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**Proceedings of the 27th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE),  
August 29th to September 1st, 2013, Praia do Forte, BA, Brazil.**

From the President

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the Proceedings of the 27th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE) from August 29th to September 1st in Praia do Forte, BA. In the 27th SBTE Meeting our main aspiration is to maintain the scientific quality that we have all become used to. As in 2012, our proceedings will be published in the international journal *Animal Reproduction*, considered the most relevant Latin American scientific journal in our field. We would like to thank the extraordinary support from the Editors and staff of this Journal and to the Brazilian College of Animal Reproduction (CBRA) to embrace this collaboration with SBTE. The current SBTE meeting is once again a joint event with the Brazilian Artificial Insemination Society (ASBIA) and the South American Research Consortium on Cloning and Transgenesis in Ruminants. As an innovation, we introduced this year a new workshop on In Vitro Embryo Production, executed in collaboration with Brazilian IVF companies. Brazil is a leader in the IVF embryo industry, producing 70% of all IVF embryos in the world. We strongly believe in the contribution of this workshop to the in vitro embryo production industry and to the continuous development of this technology. We understand that promotion of combined events consists of a great opportunity for intellectual collaboration among scientists, researchers, professionals, and students from Brazil and abroad. We will maintain the lecture session structure of the 2012 event. We believe that a very positive change was implemented in the scientific program last year. All plenary sessions will be followed by concurrent scientific and applied presentations related to the same topics. These combined presentations make it possible for the attendees to follow specific aspects of the theme, according to professional interest. We would like to thank CAPES, CNPq, and FAPESP, as well as the pharmaceutical and veterinary equipment industry and farmers that support our event. Without their generosity it would not have been possible to make our meeting come true. We will be pleased to have you at our event. We sincerely hope that all those attending will enjoy the 27th Annual Meeting of SBTE in Praia do Forte, BA, Brazil.

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President of the SBTE  
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