

Preface

This special issue of *Food Technology and Biotechnology* comprises the peer-reviewed papers which were presented at the International Congress on Bioprocesses in Food Industries (ICBF-2010) held at Curitiba, Brazil, during October 5–8, 2010. ICBF-2010 was organized jointly by the ICBF Forum (which is now re-named into International Forum on Industrial Bioprocesses – IFIBiop) and the Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil, in collaboration with the Brazilian Society of Food Science and Technology, National Service of Industrial Apprenticeship (SENAI-PR) and Universidade Positivo, Curitiba, Brazil. The conference focused on recent developments in food bioprocessing. It provided a platform for participants to share their thoughts and views. The conference displayed the numerous breakthroughs and new developments in these areas and their relevance to the welfare of mankind. Leading researchers from various universities, institutions and industries from all over the world participated in the conference and addressed the delegates.

The main topics covered in the conference included: Enzymes for food and beverage industries, with focus on enzymes for bakeries, brewing, starch and sugar industries; Functional and nutraceutical foods, with focus on edible and medicinal mushrooms, microalgae as functional food and safety and toxicology aspects related to functional food and nutraceuticals; Food and beverage industries, with focus on fermented beverages, life cycle assessment in the food industry and food fermentation; and Biotechnology of the production of food ingredients, such as organic acids, amino acids, vitamins, pigments and aromas.

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