

Remembering Christina Chung-Lun Wang, MD

The Society for the Study of Reproduction joins the broader reproductive sciences community in mourning the passing of Dr. Christina Chung-Lun Wang, an internationally recognized physician-scientist whose work helped shape modern andrology, male reproductive endocrinology, and male contraceptive research.

Dr. Wang was born in Nanjing, China, received her medical degree from the University of Hong Kong, and completed postgraduate training in medicine and endocrinology in Hong Kong and Australia. She became Professor of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong before moving to Los Angeles in 1989. In 1993, she joined Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where she spent more than three decades as a faculty member, investigator, mentor, and leader at Harbor-UCLA, the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and The Lundquist Institute.



Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Wang made foundational contributions to male reproductive biology and medicine. Her research advanced the development of safe, effective, and reversible hormonal male contraception; improved understanding and treatment of male hypogonadism; and contributed to the fields of spermatogenesis, germ cell apoptosis, reproductive aging, semen analysis, and male reproductive toxicology. She chaired the World Health Organization Task Force on Methods for the Regulation of Male Fertility from 1991 to 2002 and contributed to the WHO Laboratory Manual for the Examination of Human Semen from its first edition in 1980 through its sixth edition in 2021.

Dr. Wang's work also directly touched the SSR community. At the 2014 SSR Annual Meeting, she was an invited speaker in the President's Symposium on contraception, presenting "Hormonal Male Contraception on the Horizon." Her participation brought an essential male reproductive health perspective to the meeting and highlighted the importance of male contraception within the larger mission of reproductive biology.

Her scientific record was extraordinary. She authored more than 350 peer-reviewed publications and 70 chapters and reviews, including important studies in *Biology of Reproduction* on germ cell apoptosis, hormonal regulation of spermatogenesis, and male contraceptive approaches. Her work helped bridge clinical medicine and fundamental reproductive biology, influencing investigators across disciplines.

Dr. Wang also gave generously to the scientific community through leadership and service. She served as President of the International Society of Andrology from 2009 to 2013 and President of the American Society of Andrology from 2006 to 2007. She received the American Society of Andrology Distinguished Service Award in 2011 and the Distinguished Andrologist Award in 2013.

Those who knew Christina will remember her not only as an accomplished scientist, but also as a generous mentor, trusted colleague, and warm friend. She supported trainees and junior investigators around the world, championed opportunities for women and early-career scientists, and brought wisdom, energy, and kindness to every professional community she served.

SSR extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Wang's husband and lifelong research partner, Dr. Ronald S. Swerdloff, and to her family, friends, trainees, collaborators, and colleagues worldwide. Her legacy will continue through the science she advanced, the standards she helped establish, and the many lives and careers she touched.