



Member Newsletter

In This Issue:

[BOR Editor's Choice](#) | [Society Announcements](#) | [Annual Meeting](#)
[Committee Updates](#) | [Webinars](#) | [Podcasts](#)

BOR EDITOR'S CHOICE

SSR Joins Scientific Societies in Launching the Trust Seal

As a founding member of the Trust Seal initiative, SSR is joining scientific societies and other stakeholders in a community-led effort to strengthen confidence in scientific publishing and support trustworthy research practices. The Trust Seal is being developed to help researchers more easily identify publications that have demonstrated a commitment to rigorous and trustworthy research practices.

"Reproductive biology and medicine are fields where rigorous and reproducible science is critically important, with discoveries carrying direct implications for fertility, development, pregnancy, and long-term health," said **SSR President Mellissa Mann, PhD**. *"The Trust Seal initiative represents an important opportunity for scientific societies and journals to work collaboratively toward strengthening confidence in scientific publishing and supporting trustworthy research practices."*

[Learn more about the launch of the Trust Seal!](#)

INTRODUCING THE TRUST SEAL

A SOCIETY-LED INITIATIVE TO ADVANCE TRUST IN SCIENCE

A coalition of scientific societies and organizations uniting to strengthen confidence in the biological and biomedical sciences.



SUPPORTING MEMBERS



ENDORSERS

WILEY

We invite you to join us! Interested? Reach out at biocore.org/contact-us

BioCore
A SCHOLARLY PUBLISHING
CONSORTIUM

Results in comparison to negative control (DiBP 0 ng/mL)

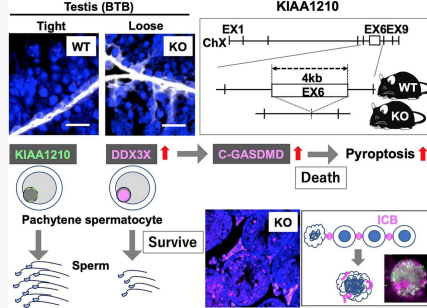
Gene	DiBP (1 ng/mL)+FSH	DiBP (10 ng/mL)+FSH	DiBP (100 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1
Histone acetylases (mRNA)			
HAT1	↓		
Histone deacetylases (mRNA)			
HDAC9	↑		
SIRT1	↑		
SIRT2	↑		
HDAC2			↓
RNA m6A methyltransferases (mRNA)			
DNBP (1 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1			
METTL14	↓		
METTL14		↓	
RNA m5C methyltransferases (mRNA)			
DNBP (10 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1			
TDRMT1			↓
NLRP3 Inflammation (mRNA)			
DNBP (1 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1			
DNBP (10 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1			
PICARD	↓		
PICARD		↓	
Estradiol synthesis			
DNBP (10 ng/mL)+FSH+IGF1			↓

Diisobutyl phthalate alters estradiol synthesis and expression of genes associated with epigenetic regulation and inflammation in bovine granulosa cells

Pena-Bello and colleagues found that environmentally relevant levels of diisobutyl phthalate (DiBP) disrupted estradiol production and altered genes involved in epigenetic regulation and inflammation in bovine granulosa cells, suggesting a potential mechanism by which this common plasticizer may impair fertility.

Loss of KIAA1210 leads to increased pyroptotic cell death in mouse spermatogenesis

Iwamori and colleagues found that loss of KIAA1210 disrupts key cell junctions in the testis and increases pyroptotic cell death during spermatogenesis, revealing an important role for this protein in maintaining germ cell survival, fertility, and sperm production.



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.



ANNUAL MEETING

The 59th SSR Annual Meeting features cutting-edge science, world-class investigators, and exciting new opportunities for collaboration. From six plenary speakers and 29 focus sessions to poster competitions and engaging events, SSR 2026 is an unforgettable experience celebrating the outstanding research, service, and mentorship that define our community.

During registration, participants are encouraged to select and/or purchase one or more of the available breakfast and lunch options, including:

- Trainee Mentor Luncheon (7/20)
- Breakfast Symposium: "Insights at First Light: Honoring the Contributions of Mary Ann Handel and Keith Inskeep" (7/21)
- Lunch and Learn: "Expanding Reproductive Access: Strategies and Impact"; Invited Speaker: Ann Kiessling, PhD, Bedford Research Foundation (7/21)

- Lunch and Learn: “AI in Science and Society”; Invited Speaker: David J. Crandall, PhD, Luddy Professor of Computer Science (7/22)

Hotel Accommodations Update

Hotel rooms are available for the nights of July 18–21 at the JW Marriott Indy. Please note that July 22 is currently sold out due to limited citywide availability. We are continuously monitoring the hotel situation daily and will provide an update if anything changes. Hotel cut-off date has been extended to June 19th!

[Book Room](#)

[Register](#)

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Affairs Committee

ReProBioArt Deadline has been extended to June 22!



We are extending the submission deadline until June 22 (previously June 15) to give interested members extra time to submit images.

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).

Updated Contest Timeline:

- **Submissions Close:** June 22
- **Online Voting:** June 23 - June 30
- **Winner Showcase:** SSR Annual Meeting this July, where the final winner of the ReProBioArt SSR Award will be chosen

Awards:

- **ReProBioArt People’s Choice Award:** This award will be given to the image that receives the most votes from the online public (anyone is eligible to vote!)
- **ReProBioArt SSR Award:** This award will be presented to the image that receives the highest number of votes from SSR members and Annual meeting attendees.

[Learn more and submit your images today.](#)

WEBINARS

Upcoming Webinars



Hear from established faculty members who have had non-traditional career paths, who have overcome roadblocks or adversities to succeed, or who have navigated building a career in a new country. Our three speakers will each give a 15-minute presentation summarizing their career experiences, followed by a moderated question-and-answer session.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Past Webinars



[View Recording](#)

PODCAST



[Listen Here](#)

EP60: How To Think About Biology with Dr. Dan Nicholson

This season, we've been exploring the concept of mechanism in reproductive biology. We've chatted with scientists from across disciplines who are working to better understand how sperm, eggs, and embryos work. Over the next three episodes, we'll be exploring the idea of mechanism itself. We'll learn how the historical practice of biology has shaped the way we think about mechanisms today, how computing metaphors might supersede the machine metaphors that dominate in molecular biology, and how the fields of biology and physics might be on course to collide in the coming decades.

INDUSTRY NEWS

ASRM 2026 Scientific Congress & Expo



ASRM 2026 invites you to join a meeting where your voice, experience, and perspective help advance the field of reproductive medicine. Built around the theme of **Discovery, Innovation, and Advancement**, this year's Congress is designed for clinicians, researchers, and professionals who want more than passive learning. You'll engage in dynamic sessions that spark discussion, bring in global perspectives, compare real-world approaches, and foster collaboration around the discoveries and innovations shaping our field.

[Learn More & Register](#)

International Ruminant Reproduction Symposium 2027

INTERNATIONAL RUMINANT REPRODUCTION SYMPOSIUM

 May 17-20, 2027

 Canmore, AB, Canada



[Learn More](#)

MCI Grant Opportunities



Male Contraceptive Initiative (MCI), a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding the development of non-hormonal male contraceptives, has the following grants available. MCI has been a proud supporter of the SSR Annual Meeting and would like to share its 2026 funding opportunities with SSR members.

MCI has opened its 2026 grant cycle across four mechanisms:

- Core Grants — translational research on male contraceptive targets
- Focus Grants — including a dedicated PROTAC/targeted protein degradation track
- Agility Grants — rapid-turnaround funding for pivotal experiments
- Fellowships — supporting early-career researchers in the field

[Full Details](#)

Stay Connected
with  **SSR** Society for
the Study of
Reproduction



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.

Society for the Study of Reproduction | 673 Potomac Station Drive #801, Leesburg, VA 20176

Connect with SSR

[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt Out](#) using TrueRemove™
Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.
View this email [online](#).

673 Potomac Station Drive #801 | Leesburg, VA 20176 US

This email was sent to .
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

emma®

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.