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SOCIETY NEWS

Congratulations to the Newly Elected SSR Officers & Directors!

Join us in congratulating our newly elected Board of Directors! Thank you to all those who took time to vote. We appreciate your time and dedication to SSR.

Meet the winners below!



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Rebecca Krisher

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Director

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University of Michigan



Director

James MacLean

Washington State University



Trainee Representative

Savannah Speckhart

University of Kansas Medical Center

Important Note From the 2025 Planning Committee

On behalf of the SSR 2025 Planning Committee, we would like to ask members for suggestions for focus session topics! Please suggest some titles of areas/themes you would like to see at SSR's 58th Annual Meeting, and we will include them in the mix! The closing date for suggestions is **Monday, May 6th**. Please use this link to submit your suggestions:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bdRLUw07SJMziAu

Submit Your Suggestions

Upcoming Webinar: New Experimental Methods Series

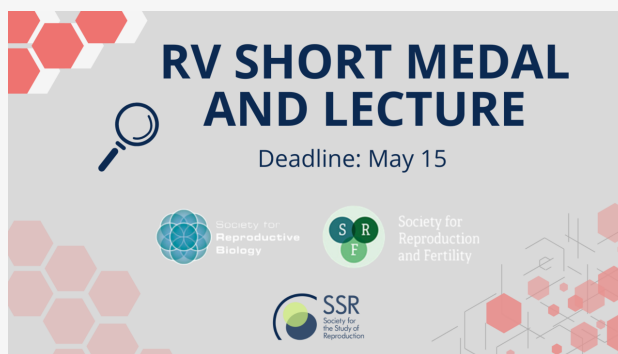
We welcome you to [join our new newest webinar series](#) on experimental methods! The first webinar will kick off on **May 15th at 12 PM ET**, and feature Jennifer McKey from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

About the webinar: The number and distribution of ovarian follicles in each growth stage provides a reliable readout of ovarian health and function. During this webinar, we will provide step-by-step instructions to apply and customize OoCount. OoCount is a high-throughput, open-source method for automatic oocyte segmentation and classification from fluorescent 3D images of whole mouse ovaries using a deep-learning convolutional neural network (CNN) based approach.



[Learn More & Register](#)

Deadline Approaching: RV Short Medal & Lecture



[Learn More & Apply Now!](#)

The deadline to [submit an application](#) for the **RV Short Medal & Lecture** is **Wednesday, May 15th**. 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 requesting nominations 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.

ReproBioArt Contest Now Open:

Bring Your Repro Research to Life!

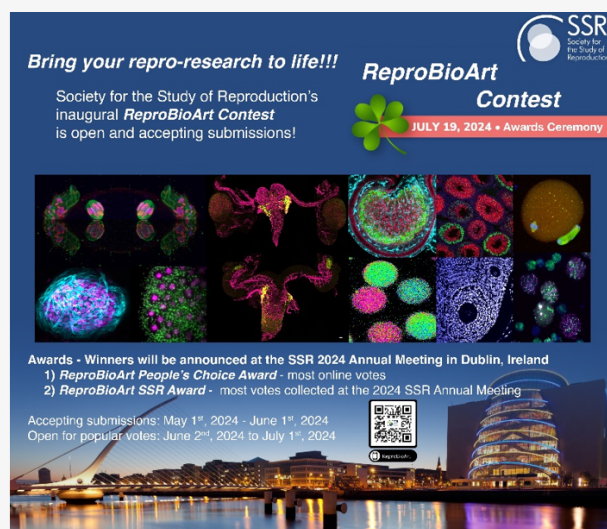
The inaugural [ReproBioArt Contest](#), brought to you by the Society for the Study of Reproduction, is open!

ReproBioArt is a celebration of original images captured by dedicated researchers in the field of reproductive science. This contest aims to spotlight the remarkable progress being made in reproductive science and medicine. We welcome images captured using any imaging technique.

The contest is open to members of the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR), the Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB), and the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF). We will be accepting submissions from **May 1st to June 1st, 2024**. Voting will begin on **June 2nd** and conclude on **July 1st, 2024**. The top 10 images, as chosen by online popular vote, will be showcased at the SSR Annual Meeting in July 2024.

Awards:

- **ReproBioArt People's Choice Award:** This award will be given to the image that receives the most votes from the online public (anyone is eligible to vote!)
- **ReproBioArt SSR Award:** This award will be presented to the image that receives the highest number of votes from SSR members and Annual meeting attendees.



Full details and eligibility available [here](#).

Please note: By submitting to the Society for the Study of Reproduction's ReproBioArt Contest, participants grant SSR nonexclusive rights to use their submissions for educational and promotional purposes, including website display, social media, print materials, and exhibits.

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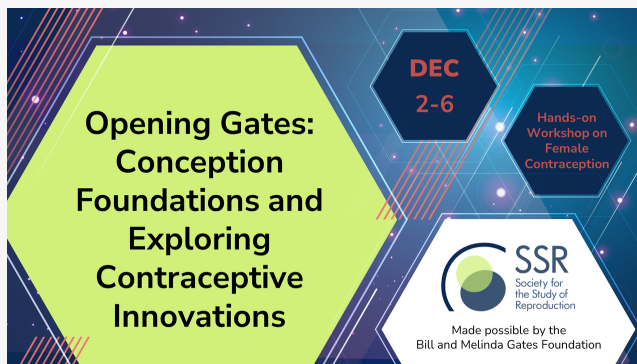
Opening Gates: Conception Foundations and Exploring Contraceptive Innovations

Hands-on Workshop on Female Contraception

Thanks to funding by the Gates Foundation, the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) and Frontiers in Reproduction (FIR) are excited to offer an opportunity for 12 early career researchers and physician-scientists in Southeast Asia. Participants will attend a week-long training event in Mumbai, India featuring hands-on laboratories and cutting-edge lectures led by distinguished experts, providing invaluable insights into the latest advancements in the field of Female Contraception.

The course will be held at the prestigious International Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (NIRRCH), in Mumbai from December 2-6, 2024.

We're removing barriers to participation by offering selected applicants a fully-funded package, covering all expenses related to travel, accommodation, and program participation. Seize this opportunity to expand your knowledge, hone your skills, and connect with peers and mentors in a supportive and stimulating environment.



Don't miss out on this chance to learn and connect with your fellow scientists.

[Apply today](#) or share this [flyer](#) with someone you think would benefit from this special opportunity.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

2024 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

The Deadline to Save on Registration is Quickly Approaching!

Now is the best time to register for the SSR 57th Annual Meeting. 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 Meeting*

Registration Type	Early Bird Rate Register by 15 May	After 15 May
Regular or Associate SSR Member	\$707.25	\$891.75
Emeritus SSR Member	\$584.25	\$768.75
Trainee SSR Member	\$522.75	\$707.25
Trainee Non-Member	\$584.25	\$707.25
Non-Member	\$1,076.25	\$1,260.75

[Register Before May 15](#)

Check Out the Child Caregiving Grant

SSR is offering [grants](#) to help partially offset childcare costs to attend the 57th Annual Meeting taking place July 15-19,

2024. The SSR will be providing up to **ten grants of \$500 per family**.

Applications will be accepted on a first come/ first serve 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 Now](#)

Become an Annual Meeting Sponsor or Exhibitor

SSR has developed a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities to ensure maximum visibility for our sponsors during the SSR 57th Annual Meeting.

As a Sponsor and Exhibitor, you will have direct contact with over 1,000 research scientists, medical doctors, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students in the field of reproductive biology. Delegates from several continents will participate in a forum of active discussion and learning; present data; discover the latest information in their field and collaborate with fellow scientists.

Please contact Mika Sonis, Sponsorship Coordinator at meetings@ssr.org and view the [Sponsorship Prospectus](#) for more information on becoming a Sponsor or Exhibitor.

[Find Out More](#)

Secure Your Stay in Dublin

Joining us at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Dublin? July will be here before you know it, so it's important to secure your hotel accommodation in advance. SSR has arranged for blocks of rooms at select hotels conveniently located near the Dublin Convention Centre.

[Trinity College](#), a historic destination located in the heart of Dublin, provides an outstanding and very cost-effective accommodation option. Positioned conveniently close to the Dublin Convention Centre, the venue is just a 20-minute walk or a quick 10-minute bus ride away. Explore Dublin's rich history while enjoying budget-friendly accommodations at Trinity College! We are also offering room blocks at the following hotels:

- [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

[Book Your Stay](#)

Member Volunteers Requested: Participate as Mentors at the Trainee-Mentor Luncheon

Are you attending the Society for the Study of Reproduction Annual Meeting 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.

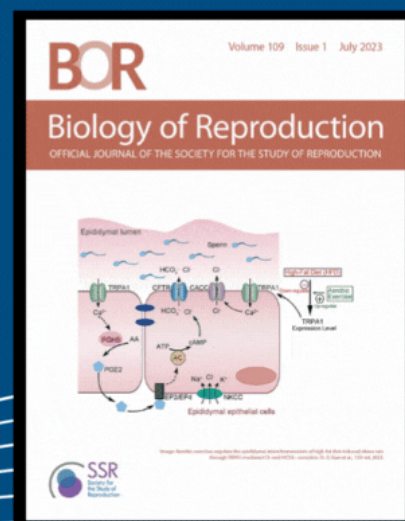
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Why Publish with Biology of Reproduction?



As a member of SSR, *Biology of Reproduction* is *your* journal! BOR is one of the leading journals in the field of reproductive biology, and we encourage members to submit their work. Learn more about the many benefits of publishing with BOR, including free standard publications for SSR members, at <https://academic.oup.com/biolreprod/pages/why-publish>.

[Learn More](#)

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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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