



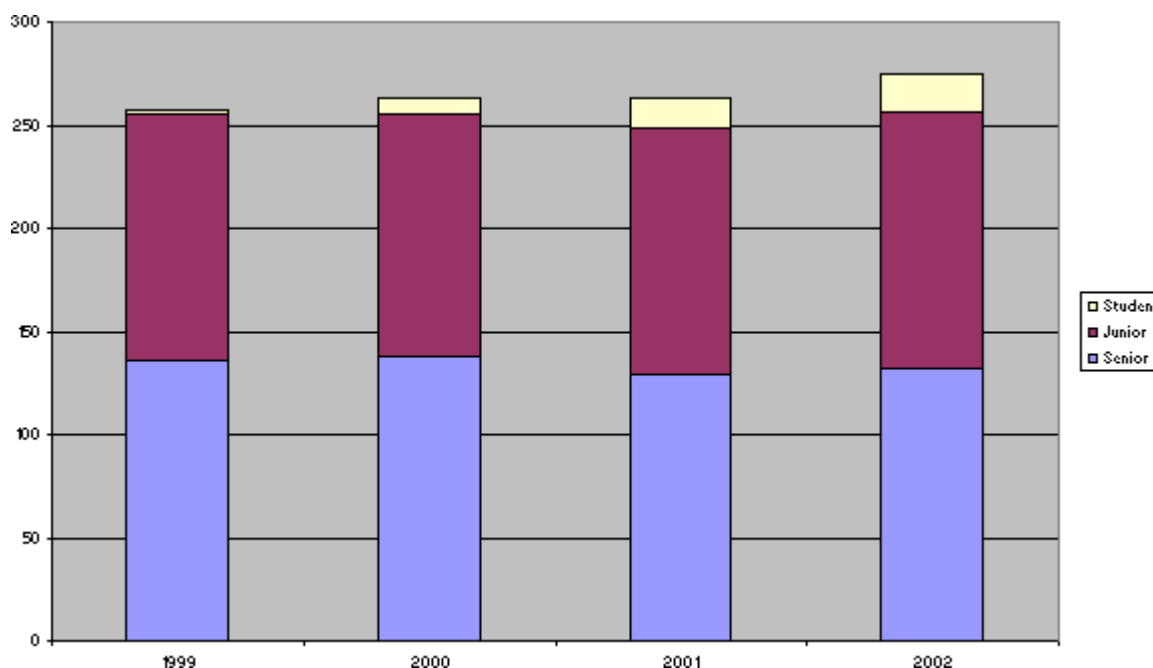
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Brazilian Society for Biomedical Engineering Sociedade Brasileira de Engenharia Biomédica

<http://www.sbeb.org.br>

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The Brazilian Society for Biomedical Engineering (SBEB) is one of the major biomedical engineering societies in Latin America. It is probably the largest in South America. During the year 2002 it comprised **275 members**, distributed as 132 senior, 124 junior and 19 student members. Like many biomedical engineering societies, it comprises a great number of clinical engineers. The evolution of the number of members in the last four years period is shown in the figure below. One can note that there is a natural increase in the membership number in the years, 2000 and 2002, when occurs the bi-annual society conference to take advantage of a rebate in the inscription fees.



The society publishes regularly a journal every four months, with at least 5 original papers per issue. The **Brazilian Journal on Biomedical Engineering (RBEB)** is published in Portuguese and each paper includes an extended abstract in English. In the last three years, nearly 110 reviewers participate in the revision process and the rejection ratio was 38%. The RBEB have also published abstracts of 96 Master's and Doctoral theses presented at Brazilian Universities. In the last two years, the cost of the journal has been mainly supported by the **Brazilian Research Council Agency (CNPq)**. The remainder is met by membership fees. The Journal is distributed freely to the society's members and to more than 400 public institutions, i.e. Universities and Libraries in Brazil and Latin America.

SBEB maintains an active discussion list (SBEB-L@peb.ufrj.br) and a World Wide Web site (www.sbeb.org.br). Through these two channels important announcements for the Bioengineering community in Brazil are relayed. The present site has been re-designed to improve its readability.

The society is very active in the academic and scientific arena. It takes part in many governmental committees, such as those instituted by the Brazilian Ministry of Health. The society also plays a major role in the establishment of science and technology policies through its participation on the advisory committees of governmental agencies. Members of SBEB's board have also participated in the 12th Annual AdCom Meeting of CORAL (Havana, Cuba), during the II Latin American Conference on Biomedical Engineering, and in the IFMBE AdCom Meeting held in Pula (Croatia). In November 2001, SBEB also participated in the Symposium of Clinical Engineering of the Albert Einstein Hospital (São Paulo, Brasil)

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The **XVIII Brazilian Conference on Biomedical Engineering** (Congresso Brasileiro de Engenharia Biomédica, www.cbeb2002.univap.br) will take place, in September 2002, in the city of São José dos Campos, state of São Paulo. This place is midway between the cities of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo (and nearby the city of Campinas), where most of the society's members live. The Organizing Committee is based at the Vale do Paraíba University (Universidade do Vale do Paraíba, UNIVAP). For this bi-annual event, nearly 450 papers were submitted and some 600 attendees were expected. It will be a four-day long meeting, with papers distributed in 22 thematic sessions. Seven invited lecturers from Brazil and abroad, Prof. M.M. Werneck, Prof. M.T. Pacheco, Prof. T. Sinkjaer, Prof. J.R. I Mas, Dr. B.C. Wilson, Prof. S. Mordon and Prof. T. Livache will deliver short course. Also, an equipment exhibition is being organized.

It has already been decided that João Pessoa in the state of Paraíba will host, in September 2004, the **III Latin American Conference on Biomedical Engineering** (Congresso Latinoamericano de Engenharia Biomédica) and the XIX Brazilian Conference on Biomedical Engineering (Congresso Brasileiro de Engenharia Biomédica). Sponsored by the Latin American Regional Council on Biomedical Engineering (CORAL) and the Brazilian Biomedical Engineering Society (SBEB), this Congress will gather Biomedical Engineering scientists from the Americas and other continents, presenting their latest research results. The Brazilian Society for Biomedical Engineering wishes to welcome you all in 2004.

In order to promote the 3rd Latin American Congress on Biomedical Engineering and EMBS 25th Annual International Conference a **special issue of the Brazilian Journal on Biomedical Engineering dedicated to Latin America** will be published in 2003. In this issue the best papers will be awarded (also with free registration to the Conference). The call for papers has been already published in the last issues of RBEB, informing the rules and the important dates.