

WELCOME

AQUAEPI GLOBAL IV

"INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AQUATIC EPIDEMIOLOGY"

OCTOBER 20–23, 2026

HOTEL ENJOY PUERTO VARAS, CHILE

Aquaculture continues to be one of the fastest-growing food production sectors globally. However, diseases remain a major limitation to its sustainable development. Billions of dollars in economic losses have been reported due to disease outbreaks in fish and shrimp, highlighting the urgency of strengthening global aquatic health.

Understanding the factors that trigger these diseases, as well as their transmission dynamics in aquatic environments, is key to mitigating their impact. In this context, aquatic animal epidemiology emerges as a vital tool for analyzing, preventing, and controlling outbreaks under a systemic and collaborative approach.

As Chairperson and on behalf of the Global Agriculture and Food Systems Division of the University of Edinburgh, I am pleased to announce the event that will bring together researchers, representatives from international organizations, and experts from both industry and academia to share knowledge and concrete solutions: the **4th International Conference on Aquatic Animal Epidemiology (AquaEpi Global IV)**, organized by the University of Edinburgh in partnership with leading institutions in aquatic health, with the support of **Agencia Garra** as official producer.

The event will be held from October 20 to 23, 2026 at **Hotel Enjoy Puerto Varas, Chile**, making the country the host of a global conversation on aquatic health, sustainability, and scientific collaboration under the **One Health** approach.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

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ABOUT THE EVENT

AquaEpi Global IV is the premier international conference on aquatic epidemiology, bringing together experts from the scientific, academic, regulatory, and industry sectors. Over four days, Chile will become the global epicenter for discussions on aquatic health, animal welfare, and the One Health approach.



This is the fourth edition of the conference, following:

- AquaEpi III: 2023, India
- AquaEpi II: 2019, Thailand
- AquaEpi I: 2016, Norway

Expected attendance: 200 aquaculture professionals from more than 15 countries

Format: In-person + digital

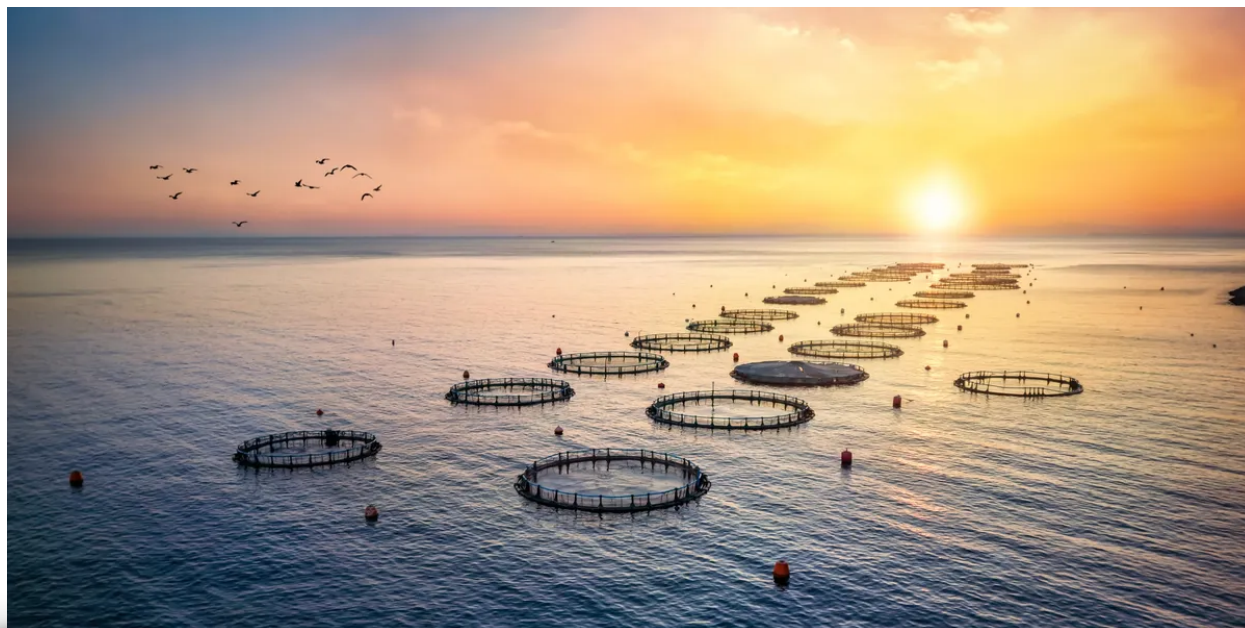
Languages: Spanish / English (simultaneous interpretation)

Organizers: University of Edinburgh, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad Austral, Consejo del Salmón, EpiVet, WelfCert, among others



PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- International researchers and scientists
- Representatives of regulatory bodies (FAO, OIE, SERNAPESCA, EFSA)
- Companies in aquatic health, technology, diagnostics, and feed
- Representatives from fish and shellfish production industries
- Graduate students, universities, and research centers



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- Build partnerships with universities, researchers, and companies in the sector
- Gain visibility in specialized media, event activities, and visual materials

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Gold	\$5,000	3x3 m booth, logo in program, website, and internal signage
Silver	\$3,000	Logo on website and poster area

All sponsors will receive credentials, access to networking spaces, and full access to the event.

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- Before August 2025: 10% discount
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- 50% before August 2025 and 50% before August 2026: 2% discount

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3. Sign the agreement and activate your presence at the event

MORE INFORMATION

Sitio web: www.agencia-garra.com/aqua-epi-iv-chile

AquaEpi Global IV is more than a conference. It's a platform for international collaboration, a showcase for scientific innovation, and a unique opportunity to shape the future of aquatic health.

This four-day conference includes morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunch, and a welcome cocktail for all registered attendees



A special rate is available for up to 88 rooms at USD \$140 per night at the event venue.

Join us for this extraordinary experience!

ABOUT PUERTO VARAS

Located on the shores of Lake Llanquihue, **Puerto Varas** is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Chile. With a strong German influence from its mid-19th-century settlers, the city has always had a touristic character. Today, it offers visitors stunning landscapes, quality hotel and restaurant infrastructure, a modern casino, lakeside beach, and various outdoor cultural activities during the summer.

More info: <https://www.gochile.cl/es/puerto-varas/>





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