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## BOR UPDATES

# A Heartfelt Thank You to Jenny Kimbel

### Celebrating 5 Years of Dedication to Biology of Reproduction

The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) wishes to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the exceptional service of Jenny Kimbel, our Publications Manager, as she embarks on a new professional adventure. For the past five years, Jenny has been an indispensable force behind the success and continued excellence of our flagship journal, *Biology of Reproduction*. Her dedication, meticulous work ethic, and passion for scholarly communication have been integral to the journal's operations and its standing within the scientific community. We cannot thank Jenny enough for everything she has done for the journal and the SSR membership. She leaves a legacy of professionalism and success that will benefit the *Biology of Reproduction* for years to come. Please join the SSR leadership and staff in expressing our deepest gratitude and wishing Jenny the very best of luck in her exciting new chapter."



### A note to Jenny from our past BOR Editor-in-Chiefs

"Being co-Editors-In-Chief with Jenny was a real joy. Jenny's contributions to the success of *Biology of Reproduction* were foundational and impactful. Jenny's attention to detail, willingness to do whatever it took to accomplish a task, intelligence, integrity and cheerful good nature were always appreciated. Jenny increased the visibility of BOR through many social media platforms and at the annual SSR meeting, she was integral to publication of the Special Issues and her editorial skills ensured that BOR was consistently a high-quality journal. We are forever grateful to Jenny for being a professional and competent colleague, as well as a lovely and wonderful friend."

-Romana Nowak & Mary Zelinski

## SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BioCore: A Society Publishing Consortium**

Newswise — Newswise — ROCKVILLE, MD (November 10, 2025) — The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR), Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine (SEBM), and Shock Society today announced the launch of **BioCore: A Society Publishing Consortium**, a new collaborative initiative designed to strengthen society-led publishing in the biological and biomedical sciences. [Read Full Press Release](#)



## Congratulations to SSR Past President, Dr. Peter J. Hansen Recipient of the 2026 Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction



**Obihiro, Japan – November 11, 2025** – The [International Congress on Animal Reproduction \(ICAR\)](#), in collaboration with [Minitube International](#), is proud to announce that [Dr. Peter J. Hansen](#), Distinguished Professor and L.E. “Red” Larson Professor of Animal Sciences at the University of Florida, has been selected as the recipient of the **2026 Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction**. [Learn more.](#)

## ANNUAL MEETING

**Save-the-Date: 59th ANNUAL MEETING**

# 2026 SSR ANNUAL MEETING

Back to the Future, Foundational  
Knowledge for Future Innovations

**SUNDAY**   **WEDNESDAY**  
**19 JULY 2026**   **22 JULY 2026**

**JW Marriott Indianapolis**

## Call for Abstracts Opening Soon

The 2026 Program Committee will begin accepting abstract submissions for review for the SSR 59th Annual Meeting beginning late November 2025! This is a great opportunity to share your research with hundreds of leading industry scientists and reproductive biologists at our 2026 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, July 19 - 22, 2026. We're welcoming abstracts reporting new basic, clinical, and/or translational research findings in the field of reproduction. There are no restrictions on the species involved. Watch your inbox and conference page for details, coming soon!

## Keynote Speakers



**Juan Carlos Belmonte**  
Altos Labs



**Rahima Benhabbour**  
The University of  
North Carolina at Chapel Hill



**Dolores Lamb**  
Children's Mercy Hospital



**Andrea Pauli**  
Research Institute of  
Molecular Pathology (IMP)



**Jessica Tollkuhn**  
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory



**Carl Wu**  
Johns Hopkins University



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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

July 19 - 22 | JW Marriott Indianapolis

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## SUPPORT SSR

**Sponsor the SSR 59th Annual Meeting** - Our enhanced sponsorship packages offer flexible options to fit a variety of budgets, with the ability to create a custom package that meets your organization's specific needs. Check in with your own organization today and encourage them to support this amazing event. Gain visibility as an organization that supports our mission to advance the Science of Reproduction, Fertility, and Development for the Benefit of Humans and Animals. [Learn more and view the prospectus benefits.](#)

**Make a Donation** - You can support SSR in various ways, allowing you to direct your donation to the programs that matter most to you and fit your budget. [Learn more about SSR's donation option.](#)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

SSR remains dedicated to supporting your profession in reproductive sciences by providing you with the information, connections, and engagement opportunities you need to be successful at each stage of your career. With current budget uncertainties, now is a great time to secure your membership for the coming years. Consider upgrading to a two- or three-year membership option for added convenience and savings.

We encourage you to renew your membership today to maintain your access to a host of benefits SSR members enjoy

[Renew Your SSR Membership](#)

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Awards Committee

### Major Awards and Distinguished Fellowship Applications

The Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) is now accepting applications for the **SSR Major Awards** and the **SSR Distinguished Fellowships** through Friday, November 21, 2025.

[Major Awards](#)

[Distinguished Fellowship](#)

## Trainee Affairs Committee

### Board of Directors Trainee Representative Election

The SSR Trainee Affairs Committee is now accepting nominees for the **SSR 2026 Board of Directors Trainee Representatives Election**.

The Trainee Representative is a unique and exciting opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. As the Trainee representative, you will participate in the management of the Society and represent the interests of all SSR trainees. The position is a two-year term beginning at the 2026 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

**Deadline: Friday, November 21, 2025.**

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### SSR Trainee Journal Club

Volunteer to present at the SSR Trainee Journal Club! The SSR Trainee Journal Club is a virtual platform where trainees share their recently published work and the publishing process. Our goal is to learn more about the research our peers are doing and to foster open discussion and community building among trainees. If you're a trainee who has recently published, we'd love to hear from you.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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### 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](#)

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### Membership Committee

#### Emeritus Membership

Starting in January 2026, we will introduce a free renewal for Emeritus membership every three years.

This means if you are a current Emeritus member, you will receive a renewal email every three years at no cost. This process helps us ensure that we have the most up-to-date information for all members.

If you have any questions or concerns about updating your membership, please email [info@ssr.org](mailto:info@ssr.org).

## Virtual Education Committee

### 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.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

## PODCAST



[Listen Here](#)

### EP46: Fuller W. Bazer Award with Marcella Pecora Milazzotto

In this episode of The Future Conceived, Dr. Fei Zhao, University of Wisconsin-Madison, sits down with Dr. Marcella Pecora Milazzotto, Federal University of ABC. Dr. Pecora Milazzotto is the 2025 Fuller W. Bazer SSR International Scientist Award. Listen in as Dr. Pecora Milazzotto discusses her relationship with SSR, her research and career development stories, and her advice to trainees.

## INDUSTRY EVENTS

### Frontiers in Reproduction Course

# Frontiers in Reproduction

at the Marine Biological Laboratory

**April 26 - June 7, 2026**

Applications due:  
January 12, 2026



Financial  
Assistance  
Available

## Science Starts Here.

Frontiers in Reproduction (FIR) is an intensive 6-week laboratory and lecture course designed for scientists seeking training in modern state-of-the-art methods and a broad view of current concepts in all areas of reproductive biology.

**Course Director:**  
Daniel Bernard (McGill University)

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
**MARINE BIOLOGICAL  
LABORATORY**



Applications for the 2026 Frontiers in Reproduction are now welcome (until January 12, 2026).

[More Information](#)

## SRI 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting

**REGENERATION & RENEWAL IN REPRODUCTION**

**SRI**  
Society for  
Reproductive  
Investigation

*San Juan* **PUERTO RICO**

**73<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**  
**MARCH 24-28, 2026** PUERTO RICO CONVENTION CENTER

Theme: Regeneration & Renewal in Reproduction

Dates: March 24-28, 2026

Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico

[More Information](#)

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