preventive perspectives from a panel of experts. It is presented in conjunction with co-sponsors of the In Situ Labs initiative, which is focused on building local capacity to monitor wildlife health and disease emergence. Leishmania is of particular interest due to its ability to affect both wildlife and human populations, yet our understanding of its ecology and pathogenesis remains incomplete. Virtual attendees of this panel discussion will learn about the clinical aspects of tegumentary leishmaniasis in Peru, the vectors of leishmaniasis, how the protozoa interacts with the host's immune system, and much more.

**When:** February 9, 2024, 7:00pm to 9:30pm GMT-5 (Peru Time/U.S. Eastern Time)

**Cost:** Free

**Language:** Spanish

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/FBiLQN2WndfLMHTd6>

**Who may attend:** No restrictions. Students, residents of endemic regions, health professionals, researchers, and all other public stakeholders are welcome.

**Panel members:**

- Dr. Fiorela Alvarez (Cayetano Heredia National Hospital and Alexander von Humboldt Institute of Tropical Medicine of the Cayetano Heredia University)
- Sergio Mendez-Cardona (Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, University of Florida, USA)
- Orlando Sevillano (Universidad de Sao Paulo, Universidad Nacional Federico Villarreal)

**Moderators:**

Jorge Luis Mendoza Silva (Field Projects International)

Alejandro Alarcon (Neotropical Primate Conservation Peru)

**Co-sponsoring Organizations:** Neotropical Primate Conservation Peru (NPC-Peru), Association for the Conservation of the Amazon Basin (ACCA), San Diego Zoo Global Peru (SDZG-Peru), Field Projects International (FPI)