

## **II INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT OF CULTURE COLLECTIONS ORGANIZED BY CBMAI/UNICAMP-BRAZIL**

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### **Brazilian Collection of Microorganisms from the Environment and Industry (CBMAI) from Campinas University, Brazil**

A workshop organized by CBMAI staff with the collaboration of Dr. Nelson Lima from the Micoteca da Universidade do Minho-MUM (Portugal) was held at CPQBA - Pluridisciplinary Center for Chemical, Biological and Agricultural Research (Paulínia, SP, Brazil), from August 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The contents covered the main aspects of Culture Collection management and the quality of microbial services for agribusiness, bioindustrial and medical applications. Fifty participants from different Brazilian regions and states, among professors, students, technicians and other professionals dedicated 3 days to discuss novelties and challenges concerning infrastructures for microbial preservation and exploitation.

The event was an excellent opportunity to exchange valuable cross-sectorial experiences and enlarge the networking. It was also rewarding in identifying new services for the academy, research and development, and the market. These achievements will contribute to the improvement of CBMAI mission.

The participants evaluated the initiative of CBMAI very positively. Due to the great success of this second international workshop, they challenged the CBMAI's staff to organize other editions in the near future. A waiting list of participants for the next workshop is already in progress, showing the interest and need for training in this field.

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**Organizers, professors and some participants of the workshop during the event at CBMAI/UNICAMP, Campinas, Brazil.**

CBMAI staff's efforts are encouraged by their belief that:

*“Microbial resources can be used in countless research activities and industrial processes, offering enormous opportunities to highly develop the technology of a country. The knowledge of biodiversity and the bioprospecting of new microorganisms have become main focuses of the biotechnological era. The demand for biological material in recognized collections has grown, mainly due to their specialized services with routine procedures, such as quality control tests and the supply of authenticated strains. Collections that provide professional services play an important role in the “ex situ” conservation, distribution and identification of genetic resources, as well as in the organization and availability of information associated with their collections. It is a laborious activity, of great responsibility and demands competence”.*

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