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ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

Last Chance to Win a Free Stay at the Westin!

Book by tomorrow, June 23rd

LAST CHANCE: All SSR 2023 Annual Meeting registrants who book a room at the [Westin](#) by **June 23rd** will be automatically entered into a raffle to win **1 free room night**. A total of 4 winners will be chosen. Book now for a chance to win!

**Please note that the SSR guaranteed room rate has been extended through June 23rd.*



P.S. Don't forget to register for the [Diversity Lunch](#), [WinRS Luncheon](#), or [Heritage Luncheon](#)! It's a great opportunity to learn and expand your network.

Book Your Stay Now

Celebrating Pride Month

Pride is a global event celebrated each June, a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ lives, history and culture. Countries and cities celebrate Pride Month differently: parades, concerts, workshops, and exhibitions. *SSR is proud to celebrate Pride Month with the following conversations from the SSR Diversity Committee:*



Meet Dr. Michelle Lazarus

Geraldine Delbes from SSR's Diversity Committee sat down with **Dr. Michelle Lazarus** from the School of Biomedical Sciences at Monash University to learn about her career and perspectives on how to create safer spaces for all genders.

Read the full blog to learn more!

[Learn More](#)



Meet Dr. Carlos M. Guardia

Diana Monsivais from SSR's Diversity Committee sat down with **Dr. Carlos M. Guardia** who leads the Placental Cell Biology Group at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Learn more about Dr. Guardia's story and check out the full blog here.

[Check it Out](#)

NEWS & UPDATES

Call for Editor in Chief of Biology of Reproduction

The Society for the Study of Reproduction is searching for successors to the current Editors-in-Chief of Biology of Reproduction whose duties will start officially on July 1, 2025 and extend through June 30, 2029. The deadline for responding to this call for interest is **July 31, 2023**.

Applicants should be active scientists with a distinguished record of service to and familiarity with the SSR's mission. We are seeking individuals with a broad background in reproductive sciences who appreciate the need for both fundamental exploratory science as well as its translation into clinical medicine and policies that benefit reproductive health in humans and animals. To learn more about the responsibilities of the Editor(s) in Chief and the application process, please visit [this page](#).

[Learn More](#)

ASRM and SSR are Joining Forces!

ASRM (The American Society for Reproductive Medicine) and SSR have joined forces in response to a need to expand research opportunities across the field of reproductive health, medicine, and science. The purpose of this multi-organizational initiative is to create networking opportunities whereby clinicians, physician-scientists, and scientists can come together to facilitate resource sharing, establish collaborative research opportunities, and aid in knowledge dissemination across our field, with the goal of increasing research, innovation, and discovery.

In order to evaluate the interest of ASRM and SSR members in participating in the SPARK program we have created this [2-minute survey](#). Please complete the [survey](#) and share with us your interests.

[Take the Survey!](#)

ESHRE is Almost Here!



The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)'s Annual Meeting in **Copenhagen, Denmark is taking place 25-28 June 2023**. SSR welcomes members to help us spread the word and answer any questions about the Society alongside SSR's Executive Director.

Can't volunteer? Stop by and say hello, we'd love to see you. Please email membership@ssr.org if you are interested!

EndoFound Grant Opportunity

The Endometriosis Foundation of America (EndoFound) has released an RFA for grant funding. They are releasing grants with a maximum \$50k each, which will be dispersed over a two year period (\$25k/year). Click [here](#) for more information on these grants. The **deadline to submit for one is September 1, 2023**. For any questions and proposals, please reach out to research@endofound.org.

New Research Alternative to Surgical Spaying

Currently, there are no contraceptives capable of producing permanent sterilization in companion animals. For the first time, researchers at [Massachusetts General Hospital \(MGH\)](#) and their collaborators have demonstrated that a single injectable dose of a gene therapy-based treatment can induce long-term contraception in female domestic cats, potentially providing a safe and effective alternative to surgical spaying. The research is published in the latest issue of [Nature Communications](#).

[Read the full publication here](#) to hear from David Pepin, an SSR award winner and member.

This edition of the SSR Newsletter is sponsored by the Male Contraceptive Initiative.



Thank you!

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About SSR: The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) was founded in 1967 to promote the study of reproduction by fostering interdisciplinary communication among scientists, holding conferences, and publishing meritorious studies. Today, our members come from 50 countries around the world.

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