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**XXIII Simpósio Nacional de Bioprocessos
XIV Simpósio de Hidrólise Enzimática de Biomassas
XIV Seminário Brasileiro de Tecnologia Enzimática**

Open Letter to the Community

SINAFERM (National Symposium on Bioprocesses), associated with SHEB (Symposium on Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Biomass), and ENZITEC (Brazilian Seminar on Enzymatic Technology) are scientific events of great prominence in the area of Industrial Biotechnology in Brazil. Traditionally, these events take place in different years, thus allowing at least one annual meeting of researchers working in the area. SINAFERM-SHEB involves between 500 and 700 participants and stands out in the Bioprocess area. ENZITEC, on the other hand, brings together the fundamental and applied enzymology community, which has a great tradition in the country. These two events, together with COBEQ (Brazilian Congress on Chemical Engineering), represent a significant portion of the country's Bioprocess community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all the plans for the organization of these three traditional events were made impossible in their respective years. The option of holding some of these events online was considered and ruled out for several reasons, such as restrictions on networking and deep discussions between researchers, students and industry representatives. In addition, for several years, the financial limitations to which Brazilian science is subjected has become a challenging element in the holding of scientific events, something that with the pandemic reached unprecedented levels.

In light of these facts, the organizations of SINAFERM-SHEB 2021/2022 and ENZITEC 2020/2022 understood that the best solution would be to carry out the events together, in order to maximize the benefits to all participants with a more multidisciplinary and richer scientific and technological agenda.

The organizing committees hope that the desired meeting of confreres will be seen by all as a celebration of dialogue and union. Given the severe restrictions imposed by the pandemic, it will be an excellent moment to see collaborators and friends. It will be also an opportunity to build a stronger biotechnology and bioprocesses community in Brazil. Please save the date! August 28th to 31st, 2022.

We will soon bring details about the joint event, whose website is under construction.

Best Regards,

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