

Preface

Research into the reproductive biology of domestic animals has made very significant progress in recent years. Moreover, porcine reproductive biotechnology has been and is used as an excellent model for its subsequent applications in humans.

This book aims to provide the scientific community and porcine industry with up-to-date knowledge in the field of boar biology and reproductive biotechnology.

As Director of the ‘TechnoSperm’ research group (www.technosperm.com, University of Girona) I would like to thank all the authors and editors who have participated in this book with their scientific contributions. Each of them, from their own field of expertise, has contributed knowledge and contrasted it extensively with the most recent data published by other researchers in journals and conferences related to the field of reproductive biology.

TechnoSperm was founded in 1987 and this book is main fruit of the scientific and technical research accumulated by this group over these years, focused principally on swine reproductive biotechnology.

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