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Thank You 2025 BOR Reviewers

Thank you to BOR top reviewers

Biology of Reproduction recognized its Top Reviewers at the 2025 SSR Annual Meeting. Reviewers who consistently provide thoughtful and timely reviews are pivotal to the success of the journal and we are grateful for their valuable contributions.

Congratulations to our top reviewers:

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Pre-Doctoral Poster Contest Winners

1st Place



Greeshma Sai Bayammagari
University of Missouri, Columbia
*Progesterone Receptor Signaling in
Uterine Glands is Required for
Pregnancy Establishment in Mice*

2nd Place



Megan Sage
Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old
Dominion University
*Ovulatory Signals Stimulate Active Theca
Cell Migration*

3rd Place



Dallas Soffa
Texas A&M University
*Unraveling the Influence of Estradiol on
Reproductive Tract Microbiota and
Fertility in Beef Cattle*

Post-Doctoral Poster Contest Winners

1st Place



Rajan Iyyappan
University of Florida
*Dynamics of the m6A Modification on
the Bovine Oocytes and Early Embryo*

2nd Place



Hui Zhang
Washington University – St. Louis
*Investigating the Role of NEMP1 in
Regulating Oocyte RNA Homeostasis and
Genomic Stability*

3rd Place



Antonella Caceres
Rutgers University
*Oral Exposure to PFNA Interferes with
Gonadotropin-Dependent Follicle
Development and Ovulation in Mice*

Post-Doctoral Platform Competition Winners

1st Place



Mariana Sponchiado
University of Missouri
*Programming of the Uterine Immune
Milieu by Interferon Gamma during
Early Pregnancy in Pigs*

2nd Place



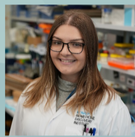
Eleanore O'Neil
Duke University
*The basic-helix-loop-helix Transcription
Factor TCF4 Regulates Supporting Cell
Differentiation in the Embryonic Gonad*

3rd Place



Robin Kruger
University of Michigan
*Parental Testosterone Treatment Induces
Multi-Generational Reproductive and
Metabolic Effects in a Mouse Model of
Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy*

2025 SSR Best International Abstract Winners



Lauren Alesi - Australia

Monash Biomedicine Discovery Institute,
Monash University
Targeting PUMA as a Novel Fertility Preservation Strategy to Prevent Chemotherapy-Induced Ovarian Damage



Priscila Ramos-Ibeas - Spain

Animal Reproduction Department, INIA,
CSIC
A Single-Cell Transcriptomic Atlas of Sheep Symmetry Breaking, Gastrulation and Conceptus Elongation



Sai Kumar - Canada

Western College of Veterinary Medicine
(University of Saskatchewan)
From Cow to Lab: Assessing Cytobrush Technique for Obtaining Endometrial Epithelial cells from Postpartum Cows for In-vitro Culture Studies



Takahiro Yamanaka - Japan

Hiroshima University
Fatty Acid Synthesis as the Central Outcome of Testosterone-Induced Metabolic Changes in Seminal Vesicle Epithelial Cells



Fernando Ferreira - Brazil

Neo Vita Reprodução Humana
Deciphering the Embryo Secretome - The Metabolome and Embryo Quality: A New Perspective



Islam Saadeldin - Saudi Arabia

King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre
Modeling Early Stages of Trophectoderm-Endometrium Interactions Using Trophoblastic and Endometrial Organoids and the Generation of Lacunoids/Cystoids



Honglu Diao - People's Republic of China

Hubei University of Medicine
ZNF408/progesterone signaling pathway regulates decidualization of human uterine stromal cells by regulating angiogenesis



Changsic Youn - Republic of Korea

Primate Resources Center, Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology
The Impact of PMMA Nanoplastics on Female Reproductive Health

Save-the-Date: 59th ANNUAL MEETING

2026 SSR ANNUAL MEETING

JW Marriott Indianapolis

SUNDAY
19 JULY 2026

TO

WEDNESDAY
22 JULY 2026



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!

[Award Recipients](#)

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](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Virtual Education Committee

Rising Stars

Do you know an amazing new independent investigator in the field? The Virtual Education Committee is looking for nominations for the 2026 Rising Stars in Reproduction.

[Nominate](#)

Experimental Methods and Techniques

Do you have a colleague who has developed an incredible method or technique important to the field? The Virtual Education Committee is looking for nominations for the Experimental Methods and Techniques in Reproduction webinar and BOR series.

[Nominate](#)

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

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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