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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.

[Read Full President's Address](#)

58th ANNUAL MEETING

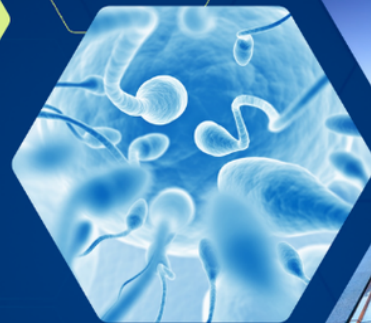
Register Today!



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](#)



[Submit Abstract](#)

The 2025 Program Committee is now [accepting late-breaking abstracts](#) for the [SSR 58th Annual Meeting](#)! **The deadline to submit is Thursday, May 15, 2025.** The 2025 late-breaking submissions are for in-person, poster presentations only and are not eligible to be considered for awards or oral presentation. You must be available to attend the conference to present.

Please note that you will be required to upload a PDF of your full abstract, so please take time to review the [Abstract Example & Guidelines](#), as it must match the example provided.

[Abstract Submission FAQs](#)

A banner for the SSR 58th Annual Meeting. On the left, there's a circular graphic with a blue background and white text: "SSR 58th ANNUAL MEETING". Below it, a light green circle contains the text "Uniting Scientific Disciplines for Breakthroughs in Reproduction" and "July 29–August 1, 2025 Marriott Marquis Washington D.C. Washington, D.C.". On the right, the SSR logo (a green and blue circle) is above the text "SSR Society for the Study of Reproduction". The main text "Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities" is in large white and green font. At the bottom right, a green button with white text says "Click Here to Become a Sponsor" with a white arrow and a mouse cursor icon pointing to it. The background features a blurred image of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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 Board of Elections — Deadline Approaching

The SSR Elections are underway – did you cast your vote? You should have already received an email with your username, access code, and a [link](#) to vote. If you have not received your ballot or have any questions, please contact administrator@ssr.org. Ballot information will be contained in an email from noreply@eballot.com.

The ballot will close on **May 9 at 11:59pm EDT**.

2025 Roger V. Short Medal - Nominations Open

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](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

WinRS Committee

SSR's Women in Reproductive Science, Diversity, and Trainee Affairs committees have developed a small grants program for SSR Members with young children to help offset the costs of childcare during the annual meeting.

At a time in your career when attending meetings can be most beneficial, early-career scientists often struggle to balance family care needs, budgets, and care logistics. In response to these challenges, SSR is offering grants to help partially offset childcare costs to attend the annual meeting in Washington, D.C.. The SSR will be providing up to ten grants of \$500 per family.

[Child Caregiving Grant Application](#)

Virtual Education Committee

Help shape the upcoming annual **Experimental Methods and Techniques in Reproduction** webinar series!

To make this year's series the best yet, we are asking for your input. We're actively seeking speaker nominations, and we value your expertise and insights on who would bring the most valuable and cutting-edge knowledge to our virtual platform.

[Virtual Education Committee Survey](#)

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](#)

FUNDING & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Emerging Investigator Grant Award

The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) [Emerging Investigator Grant Award](#) program is now open. The purpose of these grant awards is to 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.

Proposals are due by May 30, 2025 by 5 PM EDT.

[Emerging Investigator Grant Application](#)

PODCASTS



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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 BOR's Editor-in-Chief Dr. Romana Nowak, Editor-in-Chief Dr. Mary Zelinski, and Publications Manager Ms. Jenny Kimball discuss exciting new features and updates at BOR.

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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