

30 YEARS OF THE “SOCIEDADE BRASILEIRA DE CARCINOLOGIA” (1982-2012)



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In February of 1982, when the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul hosted the participants of the IX Brazilian Congress of Zoology in Porto Alegre, the scientific study of Crustaceans had already progressed a good way along a successful course as an area of specialization of Animal Biology. Up to 1982, discussions and scientific communications on crustaceans were part of the general programming of the successive Brazilian Congresses of Zoology, always occupying a prominent space because of the number and quality of the results presented and discussed. The growing number of scientific communications in the congresses and in scientific publications both within and outside Brazil, treating carcinological subjects, was revealing the existence of a continually increasing interest on the part of Brazilian and foreign zoologists in investigations on the lives of Brazilian crustaceans. That period of time saw the emergence and development of a specialty endowed with great economic importance, namely the search for alternatives and new technologies for the culture of freshwater and marine crustaceans for human

consumption. It was in this context that the traditional national Zoological event welcomed the I Brazilian Symposium on Culture of Crustaceans, as part of the official program of the IX Congress. The large number of participating researchers and the quality of the presentations showed that the specialty of Carcinology and Culture of Crustaceans had already matured sufficiently to support the formation of an association, and more than this, to organize its own scientific meetings, bringing together specialists in the field. There, the Brazilian Society of Carcinology (SBC) was created. By 1983, in Juiz de Fora, the new society was already fully established and active, and organized the II Symposium in the field.

During the succeeding ten years, the contributions of carcinologists continued to be presented during the congresses of the Brazilian Society of Zoology. Thus, with the accelerating growth and growing importance of the study of Crustacea in Brazil, it was to be expected that the interested community would begin to petition the governing body of the SBC to change the former “Symposia” to actual Congresses, held at separate locations

and dates from those of the SBZ. Through this progression, we arrive in this year of 2012 at the VII Brazilian Congress on Crustaceans, to be held in November in the city of Belém, Pará.

During the last 30 years of activity, the SBC implemented a variety of initiatives related to the objectives that guided the creation of this body, in addition to holding seven national congresses and accumulating important accomplishments. An “SBC Information Bulletin” was developed, later changed to “Carcinforme.” A specialized scientific journal, “Nauplius,” was created, which is attaining a position of growing importance on the national and international reference scene. A roving central administration was established, with the governing boards based in various parts of the country, which encouraged members from different regions to participate. A program to distribute reprints donated by the members during the congresses was developed, which had a positive impact. Particularly well received was the creation of a specific Internet site for the SBC, which facilitated communication with the membership and the transmittal of administrative matters. Today, the SBC participates collaboratively in the activities of the most important world carcinological organizations. Recently, the Society created an important program of financial assistance for research projects at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The present governing board of the SBC wishes to express, at this special time,

its recognition of the selfless collaboration provided by all those predecessors who, over the course of the first 30 years of existence of this entity, helped to organize and administer the SBC, establishing its stability as an institution and providing effective management. Equal gratitude is due to the many members who never stinted in lending their support, including financial, to make possible the existence and proper functioning of our Society. It is our hope that this collaborative participation can continue to stabilize the future of the SBC, ensuring the continued good functioning of this scientific body that we have chosen to shelter us.

The community of researchers committed to the study of crustaceans, both at home and abroad, without doubt nourishes the hope that the Brazilian Society of Carcinology can continue profitably along this path of positive accomplishments, bringing together an ever-growing group of carcinologists, and principally, successfully qualifying as a productive scientific organization in the construction of the future scene of the natural sciences in Brazil and worldwide.

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