Dear representatives of PABMB Member Societies,

As you know, the last PABMB Congress was held in Pinamar, Argentina, in December 2005. At the General Assembly, the Brazilian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SBBq) presented a proposal to host the XI PABMB Congress in Brazil. That proposal was subsequently formally presented by SBBq, and was analyzed and approved by the PABMB Executive Committee during its meeting earlier this year.

Therefore, we are pleased to announce that the XI PABMB Congress will take place, together with the XXXVII Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (SBBq), in Aguas de Lindoia (State of Sao Paulo, Brazil), in May 2008.

The scientific program of the Congress will include Symposia and Plenary Lectures. The choice of speakers will take into consideration scientific excellence, and also the needs to cover different areas of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and to achieve the best possible gender and geographical distribution of speakers. Activities related to Biochemical Education will also be included in the program.

We would like to invite your Society to propose topics for Symposia and Plenary Lectures, as well as possible speakers. Please, send your proposals at your earliest convenience and not later than November 15th to aceren@fcien.edu.uy with copy to ferreira@bioqmed.ufrj.br.

The Congress Organization will cover the hotel costs in Lindoia for all the invited speakers. The Societies proposing activities are expected to cover the speakers’ travel costs or, if the Society does not have funds available for that purpose, to consider the possibility to ask the speakers if they can cover this cost.

In order to attract the widest possible participation by Young Scientists from our Member Societies, PABMB will offer a number of fellowships to cover the travel/hotel expenses of students and post-doctoral fellows not residing in Brazil.

More information on the Congress Organization will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available. If you have any questions or suggestions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We really look forward to receiving your proposals, comments and suggestions, so we can make this an exciting PABMB Congress.

With best regards,

Sergio T. Ferreira
Chairman, PABMB