

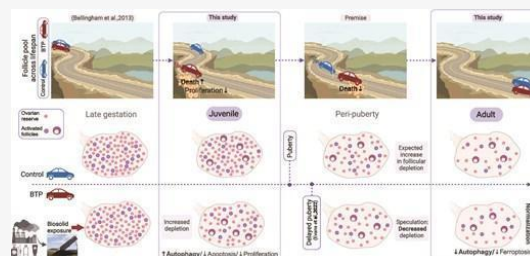
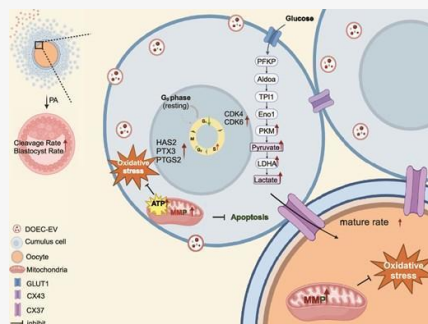
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BOR Editor's Choice

The effects of sika deer oviduct epithelial cell-derived extracellular vesicles on oocytes and parthenogenetic embryos

Research from Bing Hu et al shows that DOEC-EVs enhance in vitro oocyte maturation and parthenogenetic embryo development in sika deer by promoting cumulus cell function, including proliferation, antioxidant capacity, and glycolysis, ultimately improving reproductive efficiency.



Developmental programming: mechanisms of early exposure to real-life chemicals in biosolids on offspring ovarian dynamics

Work from Vasantha Padmanabhan's lab finds preconceptional and gestational exposure to biosolids influenced the health status of developing follicles in offspring in a reproductive life-stage specific manner that involved cell death and cell proliferative pathways.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Biology of Reproduction Announces New Editors in Chief

The Society for the Study of Reproduction is pleased to announce Aleksandar Rajkovic, MD, PhD, and Jeremy Wang, MD, PhD as the new co-Editors in Chief of *Biology of Reproduction (BOR)*, the society's flagship journal.

Drs Rajkovic and Wang will begin their four-year term at the helm of BOR on July 1, 2025. Their vision is to ensure that the journal embraces the full spectrum of reproductive biology—from fundamental molecular mechanisms to clinical applications, from traditional model systems to emerging technologies, and from basic science discoveries to their societal implications.

[Full Press Release](#)

58th ANNUAL MEETING



SSR 2025 Annual Meeting

Uniting Scientific Disciplines for
Breakthroughs in Reproduction

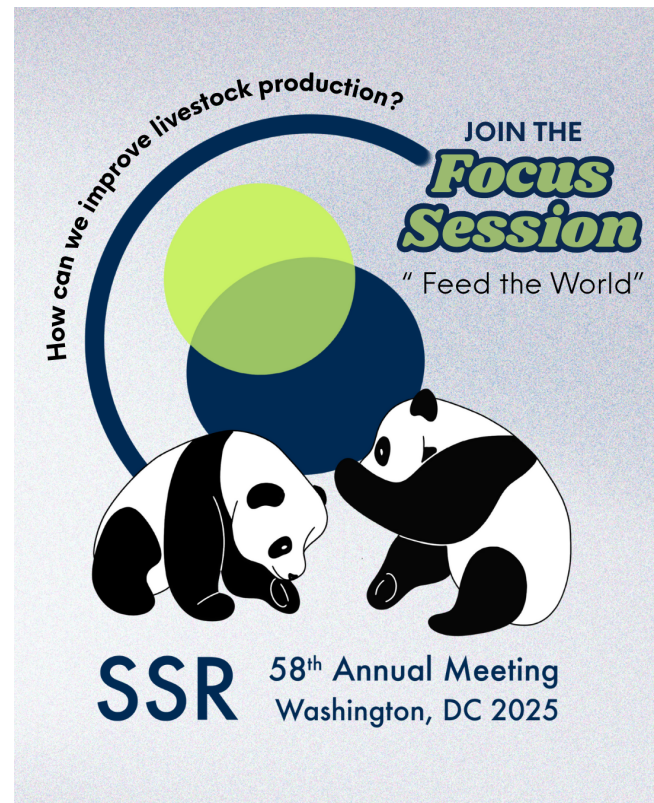
Washington, D.C. • July 29 – August 1, 2025



Join us for the SSR 2025 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., from July 29 to August 1, 2025. This year's theme, "Uniting Scientific Disciplines for Breakthroughs in Reproduction," promises to inspire collaboration and innovation across our field. The meeting will be held at the Marriott Marquis Washington D.C., located at 901 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20001.

[Register](#)

[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

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SOCIETY UPDATES

Opposition to Animal Research

Two bills have been submitted that oppose animal research to (1) Congress (SPARE Act) and (2) Oregon State House (primate research).

SPARE Act

The Safeguard Pets, Animals, and Research Ethics (SPARE) Act (H.R. 1802) is a bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis. The bill aims to end or severely restrict the use of animals in federally funded research. FASEB sent a [letter](#) in support for the use of animals in American biomedical research and opposing the Save Pets, Animals, and Research Ethics (SPARE) Act.

Bill

FASEB Letter

Non-human primate research at OHSU

Oregon State House will discuss a bill (as early as Monday) to make any type of research involving monkeys illegal in Oregon, specifically focused on research at the Oregon Center. If the bill is passed, it will likely lead to closure of the center. A link to a pre-written, but editable letter has been provided that you can submit to Oregon senators to oppose the bill and highlight the important work being done in the center.

[Bill](#)[Letter](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

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](#)

Diversity Committee

July is a Disability Pride Month. The SSR Diversity Committee is participating in this celebration. For this, Dr. Camilo Pena-Bello (member of the SSR Diversity Committee) interviewed Dr. Bernard Robaire, Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McGill University, Quebec, Canada.

[Full Interview](#)

PODCAST



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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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