

Affiliate Committee Report from Annual General Meeting.

The Affiliate Committee convened at 12:00 on 1/15/2017.

Attendees (Affiliate Societies):

Francois Xavier Grand (representing CETA, Canadian Embryo Transfer Association)

Salvador Romo (representing META, Mexican Embryo Transfer Society)

Edwin Mellisho (representing ASPRA, Asociación Peruana de Reproducción Animal)

Osamu Dochi (representing HBETS, Hokkaido Bovine Embryo Transfer Society)

Satoko Mataba (representing EJETS, Eastern Japan Embryo Transfer Society)

Gabriel Bo (representing SATE, Sociedad Argentina de Tecnologías Embrionarias)

Jose Buratini (representing SBTE, Sociedade Brasileira de Tecnologia de Embriões)

Dimitrios Rizos (representing AETE, Association of Embryo Technology in Europe)

Hosup Shim (representing KSET - Korean Society of Embryo Transfer)

John Prososki (representing AETA - American Embryo Transfer Association)

Mark James (representing AETA - American Embryo Transfer Association)

Anna Lezama (representing META, Mexican Embryo Transfer Society)

Tshidi Matabane (representing Lucky Nedembale Tshwane University South Africa)

Attendees (Committee members):

Richard Fayrer-Hosken (chair)

Barbara Durrant (Treasurer)

Marcelo Bertolini

Gabriel Bo

Christine Wrenzycki (President of IETS)

Fulvio Gandolfi (Vice president of IETS)

The committee met to discuss the plans for the future.

1. IETS ASC will develop Regional Embryo Technology Alliances (RETAs). RETAs will assist in the development of and sponsorship of educational and cutting edge technology courses involving embryo technologies. The first two regional areas that should be considered are South America, Central America and Mexico and Pan Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, India and non-American pacific rim countries). RETAs could be offered in the regional area by defined speakers.

Topics raised during the meeting:

- i. Embryo transportation to other countries for sale.
- ii. Availability of specific drugs for embryo technologies.
- iii. Protocols for certification of laboratories certifying in vivo or in vitro oocytes and embryos.
- iv. Translation for local attendees at foreign meetings.
- v. Seek an agreement to have Affiliate Society members registering for IETS annual meeting as IETS members and pay same rates.
- vi. Dr. Hosup Shim will send attendees addresses that might be attending from China, when he gets home.
- vii. Plan on regular (1 every other month) Skype meetings of AS and AC.
- viii. Promote the use of the IETS homepage as a conduit for Affiliate Societies.

Anticipated goals are for fruition in 2017 to 2019:

- i. Compile a list of local and international speakers to bring cutting edge presentations.
- ii. Lectures and laboratories would address clinical and practical aspects of embryo technology (oocytes, embryos, sperm cells from IVF and in vivo technologies).

- iii. Courses on strategies to initiate, manage and optimize embryo technology societies within their own countries.
 - iv. Solicit as many local societies to participate eg SBTE and STEA.
- 2. Development of educational instructional materials for IETS and AS as well as RETAs.
- 3. Solicit other groups to consider joining AS for example Andrology.
- 4. Consider expanding the number of committee members by hosting one representative from the original societies, e.g, SBTE, AETA, CETA, AETE.



SBTE
SOCIEDADE BRASILEIRA DE
TECNOLOGIA DE EMBRIÕES

February 4th, 2017
Dr Richard Fayrer-Hosken
International Embryo Transfer Society (IETS)

Dear Richard,

Many thanks for leading us during the Affiliate Societies Meeting in Austin, which I found very enjoyable and productive.
Please find below the SBTE report as requested.

SBTE – Brazilian Embryo Technology Society (www.sbte.org.br)

Date of SBTE foundation: 18th June, 1985

Number of members: 175 members paid the 2016 annual fee; 755 members active in the system based on payment of at least one annual fee during the last 4 years.

Primary interests of our members: Reproductive biotechnologies applied in cattle, horses, sheep and goats, and related basic science.

Topics of high interest: Artificial insemination (great interest on Fixed Time AI), IVF, Embryo transfer, NT, Transgenesis and Reproductive Biology.

Annual Meeting: Usually happens in August. The scientific program includes, pre-conference workshops, plenary sessions, concurrent sessions (SBTE Technology and SBTE Basic Science), poster sessions and a student competition. Awards are given to the best abstracts in Basic Science, Applied Science and to the best Technical Report. In addition, awards are also given to the best scientist and practitioner of the year.

Publication: The proceedings of the Annual Meeting (talks and abstracts) are published in the journal “Animal Reproduction” (ISSN 1984-3143), together with the proceedings of the European Embryo Transfer Association (AETE). This important partnership started in 2014.

Newsletter: SBTE circulates a biannual Newsletter (“O Embrião” / “The Embryo”) containing scientific and technical articles and information about the Society and scientific meetings. It has open access in our website and a printed version is sent by mail to all members.

Sponsors: Group of 12 affiliated companies paying month fees.

Administration: The board of directors is in charge of the administration of the society and organization of the Annual Meeting. At the end of the Annual Meeting there is a General Assembly for the discussion and approval of the administrative actions.

Board of Directors 2016-2017:

President: Jose Buratini Jr

Vice President: Marcelo Seneda

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2nd Treasurer: Alexandre Rosseto Garcia



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Last SBTE Meeting (2016): Foz do Iguaçu – Brazil, August

Attendees: 403

Speakers: 45

Abstracts: 249

Next SBTE Meeting (2016) – Foz do Iguaçu/PR– Brazil, August 24-26

Sincerely,

José Buratini, DVM, MSci, PhD
President

January, 2017

To: IETS Affiliate Society Committee

Re: Summary of Activities of the Peruvian Association of Animal Reproduction (ASPRA)

The Peruvian Association of Animal Reproduction was created in 2011. We are a non-profit organization, integrated by professionals specialized in reproductive biotechnology, such as biologists, veterinarians and zootechnicians. Our objective is to promote and encourage the exchange of technical and scientific knowledge among organizations, institutions, scientists and professionals interested in acquiring the most advanced knowledge and techniques which are being applied in the animal reproductive processes. Our slogan is "Universalization of knowledge".

By December 2016, ASPRA has 38 partners (30% active). We are affiliated to other two very important societies in the world, such as: IETS - International Embryo Transfer Society and SBTE - Brazilian Society of Embryo Transfer.

In Peru, we have organized 06 very successful congresses (from 2011 to 2016), with the participation of many Peruvian, Ecuadorian, Bolivian and Argentinian students and professionals.

Year		Location	Date	Speakers	Attendees
2018	(VII Congress)	to be defined	August
2016	(VI Congress)	Arequipa	August 12-14 th	15	286
2015	(V Congress)	Lima	August 12-14 th	15	286
2014	(IV Congress)	Lima	August 27-29 th	13	211
2013	(III Congress)	Lima	August 14-16 th	15	373
2012	(II Congress)	Lima	August 7-9 th	15	265
2011	(I Congress)	Lima	August 3-5 th	15	228

Another aim of this association is to encourage Peruvian researchers to publish their works in our scientific journal SPERMOVA ISSN (print): 2223-9375; ISSN (electronic media): 2308-4928; DOI: 10.18548/aspe/)

The actual Board of Directors for the period: 2016-2017 is conformed by the following members:

President: Juan Reategui
Vice President: Hugo Deza
Treasurer: Virginia Rivadeneira
Secretariat: Victoria Rivas

Legal Representative: Edwin Mellisho



ASOCIACIÓN MEXICANA DE TRANSFERENCIA DE EMBRIONES

MEXICAN EMBRYO TRANSFER ASSOCIATION

February 20th, 2017

Foundation: Our Association was established in 2008.

Membership: The exact number of members is unknown, since we as an association do not have a fee structure. This is because it has been shown to be a very difficult task to have fees paid by members. Dr. Salvador Romo writes and emails a bimonthly newsletter to nearly 700 individuals, including teachers, scientists, practitioners, technicians and students.

Member's primary interests: Embryo Transfer and related technologies applied to cattle, horses, small ruminants and pigs and reproductive Physiology.

Secondary interests: Commercial trade of semen, embryos, equipment and supplies related to ET Technology.

Topics of higher interest: Artificial Insemination, Fixed Time AI, Embryo Transfer, OPU-IVF.

Annual Meeting: It is usually scheduled during the months of July or August, concurrent with other national or international meetings with high audiences and with guest speakers for presentations of topics in bovine reproduction. This allows us to attend other presentations and workshops as well as to have a higher number of members present in our meetings. Some examples of concurrent meetings are: the National and International Buiatrics Conference, and the International Symposium on Advanced Bovine Reproduction. An average of 30 colleagues attend our annual meetings.

Meeting contents: Our meetings usually include scientific presentations, occasional workshops, and the main event is a plenary session.

Reports to IETS: regarding ET production in Mexico, Dr. Salvador Romo provides yearly reports to IETS's Statistics and Data Collection Committee.

We do not have a certification program, but we pretend to establish it for the first time in 2017.

Board of Directors 2016-2017:

President: Salvador Romo.

Vice President: Antonio Parlange.

Secretary: Marco Antonio Hernandez.

Treasurer: Victor DiBella.



Canadian Embryo Transfer Association
Association Canadienne de Transfert d'Embryons

January 2017

To: IETS Affiliate Society Committee

Re: Summary of Activities of the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association (CETA/ACTE)

CETA/ACTE recently held its Annual General Meeting on September 30, 2016 during the 2016 Joint Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. At our meetings, the executive committee was elected for the 2016-2017 year, Dr. David Hamilton, President, Dr. Luc Besner, Vice President and Dr. Guy Massicotte.

The CETA/ACTE membership numbers have remained stable throughout the past year, currently there are a total of 157 members, of which 73 are CETA/ACTE certified members.

The 2015 Canadian Embryo Transfer statistics were completed and submitted to IETS. A complete summary of the 2015 Canadian embryo transfer data is posted on the CETA/ACTE web site at: <http://www.ceta.ca/et-activity.html>

Our annual convention is held jointly with the American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA). The 2016 AETA & CETA/ACTE Joint Convention was recently held in St. Louis, Missouri from September 29 to October 1, and was a successful convention with high attendance. Both AETA and CETA/ACTE have a student scholarship program and CETA/ACTE awarded three students with a travel scholarship to attend the 2016 joint convention.

- The 2017 AETA & CETA/ACTE Joint Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida from October 26-28, 2017.
- The 2018 CETA/ACTE & AETA Joint Convention will be held in Montreal, Quebec from September 27-29, 2018.
- The 2019 AETA & CETA/ACTE Joint Convention will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado from October 24-26, 2019.

The CETA/ACTE Certification program is species specific and is a prerequisite for the government approval program for embryo exports. Practitioners must be approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in order to collect and freeze embryos for export from Canada.

A practitioner wishing to be certified by the Canadian Embryo Transfer Association must meet competency requirements and pass both written and practical examinations that are supervised by qualified embryo transfer and reproduction specialists. Certification is for a 3-year term, which is reviewed annually and includes satisfying continuing education requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. François-Xavier Grand
CETA/ACTE Representative



AETE

Association Européenne des Technologies de l' Embryon

Association of Embryo Technology in Europe

AETE 2016 Report

- The object of the "ASSOCIATION OF EMBRYO TECHNOLOGY IN EUROPE" (AETE) is to facilitate the diffusion and application of knowledge relative to embryo technology in mammals by creating a forum for the exchange of scientific, technical and practical information at a European level and by organizing regular meetings encouraging everyone to participate: teachers, scientists, practitioners, technicians and students. Moreover the AETE aims to establish European technological solidarity, favourable to international exchange of embryos, by creating study groups and by striving to become a body to whom European veterinary and agricultural authorities may make proposals, and seek consultation.
- Actual number of AETE members is 210. AETE is administered by an elected board of governors (10 members) and by the General assembly during the annual meeting.
- The annual meeting in Europe is organized by the AETE board and the LOC beginning of September every year. The 32nd Scientific Meeting was held in Barcelona, Spain on the 9th-10th of September in 2016. LOC Chaired by Teresa Mogas, University Autonoma of Barcelona, Spain. Since 1993 an AETE Pioneer-medal is awarded and a special celebration during the meeting is dedicated to the medalist. This year medalist in 2016 was Prof. Henrik Callesen from Denmark.
- All invited papers and abstracts were published in the Journal of Animal Reproduction, join collaboration with the Brazilian Society of Embryo Technology (SBTE). This collaboration improves the scientific outcome of our annual meetings and opens the borders outside of Europe collaborating with other ET societies. Since last year the president or a Board member from each society is invited to the annual meeting of the other as representative.
- At the 2016 general assembly meeting it was proposed: (i) change of the word "*Transfer*" to "*Technology*", representing a broader number of biotechnological techniques related with embryo including transfer and; (ii) change of the name from "*European Association of Embryo Transfer*" to "**Association of Embryo Technology in Europe**" to match the AETE acronym. The same change was applied in French as "*Association Européenne des Technologies de l' Embryon*". Both propositions were favorably voted from our members.
- Next meeting (33rd scientific meeting) will be held on 8th and 9th of September 2017 in Bath, UK. LOC chaired by Brian Graham, EGG Tech.
- Regular statistical reports regarding the ET- activities in Europe for 2015 are provided; Responsible: Marja Mikkola (marja.mikkola@faba.fi) - AETE Board member. Last year George Perry, Chair of the IETS Data Retrieval Committee together with Marja Mikkola manages to update and make friendly use the database collection program.
- The primary interests of our members are all relevant links to embryo technology and reproductive biology in cattle, horses, small ruminants, pigs, exotic and companion animals. Good cooperation exist on personally and administrative basis to many affiliated international and national organizations.
- For more information please visit our web site – www.aete.eu

AETE wish to maintain its affiliated status with IETS and was represented by me at the last IETS meeting on 14th - 17th of January 2017 in Austin, Texas, USA.

Sincerely

Madrid 7th of February 2017

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Report of Japanese Embryo Transfer Society

According to your request through Dr. Satoko Matoba, I as the president of Japanese Embryo Transfer Society (JETS) would like to give a brief report about the recent activity of our society.

In Japan, there are three embryo transfer societies in the area of north (Hokkaido), central east and central west of Japan. Now we are ready to join two societies, the west and the east societies, to build the new society "Japan Embryo Technology Society" (JETS) in 2017. Hokkaido will also become a satellite society of JETS and join the annual meeting of JETS. Therefore, the members of the JETS will be over 400 people. The society office is located at Kyoto University and is open to contact with the secretary Ms. Tomoyo Nishio (e-mail: jets@kais.kyoto-u.ac.jp).

The annual meeting has been held revolving at various local places in Japan, last one was in Tokyo and next meeting in Kyoto. The meeting has usually oral and/or poster session, and symposium and public program. Usually 150-200 members are joined to the meeting. In last 10 years, we have a practical workshop inviting veterinarians involved in commercial embryo transfer practice. This workshop has roles and aims to follow-up the technology of embryo transfer in Japan and is received well for young technical expert of embryo transfer. The main topics of the society are that the society journal is changed as an electronic journal starting January issue in 2017. The society home page is also available at <http://jets.kenkyuukai.jp/>, but only in Japanese. Information of IETS meeting every year is also posted frequently on our home page.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Imai

President

Japan Embryo Transfer Society



KSET

Korea Society of Embryo Transfer

The KSET (www.embryo.or.kr) was established in 1985 with a mission to promote research in embryo transfer and exchange scientific information among scientists, practitioners, educators and regulatory officials in Korea. Currently, the KSET represents approximately 200 individual members and 40 corporate members.

Since 1985, the society has been publishing Journal of Embryo Transfer (ISSN 1225-4991 for print; ISSN 2288-0178 for online) four issues per year. All publications from volume 1 to 31 are accessible at the journal's homepage at www.ksep.or.kr.

The KSET holds scientific conference twice a year. In addition to Annual KSET Conference in spring, International Developmental biotechnology Symposium in fall is jointly organized with Korean Society of Animal Reproduction (KSAR).

The KSET has been an affiliated society of IETS since 2014 and will be hosting 2018 IETS Annual Conference at Jeju Island, Korea.