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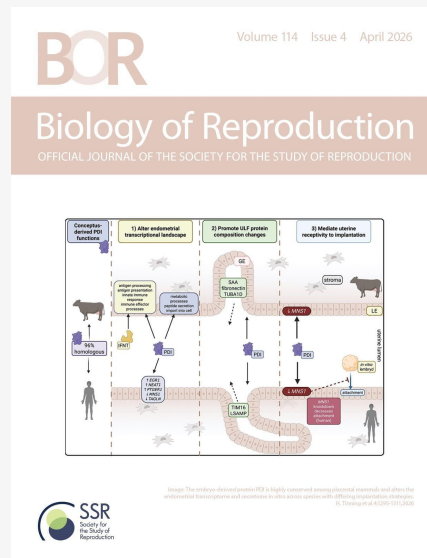
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BOR EDITOR'S CHOICE

April 2026 Issue of *Biology of Reproduction*: From Gametes to Pregnancy—Advances Across Reproductive Biology

The April issue of *Biology of Reproduction* showcases advances spanning gamete biology, embryogenesis, and pregnancy. Reviews highlight emerging areas like soma–sperm communication, the reproductive microbiome, and new therapeutic targets, including the FSH/FSHR axis and organoid models.

Original research reveals key mechanisms driving fertility and development, from early embryo regulators and immune dynamics in the reproductive tract to ovarian function and disease, while introducing innovative tools such as endometrial organoids and improved sperm cryopreservation methods. Together, these studies reflect the field's growing integration of molecular and translational approaches to reproductive health.



Read Issue

SSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

SSR Spotlight

We want to feature YOU! Do you have exciting research, a recent publication, or a significant achievement you'd like to share with the reproductive biology community? **Submit** your spotlight today and help us highlight the diverse and impactful contributions within SSR.



The 2026 SSR Elections are underway – cast your vote?

You should have already received an email with your username, access code, and a link to vote. If you have not received your ballot or have any questions, please contact administrator@ssr.org. Ballot information will be contained in an email from noreply@eballot.com.

Deadline to vote: Friday, May 8, 2026



ANNUAL MEETING

Early Bird Registration ends June 1



Register

[Book Room](#)

Late-Breaking Abstracts are still being accepted! The deadline to submit a late-breaking abstract is **Thursday, May 7, 2026**. The deadline will NOT be extended.

[Submit Late-Breaking Abstract](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Affairs Committee

The first-ever **ReproBioArt Calendar** is here!

Download, print, share, enjoy.

Although it comes a few months later than planned, the SSR Public Affairs Committee is thrilled to share the very first ReproBioArt Calendar with you! We hope this marks the beginning of an annual tradition following the ReproBioArt Image Contest. You're welcome to download and print the calendar for your lab, colleagues, and friends. We can't wait to see it hanging in your labs and shared across our community."

[Download Calendars](#)

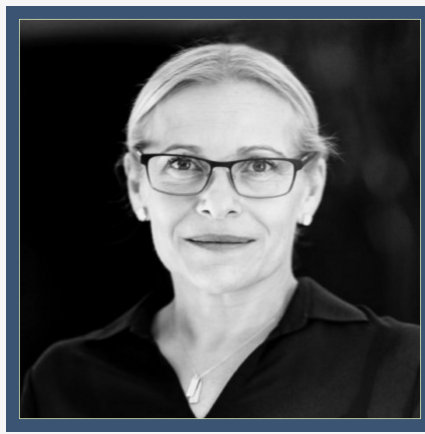
Community & Engagement Committee

April 23–29 is the National Infertility Awareness Week



Dr. Camilo Pena-Bello (member of the SSR Community and Engagement Committee) interviewed **Dr. Kyle Orwig**, Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Director of UPMC Magee Center for Reproduction and Transplantation at Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh, USA.

[Full Interview](#)



Dr. Rachel C. West (member of the SSR Community and Engagement Committee) interviewed Dr. Mandy Katz-Jaffe, Fertility Scientific and Genetics Director at the Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine in the USA.

[Full Interview](#)

WEBINARS

Upcoming Webinars

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TRAINEE JOURNAL CLUB

Session #4

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 • 12:00 - 1:00 PM Eastern

[Register Here](#)

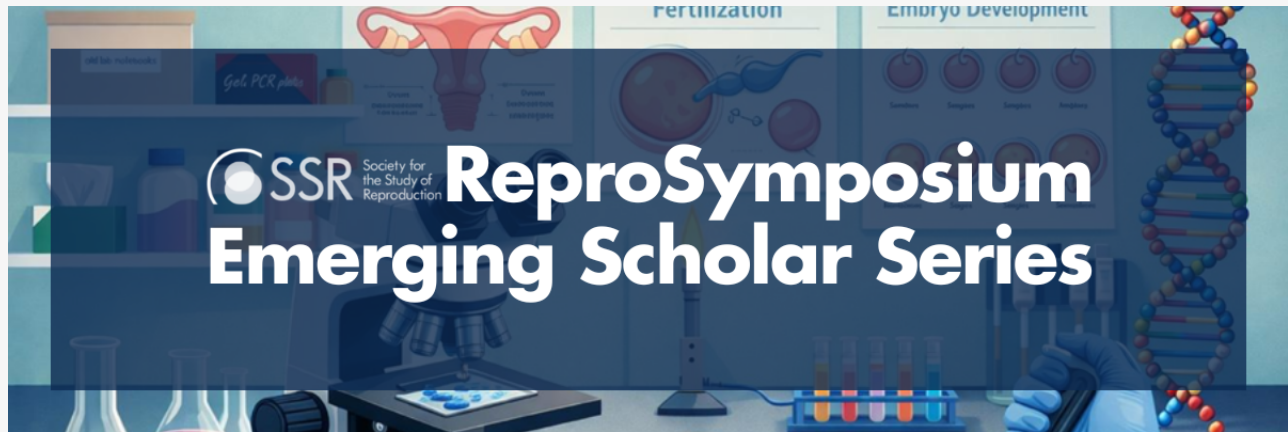
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RISING STARS IN REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY

MAY 13, 2026 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | ZOOM

Join us on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 12:00 PM ET** for the next session of the 2026 Rising Stars Webinar, featuring speakers Renata Prunskaitė-Hyyryläinen and Yi Athena Ren, moderated by Dr. Bluma Lesch and Shivi Khurana.

[Register Here](#)



SSR ReproSymposium Emerging Scholars Series is a weekly seminar program providing opportunities to interact with experts from academia, industry, and clinical research.

Every Friday, June 5 - July 24 | 12-12:45 ET

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PODCAST



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EP56: Embryo Development: Metabolism and the Uterine Microenvironment with Dr. Kosta Simintiras

In today's episode, we have the pleasure of chatting with Dr. Kosta Simintiras, Assistant Professor of Reproductive and Developmental Biology at Louisiana State University. Dr. Simintiras studies mechanisms of communication between maternal and embryonic tissues that are essential for establishing early pregnancy in mammals. His lab uses a combination of model systems including cattle, transgenic rodents, and organoids

grown from human cells, with the ultimate goal of understanding of how pregnancy works both when it goes well, and when it doesn't.



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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