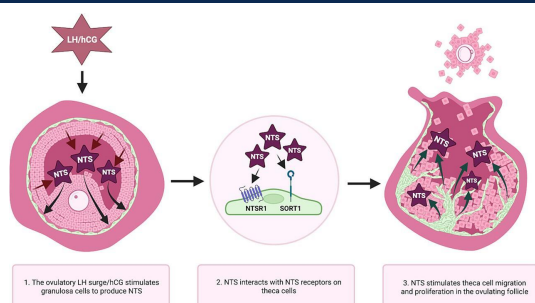


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## BOR UPDATES



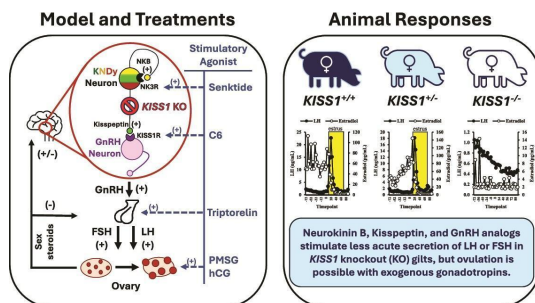
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### Neurotensin drives theca cell migration during ovulation in primates

Jessica S. Miller et al. show that during ovulation in primates, the signaling molecule neurotensin helps guide key ovarian support cells to move into the developing corpus luteum, a step that is essential for normal hormone production after ovulation

### Gonadotropin secretion and ovarian response of KISS1 knockout gilts treated with hormone analogs activating the hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis

Daniel F. Ahern et al. show that pigs lacking the KISS1 gene have trouble releasing key reproductive hormones, but carefully timed hormone treatments can partially restore ovarian activity and trigger ovulation.



## ANNUAL MEETING

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

# 2026 SSR ANNUAL MEETING

Back to the Future, Foundational  
Knowledge for Future Innovations

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026 – WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

JW Marriott Indianapolis

## Call for Abstracts Now Open

Looking for an opportunity to share your research with hundreds of leading industry scientists and reproductive biologists? The 2026 Program Committee is now **accepting abstracts** for the **SSR 59th Annual Meeting!**

[Abstract Submissions FAQs](#)

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

**Deadline to submit Abstracts: February 16, 2026.**

## 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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**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 – Due Date: December 31, 2025

**Important:** Membership Renewals were due on December 31, 2025. If you would like your membership to remain active, please renew at the link below.

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

### Virtual Education Committee

### Congratulations to the 2026 Rising Stars!

The Rising Stars program is designed to introduce and highlight research from new investigators to the SSR membership and broader reproductive biology research community.





**Farners Amargant i Riera**  
Washington University in St. Louis  
School of Medicine



**Cameron Schmidt**  
East Carolina  
University



**Zhiyuan Chen**  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine



**Yi Athena Ren**  
Cornell  
University



**Kara McKinley**  
Harvard  
University



**Sofia Ortega**  
University of  
Wisconsin-Madison



**Kahina Boukherroub**  
University  
of Minnesota



**Renata Prunskaitė-Hyyryläinen**  
Oulu  
University

[Learn more about the 2026 Rising Stars HERE](#)

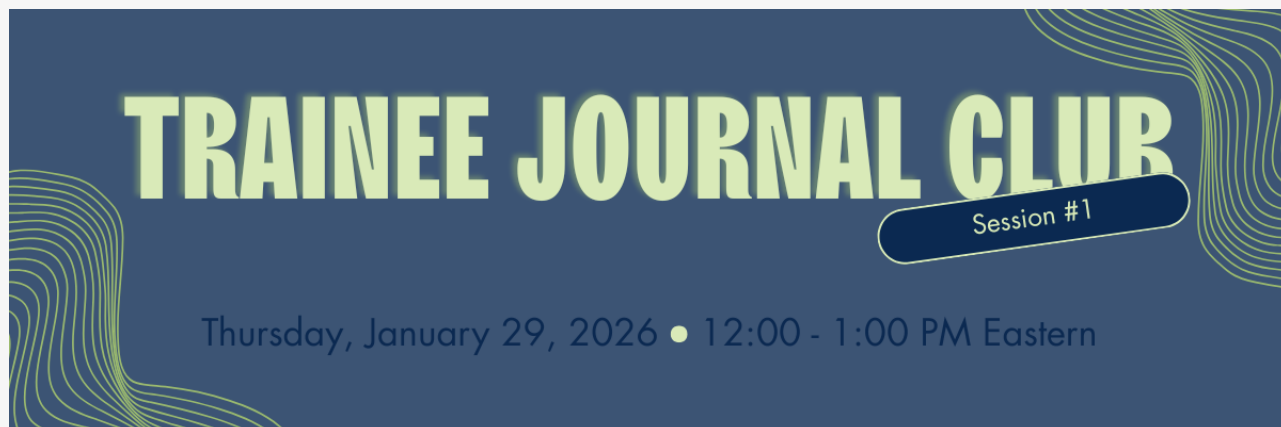
## Member Memorials

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](#)

## WEBINAR

### Upcoming Webinars



**TRAINEE JOURNAL CLUB**  
Session #1

Thursday, January 29, 2026 • 12:00 - 1:00 PM Eastern

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## Past Webinars



[View Recording](#)

## PODCAST



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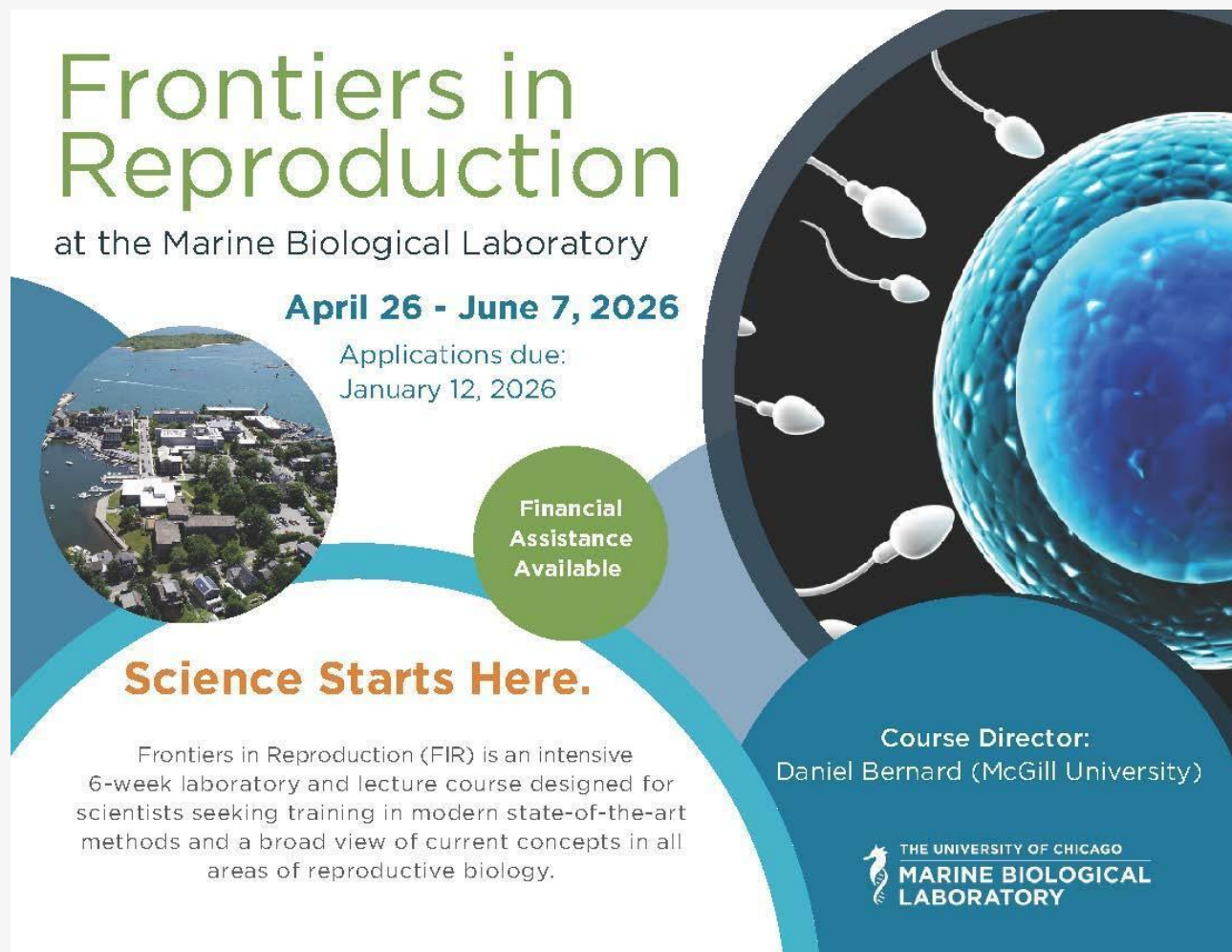
## EP50: Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Award with Dr. Diana Monsivais

In this episode of the Future Conceived podcast, we celebrate the remarkable achievement of Dr. Diana Monsivais, this year's recipient of the prestigious SSR Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Award. This award recognizes outstanding research completed and published within the twelve years (or within the years) after earning a doctoral degree, signifying scientific excellence and dedication to advancing reproductive health.

Dr. Monsivais is known for her innovative work that deepens our understanding of uterine biology and holds important translational implications for women's health.

## INDUSTRY EVENTS

### Frontiers in Reproduction Course

The poster for the Frontiers in Reproduction course features a circular inset on the left showing an aerial view of the Marine Biological Laboratory campus. On the right, a large graphic depicts several sperm cells swimming towards a large, detailed egg cell. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various shades of blue and green.

**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





Theme: Regeneration & Renewal in Reproduction  
Dates: March 24-28, 2026  
Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico

[More Information](#)



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