

## **PROCEEDINGS**

XXXI Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology  
XLII Annual Meeting on Basic Research in Chagas' Disease

*Hotel Glória, Caxambu, MG, BRASIL- Caxambu, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015*

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**Dear participants,**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome all the participants of the XXXI Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology and the XLII Annual Meeting of Basic Research in Chagas' Disease.

We wish to thank all invited speakers and all of you who came to our meeting this year. We would like to express our special thanks for all of you who have been participating for many years because it is only thanks to your support that the SBPZ meeting became one of the most important scientific gatherings in the field of protozoan parasite biology, host-pathogen interactions and vector biology. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude goes to many of you who helped us evaluating the abstracts and also to all participants who accepted the grueling task of selecting the best poster and oral presentations. Again, we are particularly indebted to our secretaries, Ana Paula Lopes Vidal and Vilma de Araújo Andrade, for their hard work throughout the year in organizing this event. Finally, we must acknowledge the financial support we received from CAPES, CNPq, FAPEMIG, FAPERJ and FAPESP.

As in previous years, we have tried to broaden the scope of the subjects and organisms that will be discussed during the conferences and round-tables and are indebted to many colleagues who have generously given new suggestions and ideas. As usual, we remind that all talks will be given in English including the oral sessions given in most part by young investigators such as PhD students and postdocs. We also would like to remind that this year, in addition to the Zigman Brener and Walter Colli awards, the SBPz is offering a travel award to three young scientists coming from abroad so that they will have the opportunity to experience the famous "Caxambu meeting" in Brazil.

Finally, we hope you will enjoy our meeting and that once again, great scientific discussions will happen during every session of the meeting as well as during many "caipirinha sessions" by the pool at Gloria Hotel.

Caxambu, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015  
Santuza Teixeira  
President of SBPz

## Informação

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## Information

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