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Latin American Tree Climbing Championship heads to Brazil

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Latin American Tree Climbing Championship (LATCC) returns, with the region's best climbers competing to be named champion.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is thrilled to be partnering with Sociedade Brasileira de Arborizacao Urbana to bring the 2026 LATCC to São Paulo, Brazil. This event provides an opportunity for working arborists to demonstrate their skills and techniques in a competitive, yet educational environment.

“We are incredibly excited and honored to welcome the Latin American Tree Climbing Championship (LATCC) to Brazil,” said Local host liaison Sydney Brasil. “This is a historic and meaningful opportunity for our arboriculture community, bringing together passionate professionals from across Latin America and beyond to celebrate our profession, exchange knowledge, promote the highest standards of safety, and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

Hosting LATCC in Brazil is more than a championship—it is a celebration of our trees, our people, and the future of arboriculture throughout Latin America. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Brazil and making this event an unforgettable experience that inspires the next generation of arborists and strengthens our international community.”

The LATCC consists of preliminary events and the Masters’ Challenge. The preliminary events feature work-related scenarios, including Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Ascent, Belayed Speed Climb and Throwline. Awards are given to first, second and third place winners in each event for both men and women.

The total scores from all five preliminary events are combined, and the male and female competitors with the highest scores advance to the Masters' Challenge. This challenge consists of a single event, with scores based on technique and skill.

Climbers with the highest scores are declared the male and female champions. Both will have a chance to compete at the 2027 International Tree Climbing Championship in Tournai, Belgium.

The LATCC will run from 4–6 December in Parque da Independência. This event is open and free to the public. There will also be an educational Arbor Fair to connect with tree care professionals and kids-friendly activities related to arboriculture.

For more information about LATCC, please visit itcc-isa.com.

ABOUT ISA

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., U.S., is a nonprofit professional organization dedicated to promoting the importance of arboriculture and educating the public about the significance of trees and the value of their proper care. As part of ISA’s advancing the arboriculture profession, it

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