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**Proceedings of the 27th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE),  
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From the Scientific Committee Chair

Greetings and welcome to the 27th SBTE Annual Meeting! The Scientific Committee was very happy with the positive feedback received from the members of the society after last year's meeting in Foz do Iguaçu. Therefore, we maintained the program structure for this year. Again, we invited world-class speakers to lecture about up-to-date information on embryo technology-related fields. The main program was divided in four sessions, one for each of the main biological components involved in embryo technology: the ovary, the uterus, the gametes, and the embryo itself. In the first half of each session, speakers were carefully picked to deliver contents of general interest to the society. In the second half, 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. Special emphasis was directed to the pre-conference workshops. An exciting, brand new workshop on In Vitro Embryo Production was introduced in this year's meeting, to provide a forum for new information and discussions on this crucial topic on Brazilian embryo industry. The equine workshop was extended and renewed to attract more of the horse reproduction community. Last but not least, the second editions of the ASBIA workshop, on artificial insemination, and the PROSUL workshop, on transgenesis will again highlight progress in these fields of research. The SBTE wants to thank all members that sent their best work to be presented at this meeting. The real value of SBTE is the scientific and technologic progress it brings to the Brazilian society. Furthermore, 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. Undoubtedly, considering the breadth and depth of the information presented in this volume, it is due to become an international reference for years to come. Finally, there is a long list of people to whom the making of the SBTE proceedings was a high priority for the last few months and that SBTE needs to thank enthusiastically. 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 editors 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 Praia do Forte!

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