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SOCIETY NEWS

Two Days Away: Development of a New Non-Hormonal Contraceptive Targeting the AMH/AMHR2 Axis in Females

Join us on **Friday, April 5 at 12pm ET** for a webinar made possible by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. David Pépin of Harvard Medical School will be presenting a webinar on "Development of a New Non-Hormonal Contraceptive Targeting the AMH/AMHR2 Axis in Females."



[Learn More & Register](#)

Final Rising Stars Webinar - April 10



Join us on **Wednesday, April 10 at 12pm ET** for the final Rising Stars webinar of 2024. Hear from speakers Dr. Amanda

Patterson, University of Missouri School of Medicine, and Dr. Xiaoqi (Churchill) Wang, North Carolina State University. Learn more about their presentations and register today!

[Learn More & Register](#)

SSR 2024 Board of Directors Elections - Now Open!

The SSR Elections are underway – did you cast your vote? You should have already received an email with your user name, access code, and a [link](#) to vote. If you have not received your ballot or have any questions, please contact administrator@ssr.org.

The ballot will close on **April 19 at 11:59pm EDT**. Get your vote in while you still can!

[Cast Your Vote](#)

Call for 2024 Volunteers - Apply Now

The Society for the Study of Reproduction needs you! Are you passionate about the reproductive sciences and looking to make a meaningful impact in the field? Our [2024 Call for Volunteers](#) is open now and you're invited to apply! As a volunteer, you will play a critical role in shaping the direction of the Society and advancing the field of reproductive science. Committees meet approximately monthly, and work is done via email and Zoom, making it convenient to connect and collaborate. Applications are open through **April 15, 2024**.

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Apply for the Emerging Investigator Grant

Apply for the SSR Emerging Investigator Grant! These grant awards will support early-stage investigators with seed grants that will generate valuable preliminary data. As a global society whose mission is to advance the science of reproduction, fertility, and development for the benefit of humans and animals, the SSR welcomes proposals from all countries and on all reproduction-related subject areas. The SSR plans to fund ~8 one-year grant awards of up to \$10,000. Applications will be submitted electronically via grant application form.

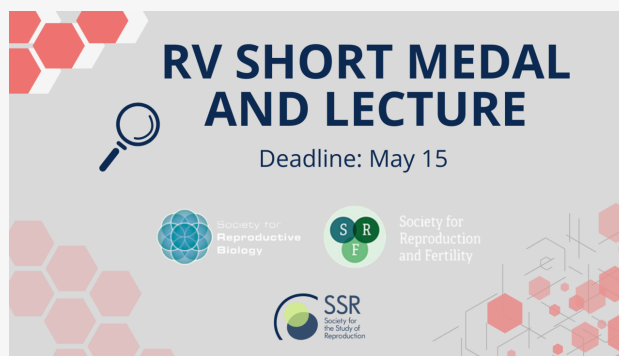
Proposals are due on April 26, 2024 by 5:00 PM EDT.

Grant award notifications will be made by July 15, 2024 and funding will be dispersed by September 1, 2024.

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RV Short Medal & Lecture Applications Now Open



The Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB, Australasia), the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF, UK) and the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR, North America) are delighted to announce that nominations are requested for the 2024 RV Short Medal and Lecture. This is the second year of this exciting new initiative and re-nominations from last year that fit the criteria are also welcome. This unique award is designed to recognize emerging early career researchers across the globe.

Applications are open! Learn more about the award and criteria to apply!

[Learn More](#)

In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that SSR has recently learned that William (Bill) Kinsey passed away on March 23, 2024.

Dr. Kinsey was a professor of Cell Biology and Physiology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He graduated from the University of Alabama, received a PhD in molecular biology from the University of Washington and conducted postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins, prior to taking a faculty position at the University of Miami. In 1991, Bill joined the KU faculty as an associate professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology. Bill was both an accomplished researcher and popular educator. His research dealt with the fascinating question of why the egg accepts only a single sperm during fertilization, a well-accepted but a highly enigmatic selection process. His most recent findings point to a under appreciated structural organizational of the actin layer underlying the oolemma and its role in the fertilization process. As an educator, Bill taught generations of medical and graduate students in topics ranging from reproductive physiology to gross anatomy. He also directed a postdoctoral training program funded by the NIH and mentored younger investigators as Co-Director of the Center for Reproductive Science.

His obituary and memorial can be found on the SSR Memorials [page](#). His memorial service will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Langsford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit, MO.

SSR extends condolences to Bill's family, friends, and colleagues.

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

Call for Late-Breaking Abstracts Closing Soon!

Time is running out to submit a late-breaking abstract for the SSR 57th Annual Conference. The deadline to be considered is **April 15 at 11:59 PM ET**. If you want the opportunity to showcase your research findings in front of hundreds of industry leading scientists and reproductive biologists, [submit an abstract](#) for consideration today!

Late-breaking abstracts will be **presented as posters only and will not be eligible for awards or platform sessions**. They are, however, an important way for attendees to share recent research results with each other and are very welcome.



[Submit Your Abstract Today](#)

Book Your Stay in Dublin

If you are attending or planning to attend the 2024 Annual Conference, book your stay in beautiful Dublin. SSR has secured room blocks at the following hotels within close proximity to the Dublin Convention Centre:

- [Trinity City Hotel](#), located at Pearse Street, Dublin 2, D02 F902, Ireland
- [Spencer Hotel](#), located at Excise Walk, IFSC, North Dock, Dublin, D01 X4C9, Ireland

[Trinity College](#), a historic gem nestled in the heart of Dublin, offers an exceptional and highly affordable housing option! Positioned conveniently near the Dublin Convention Centre, the venue is a mere 20-minute stroll or a quick 10-minute bus ride away. Embrace the charm of single rooms at just **\$173 USD per night**, or opt for spacious double rooms priced affordably at **\$212 USD per night**. Explore Dublin's rich history while enjoying budget-friendly accommodations at Trinity College!

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SSR Annual Meeting Child Caregiving Grant

SSR is offering grants to help partially offset childcare costs to attend the annual meeting in Dublin, Ireland. The SSR will be providing up to ten grants of \$500 per family.

Applications will be accepted on a first come/ first served basis until May 15, 2024; however, priority will be given to trainees and applicants supplying evidence of financial hardship. This is a special benefit for SSR members only. You will need to log into your SSR member account to apply.

[Apply Here](#)

Save on Annual Conference Registration

Now is the best time to register for the SSR 57th Annual Conference. By registering before **May 15**, you can [save on registration](#). *Registrants must be SSR members in good standing to receive the member rate for the Annual Conference.*

Registration Type	Early Bird Rate Register by 15 May	After 15 May
Regular or Associate SSR Member	\$653	\$823
Emeritus SSR Member	\$540	\$710
Trainee SSR Member	\$483	\$653
Trainee Non-Member	\$540	\$653
Non-Member	\$994	\$1,164

[Register Today!](#)

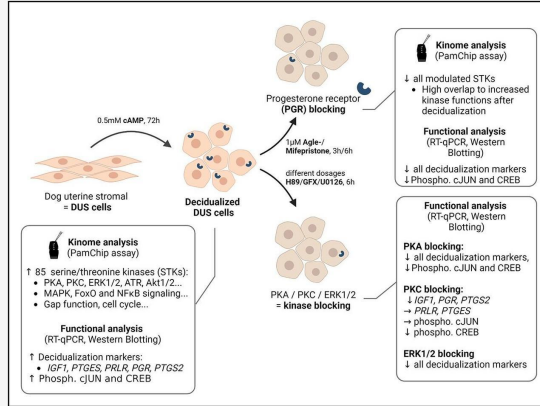
Member Volunteers Needed

Are you attending the Society for the Study of Reproduction Annual Conference in Dublin in July 2024 and have a passion for supporting the next generation of scientists? SSR is seeking member volunteers to participate as mentors at the trainee-mentor luncheon. This event provides trainees an opportunity to engage with SSR mentors in an informal setting over lunch and will give you the opportunity to meet the next generation of scientists and share your experiences and wisdom. Mentors should be at post-doctoral level or higher.

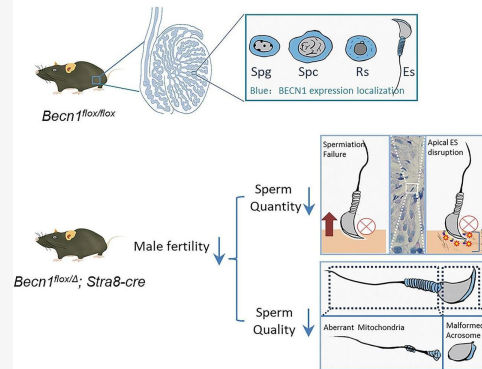
Please email trainees@ssr.org to sign up if you are interested. If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION

Latest from the Biology of Reproduction



BECN1 is essential for fertility and spermiogenesis in mice



Applying a novel kinomics approach to study decidualization and the effects of antigestagens using a canine model. Isabelle De Geyter et al.

Serine/threonine kinases in canine uterine stromal cells increase during decidualization but are disrupted by P4/PGR signaling interference; PKA and PKC have distinct effects on decidualized cells' function.

Autophagy core protein BECN1 is vital for spermatogenesis and male fertility in mice. Lu Ke et al.

Autophagy core protein BECN1 is required for male fertility and spermiogenesis through maintaining normal autophagy function in germ cells.

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INDUSTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Reproductive Aging Conference



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Attend the [3rd Reproductive Aging Conference](#) on May 1-4, 2024, in Cancun, Mexico.

The goal of the Reproductive Aging Conference is to showcase research and stimulate collaborations that bridge the disciplines of reproductive biology and aging research to help define new paradigms to accelerate progress.

Check out this [flyer](#) for more information about the event and the excellent lineup of speakers.

Connect with SSR

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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