

PROCEEDINGS

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XLIII Annual Meeting on Basic Research in Chagas' Disease

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Dear participants,

On behalf of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology and the organization team, it is an honor to welcome you to the XXXII Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology and XLIII Annual Meeting on Basic Research in Chagas' Disease, in Caxambu, Minas Gerais State, Brazil.

As every year, we are grateful to the Protozoology community that suggested more good names than those that can be fitted in the meeting program. We are happy to receive keynote speakers and researchers coming from many different countries and from different regions of Brazil, which allowed us to organize an outstanding program despite the Brazilian financial crisis. We are also grateful to the majority of the speakers that have payed for their own travel expenses.

It is our aim to maintain and if possible to improve this year the high level and diversity of discussions that characterize our meeting. For this, it is critical the spontaneous participation of all researchers as well as students, another characteristic feature of SBPz Meeting. More than ever, we are very grateful to the Brazilian agencies CNPq, FAPEMIG, FAPERJ and FAPESP that maintained their support in the present scenery, recognizing the importance of the SBPz meeting for the protozoology community. The success of the meeting organization is greatly dependent of the invisible work of many colleagues that contribute through the evaluation of abstracts and by selecting the winners of Walter Colli and Zigman Brenner awards. In 2016 we had 352 abstracts submitted, demanding the collaboration of 38 abstract evaluators, 12 oral presentation chairs and 28 posters evaluators in the several categories of the awards.

The work of the organizers throughout the year is hard, but it is softened by the efficient and gentle support of the secretaries Ana Paula Lopes Vidal and Vilma de Araujo Andrade. During the meeting, they command a harmonic team that makes everything work properly. We are indebted to all of them.

We wish you all a very productive and pleasant Meeting!

Caxambu, November 7th 2016
Narcisa Leal da Cunha-e-Silva
President of SBPz

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Trypomastigotes from *Trypanosoma cruzi* spontaneously shed vesicles into the medium. Scanning electron microscopy shows vesicles being shed from the entire surface of the parasite.

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