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BOR News

Biology of Reproduction Announces New Editors in Chief

The Society for the Study of Reproduction is pleased to announce Aleksander 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](#)

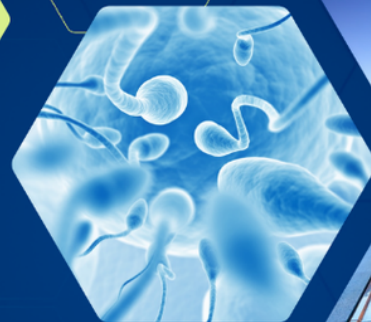
58th ANNUAL MEETING



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](#)

[Book Your Room](#)

[Agenda](#)

The discounted room rate of **\$299** is available through **Thursday, July 3, 2025**.



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](#)



[Things To Do in DC](#)

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](#)

WEBINARS

Human Biospecimen Repositories Fueling Translational Reproductive Science and Medicine Research

ASRM and the Society for the Study of Reproduction, SSR, have joined forces in response to a need to expand research opportunities across the field of reproductive health, medicine, and science. The purpose of this multi-organizational initiative is to create networking opportunities whereby clinicians, physician-scientists, and scientists can come together to facilitate resource sharing, establish collaborative research opportunities, and aid in knowledge dissemination across our field, with the goal of increasing research, innovation, and discovery.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
5:00 PM CT

[Register](#)

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](#)

Public Affairs Committee

ReproBioArt 2025 Contest - Voting Now Open

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

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 were accepting submissions until **June 22, 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.

[Vote](#)

PODCAST



[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 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.

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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