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New Platform for Members Registration

We have teamed up with the Chilean company “4ID Membership” (the same one that ran the SGP-SOBLA meeting in 2019) to build an online platform for all our members. The platform will allow us to update our profiles, pay annual memberships, donate, upload papers, and more. In the near future SOBLA will use it to perform surveys, organize meetings, etc.

We have made a video tutorial, so you can easily update your profile as well as pay your annual membership, and if you are feeling generous give a donation 😊.

Please visit this link: <https://www.sobla.net/membership.html> to watch the tutorial video and to click on the “**Ingreso Aquí**” 4ID Membership link to start the updating and payment processes.

You can pay your membership with a PayPal account or Credit Card (using the webpay transbank secure website).

The current platform is in Spanish; however, we are working with the developers to switch it to in English.

The screenshot shows a website page for "4ID Membership". At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for "HOME", "SOBLA ANNUAL LECTURE", "MISSION", and "MORE...". Below the navigation, the text "4ID Membership" is centered. A large teal banner contains the text "PAGUE SUS CUOTAS SOCIETARIAS EN LÍNEA A TRAVÉS DE MEMBERSHIPS" and "También, podrá actualizar su información personal y académica". To the left of the banner is an illustration of a meeting room with people around a table. Below the banner is a button that says "INGRESE AQUÍ". To the right of the banner are logos for "webpay" and "transbank". Below the banner, the membership fees are listed: "Professors \$80", "Students and Postdocs \$40", and "Students and Postdocs living in México, Central or South America, or the Caribbean islands \$20".




The 5th ‘Friends of SOBLA Lecture’

The 5th ‘Friends of SOBLA Lecture’ honoring the career and scientific contributions of **DR. JULIO VERGARA** will be given by **Dr. Pancho Bezanilla** (The University of Chicago), followed by a lecture by **Dr. Ariel Escobar** (University of California, Merced).

The meeting will take place on Friday February 19th, 2021, at **4 pm UTC** (Universal Time Coordinated) before the “65th Annual and virtual Meeting of the Biophysical Society”. The lecture will be followed by a "Career Transition, Q&A" by **Dr. Claudia Moreno** (University of Washington). Check here for updated information: <https://www.sobla.net/sobla-annual-lecture.html>

We also would like to invite you making a donation to the “SOBLA Lecture Endowment Fund”. It is our goal that, through the contributions to this series of yearly lectures, SOBLA can accumulate funds to finance travel grants for students and postdocs from Latin American countries to attend the Annual Meetings of the Biophysical Society to present and discuss their work and expand their horizons through exposure to excellent work and learn first-hand from researchers from all around the world.

You can do donate using your SOBLA account (via 4ID Membership) as shown on the video tutorial: <https://www.sobla.net/membership.html>



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The 5th ‘Friends of SOBLA Lecture’ honoring the career and scientific contributions of Dr. Julio Vergara

A brief account of Dr. Vergara scientific life will be given by Dr. Pancho Bezanilla (The University of Chicago), followed by a lecture by Dr. Ariel Escobar (University of California, Merced). The meeting will take place on Friday February 19th, 2021, at 4 pm UTC (before the 65th Annual and virtual, Meeting of the Biophysical Society). The lecture will be followed by a "Career Transition, Q&A" by Dr. Claudia Moreno (University of Washington).



SOBLA ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual meeting will be held via zoom on **Friday February 19th, 2021, at 4 pm UTC** (Universal Time Coordinated) before the “65th Annual and virtual Meeting of the Biophysical Society”. To this end, we have also teamed up with the “4ID Membership” Company. In a few days you will receive an email with more information about the zoom meeting.

Please, make sure that emails coming from “4ID Membership” do not get lost in your spam folder.

Here is the virtual Itinerary:

- 4:00 to 4:05 pm UTC: Welcome by SOBLA President (Dr. Valeria Vásquez)
- 4:05 to 4:15 pm UTC: Introduction by Dr. Pancho Bezanilla
- 4:15 to 4:50 pm UTC: Seminar by Dr. Ariel Escobar
- 4:50 to 5:00 pm UTC: Questions/Discussion
- 5:00 to 5:20 pm UTC: "Career Transition, Q&A" by Dr. Claudia Moreno
- 5:20 to 5:30 pm State of the SOBLA by Dr. Miguel Holmgren
- 5:30 to 7:00 pm Virtual Happy Hour

SOBLA Merchandise

As you might remember, in our last in-person meeting we had a great demand for our SOBLA coffee mugs. *We listened!* Now, the SOBLA has merchandise (coffee mugs, beer glasses, t-shirts) that you can buy from *Art & Love by MoniLange* (<https://www.instagram.com/p/B8PjHctntLb/?igshid=bycyv519ntil> <https://www.sobla.net/merchandise.html>).

A portion ($\approx 15\%$) of the proceeds will be donated to the to the “SOBLA Lecture Endowment Fund”. It is our goal that, through these contributions, SOBLA can accumulate funds to finance travel grants for students and postdocs from Latin American countries to attend the Annual Meetings of the Biophysical Society to present and discuss their work and expand their horizons through exposure to excellent work and learn first-hand from researchers from all around the world.





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