



Proceedings of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE); Foz do Iguaçu, PR, Brazil, August 25th to 27th, 2016, and 32nd Meeting of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE); Barcelona, Spain, September 9th and 10th, 2016

From the President of AETE

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE), which will be held in Barcelona, Spain on the 9th and 10th of September 2016.

This is the second year of a joint publication between AETE and SBTE in a special issue of *Animal Reproduction* and I would like to thank José Buratini Junior, President of SBTE, Felipe Perecin, Co-Chair of the SBTE scientific committee, Urban Besenfelder, AETE Secretary and the Editorial Board of *Animal Reproduction*. This collaboration has already gone further by sharing scientific and practical knowledge from both societies through a vice versa participation of an active member from each society with a plenary talk in the annual meetings every year. This year I will represent AETE to the SBTE annual meeting in Foz de Iguazu while Dr. Roberto Sartori will be represent SBTE to the AETE annual meeting in Barcelona. Looking forward to both events.

The scientific program put together by the board of AETE is very inspiring covering most interests of our members. Starting with an “Update and overview on assisted reproductive technologies in Brazil” by Roberto Sartori from our sister Brazilian society SBTE, while then Anne Duittoz from France will give us an update on “Timing of puberty”. Trudee Fair from Ireland will give us an overview on “Embryo maternal immune interactions in cattle” followed by “practical applications of sperm selection techniques for improving reproductive efficiency” from Jane Morrell from Sweden. We will have 14 short oral communications including the student competition and two workshops. The first workshop will be managed by Giovanni Gnemmi from Italy and Serge Lacaze from France on “CL/P4 and Doppler sonography”, while the second one will be leaded by Patrice Humblot from Sweden and Pascal Salvetti from France on “ Genomics-practical consequences: up date-current challenges-future”. This year we have a record of 100 accepted abstracts to be presented as posters. Moreover, it is a great honour for all board members and for me personally to present Prof. Henrik Callesen from Aarhus University in Denmark as the 2016 AETE Medallist.

Every annual meeting of our society depends on the effort of the local organizing committee, this year headed by Dr. Teresa Mogas, University Autonoma of Barcelona and her colleagues and the support of our sponsors so far – Main: VETOQUINOL; General: CALIER and INIA; Exhibitors: CEVA; EPPENDORF; ECM; EGG TECH; BODINCO/ICP; IVF BIOSCIENCE; PETS; BCF Technology; STIMUFOL; IMV TECHNOLOGIES; IVF tech, to whom we are deeply grateful.

Last but not least a great thank to the LOC chaired by Teresa Mogas (UAB) and to all AETE Board members for their support through the year turning this meeting into a great event for all our members.

We look forward to seeing you in Barcelona.

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AETE President