

**1990 SSR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
JULIA LOBOTSKY**

The SSR Distinguished Service Award is given to an individual to recognize unselfish service and leadership in the advancement of reproductive biology. The recipient of the 1990 Distinguished Service Award is Ms. Julia Lobotsky. Ms. Lobotsky received the B.S. degree from Keuka College in 1943 and the M.S. degree in 1946 from the University of Rochester. From 1946 until 1950, Ms. Lobotsky was a teaching and research assistant in the Departments of Obstetrics and Biochemistry of Syracuse University School of Medicine and from 1950-1962 she was a teaching and research assistant in the Department of Obstetrics at the State University of New York Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. In 1962 Ms. Lobotsky joined the staff of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology as a Biochemist. In 1973, she accepted a position as biologist in the Population and Reproduction Grants Branch of NICHD, and in 1979 she joined the Reproductive Sciences Branch of the Center for Population Research of NICHD.



During her stay at the Worcester Foundation, Ms. Lobotsky worked with Dr. Charles Lloyd on various aspects of adrenal androgen secretion and hirsutism. These studies resulted in more than 30 publications in peer-reviewed journals. From 1970-1973, Ms. Lobotsky served as editor of *Research in Prostaglandins*. Her experiences in the research laboratory provided her with a strong commitment to excellence and the advancement of research in reproductive biology, which has benefited numerous members of the Society and reproductive biology as a whole. Ms. Lobotsky's contributions to the field can be explained by the simple fact that she has a true concern for the investigator and a deep commitment for research in reproductive biology. In her position at the NIH, Ms. Lobotsky's efforts have influenced the careers of most members of the Society at all stages of their careers by her inexhaustible efforts to assist us in obtaining federal funding for our training as well as our research. As a true liaison between the investigator and NIH, Ms. Lobotsky has been the conduit through which many of us gain insights into the workings of the grant review process. It is she who bears the good news when our grants are funded and it is she who provides assistance and encouragement and advises us on how to improve our grants when they are not funded. She regularly attends meetings involving endocrinology and repro-

duction research where she keeps abreast of current developments in the field. Her attendance at these meetings also provides both young and established investigator the opportunity to obtain advice on how to better prepare and submit their grants.

In addition to the individual attention she provides to researchers, Ms. Lobotsky has served on many NIH task forces and advisory committees relating to research in reproductive biology and endocrinology. In this latter regard, she has been an unfailing advocate of support for the reproductive sciences. She has also been an enthusiastic supporter and contributing member of the SSIt. Besides being a regular attendee at the annual meetings, Ms. Lobotsky has contributed her administrative expertise by participating on and chairing several committees of the Society, including the Nominating Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Membership Committee.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize "unselfish service" to reproductive biology. As an advocate, messenger, and advisor to many of us, Ms. Lobotsky receives no personal recognition for our successes other than her own satisfaction in the knowledge that her efforts have advanced the field of reproductive biology.

Anthony J. Zeleznik, Chair
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