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The 66th volume of “Memórias do Instituto Butantan” presents the proceedings of the XI Annual Scientific Meeting of Butantan Institute, organized by the Division for Scientific Development. The theme of this 11th edition of the Instituto Butantan’s meeting was “Scientific Research and Public Health Challenges”.

The scientific program addressed important issues regarding emerging and reemerging problems of public health, and the directions of the scientific research in order to triumph over these challenges. Three round-table, discussions and conferences were planned in order to instigate productive discussions on our current public health problems and innovative research approaches suitable for this matter.

Also, the meeting included three poster sessions, Young Scientist Awards in four categories (scientific initiation, PAP program, master and doctoral degrees) and two special sessions about the memories of Instituto Butantan, also linked to this year’s theme.

This 66th volume brings together all the abstracts of the posters presented in the Poster Sessions, organized in ten different areas: Venoms and Envenomations, Biochemistry, Immunology and Vaccines, Microorganisms, Cellular Biology and Genetics, Animal Biology, Education and Scientific Diffusion, Others, Scientific Initiation (PIBIC) and PAP Program. The impressive number of submitted posters indicates the involvement of our scientific community with the Annual Scientific Meeting. These abstracts are representative of the scientific research that was carried out at Instituto Butantan in the last year. Therefore, this “Memórias do Instituto Butantan” electronic issue is an important source of scientific information and dissemination.

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