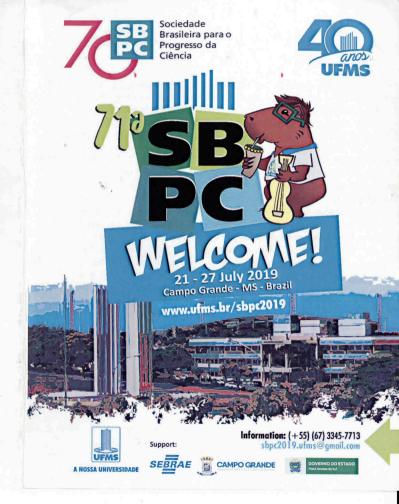


his is a great and unique opportunity to host the Annual SBPC 2019 and show Brazil the scientific vocation of the region. It is the recognition of the transforming potential of biodiversity that crosses the state, promoting a specific bio-economic arrangement focused on the production of environmental goods and services. This transformation is mediated by a policy of Science, Technology and

Innovation focused Navirai on building an integrated knowledge base to support decision making in biodiversity management. The strength of the Mato Grosso do Sul science comes from the agricultural frontiers, from the ecological borders, as well as from the cultural borders with other countries and ethnicities, and is able to meet the demands of a society with development potentials.



## Introduction

ocated in the middle of a rich biodiversity heritage, the Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS) stands out as one of the main higher education institutions from the interior of Brazil. Headquartered in Campo Grande, the state capital, UFMS has been improving its leading role upon all regions of Mato Grosso do Sul, nationally reaching ten border towns to five different Brazilian states and internationly two countries: Bolivia and Paraguay.

Along its five decades of history, it is the willingness to be a national and international reference in Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship that has been the key motivation to the institution, and that boosts the

a c a d e m y k n o w l e d g e production beyond its geographical boundaries.

SBPC Location, with partial aerial view of UFMS campus in Campo Grande – MS.



n July 2019, Campo Grande will become the Brazilian Science Capital, venue of the largest and most important scientific event of Latin America: the 71th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for Science Progress (SPBC). During seven days, thousands of Brazilian and foreign researches will gather at the Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso do Sul (UFMS) to display results of their researches and to discuss policies and strategies of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Come, join us!