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## WEBINARS

### Final BoR Winners Webinar - May 10



Continuing our popular series from last fall - the [BOR Winners Webinar](#) is here! Join us on **Wednesday, May 10, from 5-6pm ET**.

**Topic:** Microvesicles and Exosomes Released by Amnion Epithelial Cells under Oxidative Stress Cause Inflammatory Changes in Uterine Cells

**Speaker:** Pr. Ramkumar Menon, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Perinatal Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

[Register now!](#)

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

### Just ONE WEEK left to Register + SAVE

There is less than **ONE WEEK** left to register for early bird savings at the [SSR 56th Annual Meeting](#). *Please note that you must be logged in to your SSR account to access early bird registration.*

While registering, make sure you check out the [schedule](#), book your [hotel](#), and learn more about the [speakers and session topics](#)

**Coming soon:** Late Breaking Abstracts! We will begin accepting **Tuesday, May 2nd** through **Monday, May 8th**. Stay tuned for more information!



[Register Here](#)

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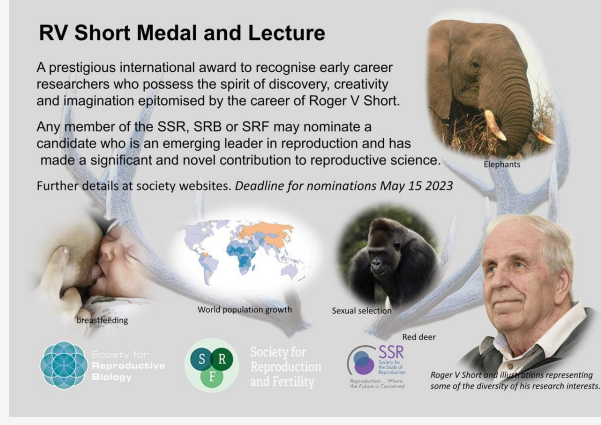
## NEWS & UPDATES

### 2023 Major Awards and BoD Election Announcements

Congratulations to all the [2023 SSR Award Recipients](#), [Newly Elected Officers and Directors](#), and the [Distinguished Fellows](#)!

SSR is proud to recognize these individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the scientific discipline of reproductive biology and to the Society in 2023!

### Nominations Requested for the 2023 RV Short Medal and Lecture



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 the RV Short Medal and Lecture as an exciting new initiative to recognize emerging early career researchers across the globe. Roger Short was an inspirational reproductive biologist and his depth of insight into so many aspects of reproductive biology research was truly astonishing. Throughout his career, Roger was hugely supportive of early career researchers and this award is designed to recognize emerging research leaders that possess the same spirit of discovery, creativity, and imagination as Roger himself.

The initiative has been developed by Marilyn Renfree, Jock Findlay, and the Presidents/Chairs of the SRB, SSF and SSR. Further information on the award, the criteria, and the process by which you can nominate can be accessed [here](#). The RV Short Medal and Lecture will be awarded annually to an innovative young researcher who has made outstanding discoveries in the field of reproductive science within a period up to 10 years of establishing their independence.

[Learn more](#)

### SSR Seeking Booth Volunteers at ESHRE

Are you attending the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)'s Annual Meeting, taking place in **Copenhagen, Denmark from 25-28 June 2023**? Wondering what to do in your spare time? SSR is seeking member volunteers to spend an hour or two at the SSR booth to help answer questions about the Society and share their SSR experiences alongside SSR's Executive Director.

Can't volunteer? That's okay, stop by and say hello, we'd love to see you. Please email [membership@ssr.org](mailto:membership@ssr.org) if you are interested, and we will reach out to you regarding your availability during the event.



[Learn more](#)

### Opening Gates: Novel Methods for Development, Testing and Delivery of New Contraceptives for Male and Female Targets



#### Opening Gates Participants:

- Macarena Aguilera Olguín**, Universidad San Sebastián, Santiago, Chile
- Paulo Henrique Almeida Campos-Junior**, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Minas Gerais, Brazil
- Julia Gaetana Conte**, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Carla Gonzales**, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru
- Maria del Pilar Irigoyen**, Universidad ORT Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Everton Lopes**, Universidad Estatal Vale do Acaraú, Ceará (CE), Brazil
- Yhoiss Smith Muñoz Cerón**, Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia
- Erick Silva**, Federal University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- Natalia Andrea Trillini**, Instituto de Investigacion Biológicas y Tecnológicas(Conicet) y FCEfyN (UNC), Cordoba, Argentina
- Agustín Vanzetti**, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe, Argentina
- Sebastián Vergara**, Universidad Católica del Maule, Talca, Chile
- Paula Alida Wetten**, Universidad Nacional de San Juan, San Juan Argentina

SSR partnered with the Gates Foundation and Frontiers in Reproduction (FIR) to deliver an advanced course to provide hands-on training for reproductive biology to scientists in Latin America.

From March 27-31, 2023, twelve early-career scientists representing six countries in South America gathered at the University of Argentina in Buenos Aires for a one-of-a-kind intensive course on contraception. The course included a combination of lectures and hands-on laboratory work with content covering oocytes, sperm, fertilization, contraception, oocyte manipulation, sperm manipulation, IVF, human semen, and advanced techniques in semen assessment.

The course directors, Dr. Patricia Cuasnicu, Mariano Buffone, and Dario Krapf, supported by a host of graduate and post-doctoral assistants, delivered lectures and laboratories, provided onsite leadership, ran the course and provided use of their equipment and facilities. Rafael Fissore, Director of the Frontiers in Reproduction Course, Kirsten Vogelsohn, Senior Program Officer, from the Gates Foundation, and guest speakers contributed their expertise.

The project was a wonderful success and received very positive reviews from all participants. The partnership between SSR and FIR creates the ideal mix of science and vision to develop a robust pipeline of scientists willing to share their knowledge and support scientists around the world to build local and regional capacity around women's health. The goal is to provide advanced training in the science and methodologies needed to empower women and improve women's health.

## BIOLOGY OF REPRODUCTION

### Are You the Next Editor in Chief of Biology of Reproduction?

Society for the Study of Reproduction has commenced a search for successors to the current Editors-in-Chief of Biology of Reproduction. We are now seeking applicants for the position of Editor(s)-in-Chief, whose **duties will start officially on July 1, 2025 and extend through June 30, 2029**. To learn more about the responsibilities of the Editor(s) in Chief and the application process, please visit [this page](#).

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## 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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