



**Proceedings of the 28th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE),
August 14 to 17th, 2014, Natal, RN, Brazil.**

From the scientific committee chair

Greetings and welcome to the 28th SBTE Annual Meeting! The Scientific Committee is very happy with this new challenge, which is follow up the excellent job done by the preceding Committee. Therefore, we maintained most of the program structure for this year. We invited world-class speakers to lecture about up-to-date information on embryo technology-related fields. The novelty for this year is shorter time for presentations on the concurrent sessions on basic (science) and applied (technology) topics, but more time for discussions. We will encourage the audience to participate and engage more on debates. The opening ceremony will have the traditional talk from the IETS President, plus some history of SBTE, but from the field (Veterinary) point of view. The main program will have three plenary sessions, and six sessions: The Oocyte, The Embryo, and The Uterus (“SBTE Science”), and The Donor, Emerging Technologies, and Health (“SBTE Technology”). For the plenary sessions, speakers were carefully picked to deliver contents of general interest to the society. In the other sessions, attendees will choose between two concurrent sessions, one focused on more basic aspects (“SBTE science”) and the other emphasizing the more applied aspects (“SBTE technology”) of that session’s topic. For this year, we are innovating for the student’s competitions that will be also separated (SBTE science and SBTE technology). Special emphasis must be directed to the pre-conference workshops. We will have five workshops, with novelties. 1. Artificial Insemination (with short talks and more time for discussions); 2. Small Ruminant Reproduction (with very exciting topics); 3. The Equine Workshop that was renewed to attract more of the horse reproduction community; 4. The In Vitro Fertilization Workshop, that will discuss several topics, including International Market and Embryo Import/Export; and 5. The 1st Workshop on Functional Genomics applied to Animal Reproduction. The SBTE wants to thank all members that sent their best work to be presented at this meeting. For the poster sessions, we are also changing a bit, having presentations divided within two days. Finally, SBTE wants to acknowledge the speakers, for putting a lot of effort on the preparation of excellent manuscripts and lectures to be delivered at this year’s meeting. We also want to thank all the SBTE team and especially, the Scientific Committee and all the reviewers that worked tirelessly and enthusiastically 24/7. This list includes all folks from the SBTE administrative board, abstract session coordinators, abstract reviewers, manuscript reviewers and scientific editors. Once again, SBTE thanks the editor and staff at the Animal Reproduction journal and the Colégio Brasileiro de Reprodução Animal, for their collaborative spirit and instrumental help on putting together this year’s meeting proceedings. We hope you find this volume informative and useful. See you in Natal!

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