

PROCEEDINGS

XXXIV Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology
XLV Annual Meeting on Basic Research in Chagas' Disease

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Dear Participants,

On behalf of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology (SBPz) and the Organizing Committee, it is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the XXXIV Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Protozoology and the XLV Annual Meeting of Basic Research in Chagas' Disease, the "2018 Caxambu Meeting".

Honouring the spirit and the tradition of this meeting, keynote speakers and researchers from many different countries and from Brazil have attended our invitation to share their expertise and their research findings, resulting in an outstanding scientific programme.

Despite the ongoing socio-political and economic crisis in Brazil that affected the core of the science, technology & innovation funding system, the SBPz was able to maintain all activities of the meeting due to the efforts of the Board of Directors, the secretariat and a number of members, to whom I wish to express my personal gratitude and appreciation. Thus, along with the scientific programme, the Zigman Brenner and the Walter Colli Awards will be given to the best poster and oral presentations, respectively, and the Samuel Pessoa Award will be granted this year to Dr Júlio Scharfstein in recognition to his outstanding contribution to the field of protozoology. Also, SBPz has offered financial support for two foreign students and made all efforts in order to minimize the costs for the students, granting them the opportunity to participate in this year's meeting.

In addition to the Caxambu meeting, we had the opportunity to co-organize the pre-meeting symposium in honour to Professor Keith Gull, bringing further scientific interest to the 2018 meeting.

We would like to acknowledge the invited speakers, SBPz members, colleagues and students for supporting and attending the meeting. We are particularly indebted to the SBPz Secretariat, Mrs Ana Paula Lopes Vidal and Mrs Vilma de Araújo Andrade, whose commitment and dedication over the years along distinct Board of Directors have assured the quality of the meeting and contributed to its international recognition. We would also like to acknowledge the financial support received from CAPES, CNPq and FAPESP and the partnership with ALESCO.

We welcome you all to Caxambu, once again wishing a productive and pleasant meeting!

Caxambu, November 5th, 2018

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Legend: In this painting (wax, paraffin, acrylics, oil pastel and collage), Trypanosoma cruzi graciously traverses the hostile inflamed tissue, on its way to the bloodstream and lymphatic vessels.

Electron Micrograph: Daniele Gonçalves

Dr. Julio Scharfstein