

EDITORIAL

The Organizing Commission would hereby like to welcome all of the participants of the XIV Annual Scientific Meeting of the Butantan Institute, whose theme this year is **Ethics and Biosafety: From Bench to Society**

The Annual Scientific Meeting is an event that has taken place since 1998, and it has counted on the participations of researchers, professors, students, technicians, and other professionals of this Institute, and represents an important opportunity to exchange information and experiences besides the opportunity for establishing new collaborations.

During this Meeting we hope to stimulate discussions about themes related to Ethics and Biosafety applied to research and the production of immunobiologicals, aimed at the adequacy of scientific interests with the guidelines of the Regulatory Agencies.

The scientific program will be divided into three thematic sessions dedicated to biosafety, the ethics of experimentation with animals, and bioethics. There will also be three panel sessions, Young-Scientist awards (Scientific Initiation and PAP Program, Master and Doctoral Degrees), and a photographic exhibition commemorating the centenary of the Biological Museum.

In addition to this program, the third edition of the Satellite Event of the Graduate Program in Toxinology will occur on December 4, whose theme will be ***Toxinology: from nature to biotechnology***; coordinated by Dr. Ana Maria Moura da Silva and Dr. Catarina de Fátima Pereira Teixeira.

The large number of registered participants and abstracts to be presented during the panel sessions demonstrates the importance of this Annual Meeting within the calendar of activities of the Butantan Institution.

We invite all of you to participate, and we wish a productive and rewarding Meeting.

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