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FEDERAL AGENCY DECISIONS ON MEMBERSHIP

Like many of you, the SSR Board continues to monitor the changes in policy, personnel, and infrastructure at major federal agencies (NIH, USDA, NSF, EPA), which fund our member scientists. These changes include termination of currently funded grants, removal of application requests, canceled/rescheduled peer review panels, delayed advisory council meetings, and loss of agency and staff scientist expertise. We are heartbroken for those whose lives have been upended by these recent events at the federal level. We are also concerned about what this means for the sustainability of our field of reproductive science and science in general.

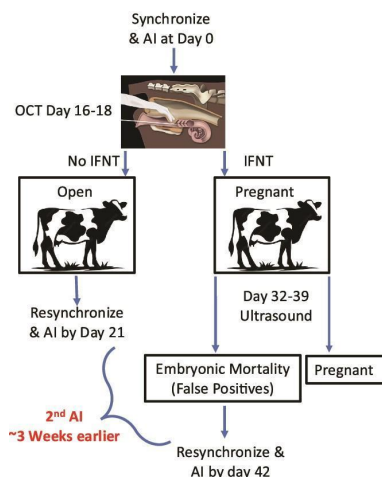
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BOR Editor's Choice

[Early Identification of Bovine Pregnancy Status and Embryonic Mortality](#)

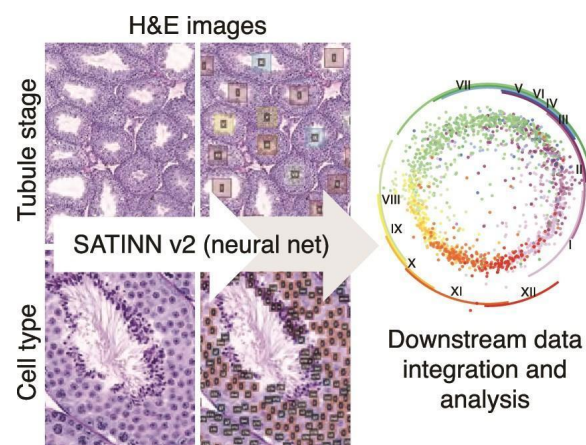
Work from Thomas Hansen and colleagues developed a rapid test to identify bovine pregnancy status 17 days after insemination, allowing re-synchronization of estrous cycles and re-insemination of open cows to achieve pregnancy 2–3 weeks earlier compared to current diagnostics.

*Open Cow Test (OCT) to Manage Open Cows,
and to Study/Manage Embryonic Mortality*



[SATINN v2: Automated Image Analysis
for Mouse Testis Histology
with Multi-Laboratory Data Integration](#)

From Donald Conrad's lab, SATINN v2 is software for whole-slide image analysis of mouse testis histology, trained with brightfield images from multiple labs and tissue processing methods.



58th ANNUAL MEETING

Book Your Room Today!

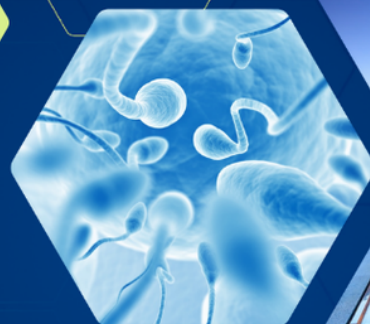
The discounted room rate of **\$299** is available through **Tuesday, July 1, 2025**.



SSR 2025 Annual Meeting

Uniting Scientific Disciplines for
Breakthroughs in Reproduction

Washington, D.C. • July 29 – August 1, 2025



Registration is now open for the **2025 Annual Meeting** which will be held in Washington, D.C., from Tuesday, July 29th to Friday, August 1st. This year's theme, "Uniting Scientific Disciplines for Breakthroughs in Reproduction," promises to inspire collaboration and innovation across our field.

[Register](#)

[Book Your Room](#)

[Agenda](#)

2025 Major Award Recipients + Distinguished Fellows

Join us in congratulating the 2025 Major Award Recipients and Distinguished Fellows who have made outstanding contributions to the scientific discipline of reproductive biology! They will be officially honored at the [58th Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, D.C. this July.

Award Recipients



The [SSR Annual Meeting](#) aims to be an accessible event for all its members. In line with this commitment, the Society provides a range of grants intended to assist members who may face financial constraints in attending. More comprehensive information regarding these support opportunities is provided below:

Funding + Grant Opportunities

A banner with a dark blue background. On the left, there is a circular inset showing a photograph of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., with cherry blossoms in the foreground. Overlaid on this image is a yellow circle containing the text 'SSR 58th ANNUAL MEETING' and 'Uniting Scientific Disciplines for Breakthroughs in Reproduction'. Below this, it says 'July 29–August 1, 2025' and 'Marriott Marquis Washington D.C., Washington, D.C.'. On the right side of the banner, the text 'Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities' is written in large white and yellow letters. In the top right corner is the SSR logo. At the bottom right, there is a yellow button with the text 'Click Here to Become a Sponsor' and a right-pointing arrow with a mouse cursor icon.

SOCIETY UPDATES

Check out the latest work from your colleagues [HERE](#)

As an SSR member, *Biology of Reproduction* is *your* journal! BOR is pleased to continue to offer free publication with standard license for SSR members in 2025. By eliminating standard page charges for members, our goal is to make the publication process more accessible and seamless for you. As always, SSR members who wish to publish with an open access license are eligible for a discounted member rate. More information on publication charges is available on our [website](#). As the official journal of SSR, we look forward to seeing our members' work in the pages of BOR this year!

2025 Roger V. Short Medal

This prestigious international award is a joint initiative of the Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB, Australia and New Zealand), the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF, UK) and the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR, North America) to support and encourage outstanding young researchers in the reproductive sciences.

The Roger V. 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 10 years of establishing their independence. The intent of the award is to recognize those who possess the spirit of discovery, creativity and imagination epitomized by the career of Roger Short.

[Submit Nomination](#)

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 2, 2025

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Diversity Committee Spotlight

Meet Dr. Yulian Zhao



Written by Dr. Yulian Zhao (SSR Diversity Committee) in honor of the Asian American and Pacific islander Heritage Month.

May is an Asian American and Pacific islander Heritage Month. The SSR Diversity Committee is participating in this celebration. For this, Dr. Yulian Zhao (member of the SSR Diversity Committee) interviewed Dr. Dr. So-Youn Kim, Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Enjoy the reading.

[Read Full Interview](#)

Heritage Committee

Member Memorials

Recognizing the invaluable contributions of our members to the Society for the Study of Reproduction and the broader field of reproductive science, we wish to respectfully honor those who are no longer with us. If you are aware of an SSR

member who has passed away, please share their name so that we may acknowledge their memory within our community.

[Memoriam Submission](#)

Publications Committee

ReproBioArt 2025 Contest

We are thrilled to announce the second edition of the ReproBioArt Contest!

Bring your repro-research to life!!! – If you missed last year's contest, you will have another chance to share images representing your research. The second edition of **ReproBioArt 2025**, brought to you by the Society for the Study of Reproduction, is open and awaits your submissions!

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 until **June 15, 2025**. The top 12 images, as chosen by online popular vote, will be showcased at the SSR Annual Meeting in August 2025, where the winner of the ReproBioArt SSR Award will be chosen.

[Full Details](#)

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2025 | Voting Window: June 16 - July 15, 2025

PODCASTS



[Listen Here](#)

What's New at BOR? Expanded Scope, Special Issues, and More!

In this episode of The Future Conceived, the official podcast of the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR), host Dr. Pam Monahan welcomes the editorial team from Biology of Reproduction (BOR), the flagship journal of SSR. Listen in as

INDUSTRY EVENTS

Call for Nominations: Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction

The Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction is the most prestigious award in animal reproduction and the largest of its kind. The €50,000 prize recognizes outstanding basic and applied research in assisted animal reproduction. The prize is awarded every four years at the International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) and is sponsored by Minitube International.

The 5th Simmet Prize will be awarded at the 20th ICAR, to be held June 22-26, 2026, in Obihiro, Japan. Scientists at all stages of their career are encouraged to apply. The selection committee will evaluate the significance, originality, and impact of research over the past six years.

Nominate your candidate now!

Join an elite group of previous awardees, including Dr. Cesare Galli (2008), Dr. R. John Aitken (2012), Prof. Katrin Hinrichs (2016), and Dr. Gabriel Bó (2022).

Nominations will be accepted until September 1, 2025.

To submit a nomination or learn more about the criteria and selection process, please visit the [ICAR web site](#) or contact fulvio.gandolfi@unimi.it.

ASRM 2025 Scientific Congress & Expo

Theme: Global Collaboration to Advance Reproductive Health

Dates: October 25–29, 2025

Location: San Antonio, Texas, US

Registration will open in May 2025. To learn more or register, visit <https://asrmcongress.org/>.

Special pricing is available for residents of low-income and lower-middle-income countries.

[More Information](#)

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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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