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From the SBTE President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 28th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE) in beautiful Natal, RN. Our main aspiration is to maintain the scientific quality that we have all become used to, while at the same time adapting to new demands of the Society. The cutting-edge science, brought by the various speakers and participants, inspiring environment of the ocean and many opportunities for scientific, social and business interactions will no doubt make it a very productive meeting. I am sure that this year's meeting will be one of the best, because of the exciting and well balanced program, that scientific committee chair Roberto Sartori along with the members of the program committee have put together.

As you know, the main focus of the Society is to fulfill both the interests and needs of its members. Then, we invite you to suggest or indicate the strengths and the weakness of the SBTE and the meeting itself to any of individual director. Your opinion is very important to us, after all, SBTE remains a member-drive society that requires your continuous input if we want to reach our full potential.

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 helping to make the meeting a great success.

This meeting turned in to a reality as a result of the hard work and dedication of the all SBTE *Board of Directors*, Roberto Sartori, Alexandre Garcia, Regivaldo Sousa, Mauricio Peixer, Mauricio Franco, Bianca Silva, Marcelo Nogueira, Ligiane Leme, José Carvalho, José Buratini, Carlos Alberto Zanenga and Osnir Watanabe. Their efforts regarding all SBTE issues have been extraordinary and they have been tireless.

We hope that the ocean view and the warm reception will inspire productive interactions that will generate new research activities, new collaborations and good business.

Enjoy the meeting and have fun on Natal Dunes!

**Margot Alves Nunes Dode, PhD**

President of SBTE

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