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**Proceedings of the 29th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE); Gramado, RS, Brazil, August 20th to 23rd, 2015, and 31st Meeting of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE); Ghent, Belgium, September 11th and 12th, 2015**

From the SBTE President

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the Proceedings of the 29th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE). We hope you enjoy the meeting and take advantages of the opportunity to gain new scientific insights, renew friendships and make new contacts.

A novelty for this year, due to the effort of our scientific director Dr Roberto Sartori, is that the annual proceedings will be published with the European Society of Embryo Transfer (AETE) in *Animal Reproduction*. This is a great achievement since it will allow the proceedings to be available to a wider audience. In addition, it will strengthen collaboration between AETE and SBTE by sharing knowledge and experience more effectively. We are grateful to the *Animal Reproduction* editor and staff for the support received.

Similar to the previous year, the event was planned considering both the interests and needs of field technicians, academics and scientists. The Chairman of the SBTE Scientific Committee along with the members of the Program Committee has brought together diverse topics and speakers to stimulate thoughts and discussion. In addition to the traditional plenary, we will have thematic modules divided into “SBTE Science” and “SBTE Technology”. Roundtables to discuss relevant issues are also part of the program, along with the students and professionals awards.

We received over 260 abstract submissions, which will be presented in posters sessions accompanied by a *Serra Gaucha* wine.

As in the past, this meeting depends on the full support and involvement of our partner companies as well as our sponsors - CNPq and CAPES, to whom we are deeply grateful. I also want to thank all the speakers who have agreed to attend this meeting and share their last findings with us. My special thanks for all SBTE Board of Directors and collaborators, whom have turned this meeting in to a reality.

We look forward to seeing you in Gramado.

**Margot Alves Nunes Dode, PhD**  
President  
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