



## Member Newsletter

### *In This Issue:*

[Society Announcements](#) | [Annual Meeting](#) | [Committee Updates](#) | [Webinars](#) | [Podcasts](#)

## SSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### USA Federal Financial Assistance: Recent update on OMB proposed new rule

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposes to revise the Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance to change requirements related to the management of grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance. The proposed rules span a wide variety of issues of relevance to science and to scholarly societies, allowing a federal agency to cancel a grant at any time, mandating that all grants must be approved by a political appointee, disallowing publication charges, society membership dues, and conference attendance. Additionally, the proposed rule makes what has been guidelines into regulations.

SSR will work with FASEB to closely monitor developments and determine how to respond. In the meantime, you can review the [Substack blog post](#) (shared by FASEB) that provides guidance on the strategy and step-by-step instructions for individuals interested in submitting comments.

### 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

**Stay Where the Action Is — Book the Host Hotel!**

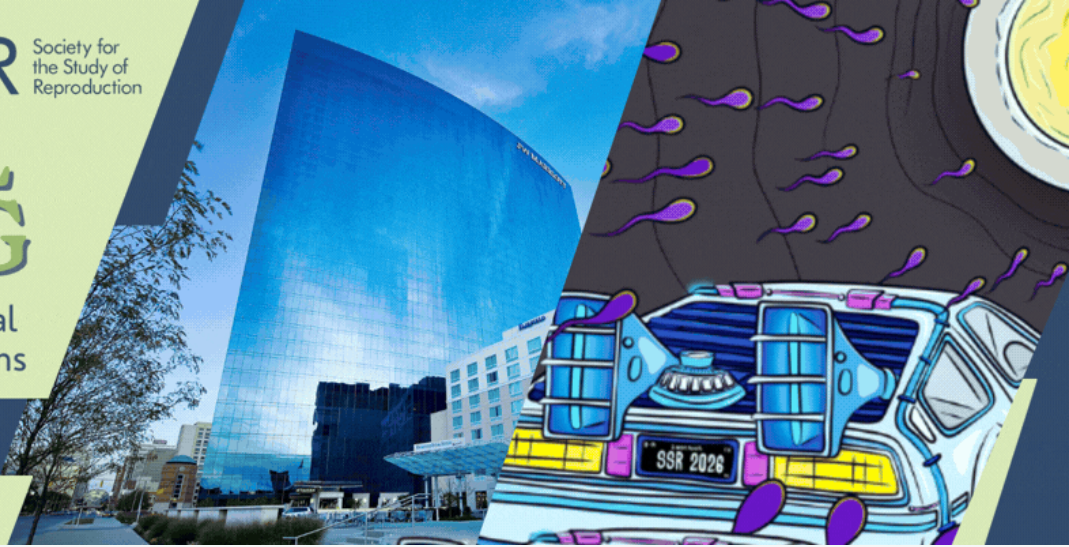
# 2026 SSR ANNUAL MEETING

Society for the Study of Reproduction

Back to the Future, Foundational Knowledge for Future Innovations

SUNDAY 19 JULY 2026 – WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

JW Marriott Indianapolis



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. View our [program website](#) for more information and register!

Where you stay matters. SSR has a room block with the hotel, and unfilled rooms in our block result in financial penalties for us. We've secured two rate options at the official host hotel:

- Discounted Rate: \$239/night (**deadline: June 17, 2026**)
- Government Per Diem: \$128/night for July 17–22 (limited availability)

Booking at the host hotel is a small step with a big impact. Reserve and register today!

[Book Room](#)

[Register](#)

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Public Affairs Committee

**We are thrilled to announce the third edition of the ReproBioArt Contest!**

**Bring your repro-research to life!!!** – If you missed last year's contest, you have another chance to share images representing your research. **ReproBioArt 2026**, brought to you by the Society for the Study of Reproduction, is open and awaits your submissions!

ReproBioArt is a celebration of original images captured by dedicated researchers in reproductive science. This contest aims to spotlight the remarkable progress being made in reproductive science and medicine. We welcome images captured using any imaging technique.

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). We will be accepting submissions from **May 15 to June 15, 2026**. Voting will begin on **June 16** and conclude on **June 30, 2026**. The top 12 images, as chosen by online popular vote,

will be showcased at the SSR Annual Meeting in August 2026, where the 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.](#)

*Please note: By submitting to the Society for the Study of Reproduction's ReproBioArt Contest, participants grant SSR nonexclusive rights to use their submissions for educational and promotional purposes, including website display, social media, print materials, and exhibits.*

## WEBINARS

### Upcoming Webinars



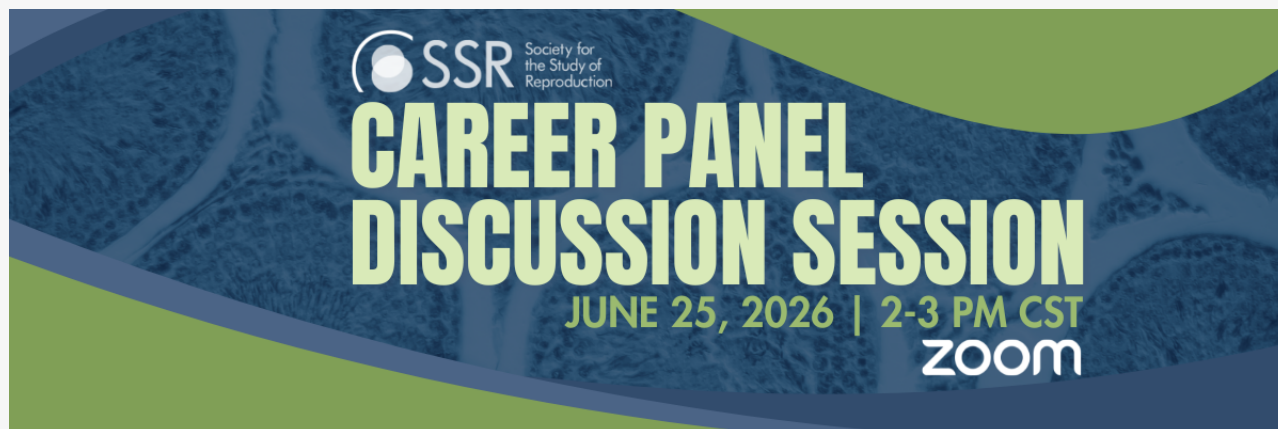
The banner features the SSR logo (Society for the Study of Reproduction) in the top left corner. The main title "TRAINEE JOURNAL CLUB" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, "Session #6" is written in white on a dark blue curved background. The date and time "Tuesday, June 16, 2026 • 12:00 - 1:00 PM Eastern" are centered at the bottom. The background is light green with decorative white wavy lines on the sides.

"My Publishing Journey & Advice for Trainees"

**Speaker:** Blanche Capel, PhD, Duke University  
James B. Duke Distinguished Professor of Cell Biology

**Moderator:** Talia Hatkevich, PhD, Duke University

[Learn More & Register](#)



The banner features the SSR logo (Society for the Study of Reproduction) in the top left corner. The main title "CAREER PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION" is written in large, bold, light green letters. Below it, "JUNE 25, 2026 | 2-3 PM CST" is written in white. The Zoom logo is in the bottom right corner. The background is dark blue with a pattern of light blue circular shapes and green wavy lines at the top and bottom.

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.

## 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](#)

## 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](#)



**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.

# 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.