



Proceedings of the 26th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE), August 30th to September 2nd, 2012, Foz do Iguaçu, PR, Brazil.

From the SBTE Scientific Committee Chair

Greetings and welcome to the 26th SBTE Annual Meeting! This year the Scientific Committee made an extra effort to put together a well-balanced and interesting program for all members of the society. This is not an easy task, especially because our society's hallmark is its diversity. We invited world-class speakers and challenged them to deliver their most recent findings on embryo technology-related fields. The main program was divided in four sessions, one for each of the main biologic 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. The pre-conference workshops present all new material and should repeat the success of previous meetings. In addition to the talks, the poster session this year received a lot of attention from the organizers. There will be more time for viewing and discussing posters and we selected a spacious ballroom in the hotel to house the poster session. 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. By presenting your findings at SBTE we can measure the contributions SBTE brings to our country and the world. Next, 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 that made the SBTE proceedings 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. SBTE is deeply grateful to the editorial board of the journal *Acta Scientiae Veterinariae* and its Chief Editor, Dr. Laerte Ferreiro, for having published the SBTE proceedings for many years. Most specially, we need to thank the editors and staff at the *Animal Reproduction* journal, that, under the structure of the Colégio Brasileiro de Reprodução Animal, helped SBTE tremendously to put together this year's meeting proceedings. We hope you find this volume informative and useful. See you in Foz do Iguaçu!

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