

Brazilian Center of Biological Material

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The Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) and the National Institute of Metrology Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO) settled an agreement for the implementation of the Brazilian Center for Biological Material (CBMB). This initiative aims to provide the country with the necessary infrastructure for patent applications in the biotechnology field, to support the development of a national system for the conformity assessment of biological material and to contribute for the organization of a structure that will allow the access to biological material for research and development purposes, according to international requirements for traceability and safety.

The implementation of a depository center of biological material for patent purposes and the development of a national system for the conformity assessment of biological material were ranked as priority actions by the Federal Government through the Decree No. 6,041 of February 8th, 2007, aiming to contribute to the sustained economical exploitation of Brazilian biodiversity and the development of Biotechnology in the country.

The Center will be located at the INMETRO Campus in Xerém, a district of Duque de Caxias, State of Rio de Janeiro. The facilities were projected to maintain bacteria, filamentous fungi, yeasts and cell cultures deposited for patent purposes and to host a backup of samples of strategic biologic material deposited in Brazilian culture collections. The construction will be initiated in September 2010 and concluded in the second semester of 2011.
