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Dr. Gabriel Bó is currently president and director of research and post-graduate training of the Instituto de Reproducción Animal Córdoba (IRAC), and professor of obstetrics and biotechnology of reproduction at the Veterinary School of the Instituto de Ciencias Básicas y Aplicadas, Universidad Nacional de Villa María in Córdoba, Argentina.

Dr. Bó was born in San Nicolás, Argentina, in 1962. He had an interest in animals from an early age. In 1972, his father started a purebred Angus herd and Gabriel became very interested in reproduction and AI and in showing cattle at regional shows in Argentina. During high school, he was involved in estrus synchronization and AI programs in his family herd. After finishing high school, he enrolled in veterinary medicine at the Facultad de Ciencias Veterinarias, Universidad Nacional de Rosario and received his veterinary degree in 1985.

After graduation, Dr. Bó went back to San Nicolás and practiced veterinary medicine for three years. In 1988, he went to Canada to study embryo transfer technology for nine months with Dr. Reuben Mapletoft, with the idea of starting an embryo transfer practice after returning to Argentina. However, he attended the IETS Annual Conference held in San Diego in January 1989, and he became bonded with IETS—he has missed only two IETS meetings since that time. His nine months in Canada turned out to be seven years and, during that time, he received his master's degree in veterinary science (1991) and PhD (1995) in the Department of Herd Medicine and Theriogenology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, under the supervision of Drs. Mapletoft, Pierson, and Adams. His PhD thesis was on the effects of estradiol on ovarian follicular wave dynamics. Superstimulation protocols developed during the course of these studies have become the *de facto* standard for clinical use worldwide.

In 1995, Dr. Bó returned to Argentina to join IRAC, where he has worked in applied research on follicular development, superovulation, recipient management, estrus synchronization, and fixed-time AI, and embryo development and cryopreservation. The programs developed under his supervision are the major contributors to the application of fixed-time AI in many Latin American countries. In 2008, Gabriel received the Taurus Award in recognition of his scientific and academic contribution to the field of bovine reproduction in Argentina.

Dr. Bó was first elected to the Board of Governors of the IETS at the meeting in Quebec City in 1999. In 2002, he became involved with the organization of the annual meeting of IETS held in Foz do Iguazu, Brazil. He was elected first vice-president of the IETS through an online vote in 2002 and became president of IETS at the annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, in 2004. The IETS was in a grave financial position at that time and it was through the efforts of Dr. Bó and a very active and dedicated Board of Governors that the IETS finances slowly improved to the more-stable financial position that we enjoy today. In 2010, he chaired the local organizing committee of the meeting held in Córdoba, Argentina. This meeting was one of the few to be held outside North America that resulted in a strong positive financial balance. He was re-elected vice-president of IETS in 2010 and became president of the IETS at the IETS meeting in Orlando, Florida, in 2011. With this election, Dr. Bó became the only member of the IETS who has been elected President twice.

Dr. Gabriel Bó has worked tirelessly for the widespread application of embryo transfer technologies throughout Latin America and around the world. Since 1990, he has lectured in numerous short courses on advanced reproductive technologies and delivered lectures in almost all Latin American countries as well as the United States, Canada, Spain, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, among others. He has been an invited speaker and workshop participant at several meetings around the world, including the IETS, International Congress of Animal Reproduction (ICAR), and the World Buiatrics Congress. Finally, he has published more than 100 manuscripts in referred journals and book chapters, more than 160 invited reviews, and more than 410 abstracts in conference proceedings at venues around the world.