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Member Newsletter

SSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trainee Merit Award recognizing the work of Asgi Fazleabas

NEW! Asgi Fazleabas Trainee Merit Award
The Asgi Fazleabas Trainee Merit Award supports trainees pursuing the advancement of Women's Reproductive Health. In alignment with Dr. Fazleabas' core research focus, awards will be given to 2027 Abstract Research submissions to help offset travel costs to the Annual Meeting.

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SSR SPOTLIGHT

SSR Members Elected to National Academy of Medicine

We are pleased to announce that three SSR members have been elected to the National Academy of Medicine. This prestigious honor recognizes their pioneering contributions to reproductive biology. The honorees, their affiliations, and research accomplishments are:



Marisa S. Bartolomei, PhD, Perelman Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology and director, Center of Women's Health and Reproductive Medicine, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. For identifying one of the first imprinted genes, a rare class of genes essential for development and human health. She defined imprinting regulation and provided insights into mechanisms of imprinted gene dysregulation and associated clinical disorders.



Francesco J. DeMayo, PhD, chief and senior investigator, Reproductive and Developmental Biology Laboratory, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, N.C. For transforming our understanding of uterine function and regulation in health and disease. He revolutionized uterine biology by pioneering genetically engineered models that enable precise in vivo manipulation of uterine tissues, providing unprecedented insights into mechanisms underlying pregnancy and reproductive disorders, with a broad impact on women's health.



Vassilios Papadopoulos, DPharm, PhD, dean and professor of pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences, Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; and professor of medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. For his groundbreaking work that helped define mechanisms controlling steroid hormone biosynthesis in classical and non-classical tissues, and his pioneering work on the pharmacology of steroidogenesis and neuro-steroidogenesis that led to the development of new drugs for endocrine, neurological, and psychiatric diseases. And for leadership that contributed to the success of multiple universities.

Drs. Bartolomei, DeMayo, and Papadopoulos are long-standing SSR members who have made significant, selfless contributions to our Society. Please join us in congratulating them on this outstanding achievement.

Read the Official Press Release



ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date



Abstracts Acceptance Coming Soon!

The 2027 Program Committee will begin accepting abstracts for the SSR 60th Annual Meeting in late November 2026! This is a great opportunity to share your research with hundreds of leading industry scientists and reproductive biologists at our 2027 Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC, July 13-16, 2027. Watch your inbox and conference page for details, coming soon!

Keynote



Adrian Erlebacher, MD, PhD **Alexandra Naba, PhD** **Jon M. Oatley, PhD**



Kotaro Sasaki, MD, PhD **Suzannah A Williams, PhD**



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Awards Committee

2027 Major Awards Nominations Now Open

An important function of the Society for the Study of Reproduction is to acknowledge individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the scientific discipline of reproductive biology.

Recognition is provided through seven awards:
• Carl G. Hartman Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• SSR Research Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• SSR Distinguished Leadership and Service Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• SSR Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• SSR Trainee Mentoring Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• Fuller Bazer SSR International Award (SSR Member-nominated award)
• Janice Bahr Junior Scientist Travel Award (Self-nominated award)

Submit Nomination

2027 Distinguished Fellows Nominations Now Open

The SSR Distinguished Fellowship recognizes active SSR members for their outstanding contributions to the field of reproductive biology and to the Society, illustrated by sustained high impact research, leadership, service, and mentorship.

Submit Nomination

Trainee Affairs Committee

Trainee Representative Nomination

The SSR Trainee Affairs Committee is now accepting nominees for the SSR 2027 Board of Directors Trainee Representatives Election.

The Trainee Representative is a unique and exciting opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. As the Trainee Representative, you will participate in the management of the Society and represent the interests of all SSR trainees. The position is a two-year term beginning at the 60th Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC.

Submit Nomination

PODCAST

EP 64: Avian Organoids, Egg Production, and Science Storytelling with Dr. Kahina Boukherroub



In this episode of The Future Conceived, host Dr. Jeremy Egbert sits down with Dr. Kahina Boukherroub to explore the unique world of avian reproductive biology. Dr. Boukherroub breaks down how 3D tissue organoids are transforming poultry research, offering key insights into antioxidant pathways to improve turkey fertility and exploring how the reproductive tract responds to pathogens like avian influenza.

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Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology for Industrial and Regulatory Scientists Course



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