



**Proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (SBTE); Florianópolis, SC, Brazil, August 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE); Nantes, France, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

From the AETE President

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE), which will be held in the Nantes, a city on the Loire River in the Upper Brittany region of western France, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

As we come to the fourth year of joint publications between AETE and SBTE in a special issue of Animal Reproduction, I would like to personally thank Marcelo M. Seneda, current President of SBTE, as-well-as the SBTE scientific committee, Teresa Mogas-AETE Secretary, and the Editorial Board headed by Felipe Perecin of Animal Reproduction. This fruitful collaboration is further enhanced by a representative from each society attending the opposite annual meeting. This year I have the pleasure to represent AETE to the SBTE annual meeting in Florianopolis, Brazil while Dr. Marcelo M. Seneda will be representing SBTE to the AETE annual meeting in Nantes, France. Both meetings will be excellent scientifically and socially for all participants.

The scientific program put together by the board of AETE is inspiring covering most interests of our members. Starting with Dr. Marcelo M. Seneda, University of Lodrina, Brazil who will talk about “*Antral follicle populations and embryo production*”, while Prof. Helen Picton, University of Leeds, U.K, will give an overview on “*Preservation of female fertility in humans and animal species*”. Dr. Pablo Bermejo-Alvarez, INIA, Spain, will provide an outline on the “*Directions and applications of CRISPR technology in livestock research*” followed by Dr. Fabienne Nuttinck, University of Paris Saclay, France on “*Oocyte related factors impacting on embryo quality: relevance for “in vitro” embryo production*”. We will have 17 short oral communications including the student competition and two workshops. Workshop I will be managed by Dr. Francis Fieni, Ecole Nationale Veterinaire, Nantes, France on “*Sanitary and regulations on embryo transfer*”, while Workshop II will be led by Dr. Teresa Mogas, University Autonoma of Barcelona, Spain on “*Preservation of IVF embryos*”. This year we have over 80 accepted abstracts to be presented as posters.

It is a great honor for all members of the AETE Board, and for me personally, to present Prof. Patrice Humblot, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden as the 2018 AETE Medallist. Prof. Humblot have been working in applied research in UNCEIA (National Union of French Breeding companies) in the field of ruminant reproduction from 1978 to 2010. His main scientific topics of interest have been: female reproductive function, embryo mortality, in vitro embryo production, and embryo genotyping. In 2010 he joined the Division of Reproduction, Department of Clinical Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal sciences, SLU, Uppsala (Sweden) as Professor in Reproductive Physiology. Currently his research focusses on the use of phenotypic characterization and of various molecular approaches with the aim to identify markers of reproductive robustness in animals exposed to metabolic imbalance or to infection. His scientific contributions are recognized internationally. Prof. Humblot has been a member of the AETE family since the early days.

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Last but not least a great “thank you” to all AETE Board members for their support through the year and the LOC, chaired by Daniel le Bourhis turning this meeting into a great event for all our members. We look forward to seeing you in Nantes.

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AETE President