Greetings from the President

I hope you all have survived the semester and are planning to attend the Annual Meeting July 9–12 in Davis, California. Jan Roser and the Local Arrangements Committee have been working for months on physical/logistical aspects of the meeting, and Barry Zirkin and his Program Committee have put together an exciting and innovative scientific program. A record number of abstracts (587) have been accepted. I would like to call your attention especially to several features of the program that are different this year.

1) The scientific program will begin at 7:00 pm on Sunday with a State-of-the-Art talk on genomic imprinting by Shirely Tilghman from Princeton. The usual Sunday night reception will follow Dr. Tilghman’s talk and will include a light supper, since many people may not have time to eat ahead of time.

2) The meeting includes eight mini-symposia; four will be held simultaneously on Monday and four on Wednesday. The topics and speakers are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. We will be looking for your feedback on the mini-symposia. We hope they’ll broaden the appeal of our program, generate additional scientific excitement, and become a regular feature of the meeting in the future.

3) The Business Meeting is the last event on the program, at 3:30 pm on Wednesday. Please attend if you possibly can. Dave Sherwood and his Bylaws Committee will ask us to vote at that meeting on several changes to the bylaws (see those proposed changes on page 6 of this newsletter), including a proposed change in the mechanism for amending the SSR bylaws.

As you probably know, Fuller Bazer will complete a 6-year term as Editor-in-Chief of Biology of Reproduction on June 30. I believe that he has done a totally superb job with our journal. BOR is rated first in impact factor by the Science Citation Index in the category of Reproductive Systems. And the journal looks great! So you may want to express thanks in some way to Fuller and Associate Editor Robert Burghardt. Gordon Niswender and his Associate Editor, Terry Nett, have a hard act to follow, but I have no doubt that they will maintain both the quality and speed of publication that have been developed by previous editors and probably add some new “twists” of their own.

Committees play a major role in the activities of the Society and all the committees this year have done an excellent job. I would like especially to bring you up to date on the activities of two committees whose work this year has been more behind the scenes than that of other committees. Gary Jackson and his Public Affairs Committee have been working to reorganize the activities of that committee. In the past this committee has been difficult to organize as a committee and for many years tended to operate as a “one-person show.” This year Gary and the other members have begun to determine ways that the committee can effectively perform its dual functions of public education and interaction with the government (“lobbying”).

As chair of the Development and Endowment Committee, Jerry Strauss has headed an effort by that committee to establish the operating principles for the SSR endowment, i.e., what means should be used to increase the endowment fund and when and how the interest on the endowment should be used. Although the activities of these two committees haven’t been particularly visible to the membership this year, I believe they have laid necessary and important foundations for our future activities in both these areas.

I wish you all a productive and enjoyable summer and hope that it includes the SSR Annual Meeting in Davis.

—Joanne E. Fortune
Committee announces 1995 award recipients

The Awards Committee has selected the following individuals to receive awards at the Annual Meeting in Davis:

**Carl Hartman Award:** Andrzej Bartke  
**Distinguished Service Award:** Rupert Amann  
**SSR Research Award:** David Garbers

SSR members are reminded to submit nominations for next year’s awards.

—Susan Heyner, Chair  
Awards Committee

Confocal microscopy workshop

The Education Committee has developed plans for the techniques workshop on *Confocal Microscopy: Theory and Applications* at this year’s Annual Meeting in Davis. The tentative program calls for three formal presentations followed by a short panel discussion before lunch. Scheduled speakers will be David Hanzel from Molecular Dynamics, who will discuss the biological applications of confocal microscopy and future applications; Kern Rogers from the University of Western Ontario, who will talk about new ways to handle images; and Michael Opas from the University of Toronto, who works with cell adhesion and calcium binding. The workshop will be held in an auditorium that seats 400; smaller rooms will be available if we decide to break into discussion groups. Luncheon will be served in the lounge close to the auditorium.

Confocal microscopy is a new area for many of us. With all the new computer graphics and imaging that we use in our offices, confocal microscopy may be something we all wish we had in our laboratories. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

—Lyndall F. Erb, Chair  
Education Committee

Annual Meeting forecast—Glorious!

According to the weather report, there will be no earthquakes, floods, fires, or drought during the entire month of July in Davis, California. So the SSR Local Arrangements Committee and the University of California at Davis invite you to spend 4 glorious, sun-filled days being wined, dined, and educated at the 28th Annual Meeting.

Previous reports indicate that we are well known for our surfing, hot tubs, beaches, skiing, Hollywood gossip, and O.J. Simpsons. But have you heard about our warm and friendly hospitality that significantly correlates ($r=0.9999; P<0.01$) with our intellectual curiosity? Come find out for yourself. We certainly look forward to having you.

—Jan Roser, Chair  
Local Arrangements Committee

Trainee Forum announced

You are invited to attend the Trainee Forum scheduled during the Annual Meeting on Monday, July 10, from 5:45 to 7:00 pm. This forum, cosponsored by the Trainee Affairs and Animal Care committees, will deal with *Ethical Considerations for Animal Research*. We have invited two speakers, Ian Duncan (University of Guelph) and Charles Nicoll (University of California—Berkeley), each of whom has communicated extensively on issues associated with the use of animals in research, animal welfare, and animal rights. We look forward to an interesting discussion and hope you will plan to join us.

—Jodi Flaus, Chair  
Trainee Affairs Committee

—Charlotte Farin, Chair  
Animal Care Committee

Seeking hosts for future meetings

Persons interested in hosting the SSR Annual Meeting in 1999 or 2000 should contact Heywood Sawyer, Chair, Future Meeting Sites Committee—telephone: 303-491-5171; e-mail: hsawyer@vines.colosta.edu.
Plans set for scientific program at Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting contains all the elements that have given SSR meetings their special flavor, but also differs in ways designed to add excitement and disciplinary balance.

The meeting will begin formally on Sunday evening, July 9, with the first State-of-the-Art lecture, "Genomic imprinting in growth and reproduction," by Shirley Tilghman. Preceding Dr. Tilghman's talk will be a symposium sponsored by NNI on "The NIH program in reproduction: a view to the 21st century," featuring a keynote address by C. Wayne Bardin and talks by J. Robinson (NIEHS), M. McClure (NICHD), P. Smith (NIDDK), and F. Bellino (NIA).

State-of-the-Art lectures will continue on Monday, July 10, featuring Peggy Shupnik ("Gonadotropin gene regulation by steroids and GnRH") and Benita Katzenellenbogen ("Cross-talk between estrogen receptors and other cell-signaling pathways"). Later that day, the first of two series of four concurrent mini-symposia will be held. The first series will include Sperm-Zona Pellucida Interactions, chaired by Richard Schultz with speakers Jeffrey Bleil, Barry Shur, Greg Kopf, and Patricia Saling; Steroid Control of Sexual Behavior, chaired by Eugene Albrecht with Emilie Risman, Ann Robbins, and Margaret McCarthy; Cell Biology of GnRH Neurons, chaired by Judith Turgeon with Pei-San Tsai, Kevin Catt, and Margaret Wierman; and Regulation of Gonadal Function, chaired by JoAnne Richards with Keith Parker, Austin Cooney, and Jean Sirois. Monday's scientific sessions will conclude with the Trainee Forum on Ethical Considerations for Animal Research, featuring Charles Nicoll and Ian Duncan.

On Tuesday, July 11, the President's Symposium will feature R. Michael Roberts ("Maternal recognition of pregnancy"), Susan Fisher ("Human cytotrophoblast invasion"), and Jerome Strauss ("Trophoblast function: a comparative approach").

The second series of concurrent mini-symposia will take place on Wednesday, July 12, and will include Disruption of Reproductive Function by Environmentally Relevant Chemicals: Novel Mechanisms, chaired by Sally Perreault with William Kelce, Gary Klinefelter, and John Farrell; Steroid Receptors and Action in the Gonads, chaired by Richard Stouffer with Robert McLachlan, Kenneth Korach, and Mary Zelinski-Wooten; Neuroendocrinology, chaired by Kathleen Ryan with Keith Lookingland, Robert Goodman, and Heiko Jansen; and Somatic/Germ Cell Interactions in Testis, chaired by Roy Hammerstedt with Frans van der Horn, Jacquetta Trasler, and Kenneth Roberts.

In all, 168 abstracts will be presented from the platform; approximately 400 more will be presented by poster. In addition, there will be three State-of-the-Art lectures, the President's Symposium, and eight mini-symposia. It is the hope of the Program Committee that there will be so much of value in this year's Annual Meeting that attendees will leave frustrated at their inability to have seen and heard everything.

—Barry Zirkin, Chair Program Committee

Pre-meeting workshop focuses on immunology of implantation

A workshop on the Immunology of Implantation will be held on Saturday, July 8, prior to the start of this year's SSR Annual Meeting in Davis. Speakers at the workshop, which will convene at 10:00 am at Hunt Hall on the University of California-Davis campus, include Peter M. Johnson, "Mechanisms of immunoaversion employed by human trophoblast"; B. Anne Croy, "Animal models of immune deficiency"; Judith Head, "Activation of natural killer cells"; Douglas Antczak, "Invasive trophoblast in equine placenta"; Joan Hunt, "HLA and the maternal-fetal relationship"; Ted Golos, "Nonclassical MHC genes in the nonhuman primate"; Margaret Parr, "Mucosal immunity in the female reproductive tract"; Susan Heyner, "Growth factors in the female reproductive tract"; Ken Tung, "Ovarian autoimmune disorders and fertility"; and John Herr, "Immunizing with sperm antigens to prevent fertilization."

The registration fee for the workshop is $40, which includes a box lunch, coffee break, and a post-workshop reception. Registration deadline in June 15. For more information, contact Joan Hunt, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, University of Kansas Medical Center, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, KS 66160-7400 (telephone 913-588-7270; fax 913-588-2710; e-mail jhunt@kumc.wpo.ukans.edu).
From the editor of Biology of Reproduction

Dr. Gordon Niswender, Dr. Terry Nett, and Ms. Kathy Thomas will assume responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, and Editorial Coordinator, respectively, when the Editorial Office of Biology of Reproduction moves to Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, on July 1, 1995. Notices are now being published in Biology of Reproduction to indicate that you should send your manuscripts and other correspondence to Dr. Niswender beginning June 15, 1995.

The current Editorial Office extends sincere thanks to all of you who have helped make Biology of Reproduction the top-ranked journal in the reproductive systems category. I hope that your support of the new Editorial Office will continue at the same high level that we have enjoyed over the past 6 years.

The following items remain critical to publication of a quality journal at a reasonable cost:

- Please help us realize savings in typesetting by submitting the final version of your accepted manuscript on disk. We now assess a "handling fee" of $100 on accepted manuscripts that are not accompanied by an electronic copy on disk. Please read your proofs very carefully to avoid the need for printing errata in the journal.

- Read carefully and comply with Instructions to Authors (published in the back of each issue of Biology of Reproduction). It is important to submit original photographs for all copies of manuscripts so that results can be properly evaluated by reviewers. Failure to do so delays the review process or results in a recommendation for rejection.

- The Editorial Office is continually upgrading the computerization of aspects of manuscript handling and identification of potential reviewers. Please send an updated listing of areas of expertise and current office address, telephone number, FAX number, and e-mail address for yourself and for qualified colleagues as potential reviewers for Biology of Reproduction.

- Papers submitted to Biology of Reproduction are carefully evaluated for statistical methods used to analyze data. The reviewers now provide a response to a specific request to confirm that the statistical methods used by the author(s) are appropriate.

- The Editorial Office depends on the membership of SSR for peer review of each manuscript. Please respond positively when asked to serve as a reviewer and complete the review process within the requested time. The peer-review process is critical to the success of our journal, and your participation in this process is valued highly.

The Society for the Study of Reproduction will publish the proceedings of the Sixth International Symposium on Equine Reproduction. Daniel C. Sharp III is the Scientific Editor for the proceedings of the symposium, which was held in Caxambu, Brazil, in August 1994. You may order your copy of the proceedings through the SSR Business Office.

Biology of Reproduction is your journal. We urge you to send your best papers, and we thank you for your outstanding contributions as authors of papers and as reviewers.

—Fuller Bazer
Editor-in-Chief

SUGGESTIONS SOUGHT FOR NEXT YEAR’S MINI-SYMPOSIAS

The scientific program at this year's Annual Meeting features a new event—the mini-symposium! Eight are scheduled as 90-minute sessions with three speakers, in topics ranging from sperm-zona pellucida interaction, cell biology of GnRH neurons, and disruption of reproductive function by environmentally relevant chemicals, to steroid receptors and action in the gonads. The Program Committee’s goal is to highlight recent advances in a variety of areas and to provide something new and intriguing for everyone's "gray matter.”

This new format, if it proves successful, may become a permanent part of SSR annual meetings. It’s also an opportunity for more Society members to become active in program planning. We invite suggestions for mini-symposia from you. If you have a "hot" topic for a mini-symposium, consider three potential speakers (many, but not necessarily all, of whom are SSR members—newer as well as established investigators) and write to next year’s Program Committee chair, Gene Albrecht at the University of Maryland. The committee will meet in July to begin planning next year's meeting, so submit your suggestions early.

—Richard L. Stouffer
President-Elect
Animal care news of interest to the Society

Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) of Minnesota is suing the University of Minnesota to force disclosure of details on animal experimentation proposals whether or not the proposals have been approved. The university is mounting a strong effort to fight the suit in an attempt to maintain investigator privacy.

Protests by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) continued at the Gillette corporate headquarters in downtown Boston in an effort to force the company to end all nonpharmaceutical animal testing. Three activists were arrested. The protest was used by Gillette as an opportunity to explain why product safety testing is necessary, how it is conducted, and how the company is working to use nonanimal model systems where appropriate.

Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine will offer a new multidisciplinary master’s degree program relating to issues associated with the status of animals in society. For information, contact the Center for Animals in Public Policy, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01535 (telephone 508-839-7991).

Keiko, the killer whale that starred in the film *Free Willy*, will be leaving his home in Mexico for acclimation to the wild in Oregon and eventual release off the waters of Iceland. The project will cost more than $9 million.

Activists representing PETA picketed outside the Baltimore Convention Center where the Society of Toxicology annual meeting was held in March 1995. Approximately 100 demonstrators were present and no arrests were made.

With Congressional reauthorization of agriculture programs on the docket for 1995, strong efforts are being made to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ban research facilities from obtaining dogs and cats through USDA-licensed Class B dealers (dealers who do not breed and raise their own animals). Approximately 45% of all dogs and cats used in biomedical research, testing, and education are purchased from Class B dealers. USDA/APHIS has found widespread problems with Class B dealers with regard to poor record keeping, making it impossible to prove that dealers have not obtained lost or stolen pets. Other charges have included intentional cruelty, improper housing, un-

sanitary feeding conditions, neglect of veterinary care, and failure to maintain necessary records and purchase orders. It is imperative that research facilities relying on USDA Class B dealers for research animals be certain that they are doing business with a reputable operation that is fully complying with the Animal Welfare Act. This can be determined by verifying past USDA inspection reports, inspecting dealer premises and vehicles, and inspecting and verifying records supplied by the dealer regarding the source of animals. For additional information, call the National Association for Biomedical Research at 202-857-0540.

—Charlotte Farin, Chair Animal Care Committee

**ATTENTION:**

**SSR TRAINEE MEMBERS**

You are encouraged to apply for travel awards from the Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Travel Fund, vote for a new trainee representative, attend the trainee-faculty luncheon, utilize the SSR placement service, and participate in the Trainee Forum at this year’s Annual Meeting. Application forms for the Larry Ewing Trainee Travel Fund were sent to all trainee members in early May with the registration packet. To qualify for a travel award, applicants must be members of the SSR as of February 15, 1995, present an abstract at the Annual Meeting, and demonstrate financial need. Ballots for the election of a new trainee representative were also sent out in early May. This year we received nominations from five highly qualified individuals and greatly appreciate their willingness to serve the SSR. Preregistration forms for the trainee-faculty luncheon and the placement service were sent to all trainee members in May. Trainee members must preregister for both events to ensure that they meet the faculty member of their choice at the luncheon and that they are listed in the placement service. If you have any questions, please contact one of your trainee representatives, Jodi Flaws (410-614-2352) or Tami Goetz (509-335-2240).

—Jodi Flaws, Chair Trainee Affairs Committee

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Members attending Annual Meeting will vote on changes in SSR Bylaws

Several suggested changes in the SSR Bylaws will be considered by members attending the Annual Meeting in Davis. The Society’s membership will vote on the proposed amendments and deletions during the Business Meeting, scheduled for 3:30 pm on Wednesday, July 12, in Freeborn Hall.

The first amendment allows for Bylaws changes to be ratified by mail-out ballot, rather than at any annual or special meeting.

The current provision reads:

Article XVI. Section 1. All Bylaws of the Society shall be subject to alteration or repeal, and new Bylaws may be made, by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Membership present and entitled to vote, given at any annual or special meeting . . .

The proposed amendment reads:

• Article XVI. Section 1. All Bylaws of the Society shall be subject to alteration or repeal, and new Bylaws may be made, by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Membership responding and entitled to vote by a mail-out ballot.

Two proposed changes deal with membership categories.

The current provision reads:

Article V. Section 1 (b). Member Emeritus: Regular Members who reach normal retirement age or who retire early for medical reasons shall be eligible to petition the Executive Secretary to have the Board of Directors approve a waiver of their annual dues . . .

The proposed amendment reads:

• Article V. Section 1 (b). Member Emeritus: Regular Members who are retired from active employment shall be eligible to petition the Executive Secretary to have the Board of Directors approve a waiver of their annual dues.

• Article V. Section 1 (c). The category of Honorary Member would be eliminated by dropping the paragraph: Honorary Member: An individual who based on his/her overall impact on science is a Hartman awardee.

Five additional proposed changes are designed to streamline the SSR Bylaws by eliminating operational details that go beyond the philosophy and general mode of operation of the Society.

The following items would be changed:

• Article VIII. Section 3. Drop the sentence: . . . The site of annual meeting shall afford adequate facilities for the presentation of scientific papers and for other concomitant activities of the Society.

• Article VIII. Section 4 (a). Drop the sentence: . . . If mailed, such notice shall be directed to such Members at their address as it appears on the membership books of the Society, unless they have previously filed with the Secretary of the Society or their agent a written request that notices intended for them be mailed to some other address, in which case it shall be mailed to the address designated in such request.

• Article VIII. Section 5 (b). Drop this paragraph: In the absence of a quorum at any annual or special meeting of Members, the Member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereat, if by proxy, any officer authorized to preside at or act as Secretary of such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time-to-time for a period not exceeding twenty days. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted at the meeting as originally called if a quorum had been present.

• Article IX. Section 3 (c). Drop this paragraph: Notice of any regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall not be required to be given, provided, however, that in case the Board of Directors shall fix or change the time or place of any regular meeting, notice of such action shall be mailed promptly to each Director and Officer who shall not have been present at the meeting at which such action was taken, addressed to them at their residence or usual place of business, unless such notice shall be waived in the manner set forth in paragraph (b) of Section 4 of this Article.

• Article IX. Section 4 (b). Finish the sentence after . . . to be held. Drop the remainder of the sentence: . . . or shall be sent to them at such place by telegram, radio or cable, or shall be delivered to them personally not later than the day before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

The complete text of the SSR Bylaws can be found in the Society’s membership directory.

—O. David Sherwood, Chair
Bylaws Committee
OWED TO THE PONY

By Dan Sharp

The outside of a horse, or so I am told, is good for a man's insides, if I may be so bold. Of all of the creatures, tremendous and small, the horse holds a place that is just best of all. In a lifetime of research, I've worked with a few, rats, rabbits and hamsters, pigs, cattle, and ewes. None has the magic, the mystery, the charm, of a Stillwell-like pony mare, affixed to your arm. They tread on your toes, and won't give an inch, Won't listen to reason. Won't even flinch.

Phlebotomy insults them. How dare you to do it! I doubt they can feel it, yet often I rue it. When passing the needle, with skill and with care, and it enters the "jug," with hardly a hair out of place, and the blood starts to flow. Yet they wince and they cower as if, I don't know, as if you had just rent a part of their hide, but I secretly think, that deep down inside, they are playing a game, aren't bothered at all. I think that inside, they are having a ball.

Now, a pony's insides are quite small, and real dark, and a palpater knows that the longer he parks, with an arm in the rectum, his hand going numb, the gonads elusive, looking quite dumb, that the pony is winning a perverse sort of game, to come out on top is their universal aim.

Have you seen how they treat other herdmates their size? How they kick and they bite? How they ostracize other ponies? Why, we can't know. But it's clear they have buddies, and put on a show, when a project requires a separate pasture.

Now, sheep are real useful as models of season, but the problem I have is they just do not reason. When they run down a lane, alone or in tandem, they're reactions are scattered, their movements are random.

You try to out-think them, and be where they'll go, but it's hard to out-think something whose IQ is zero. But ponies, you see, are of different ilk, their strategy transparent, their movements like silk, With time I have learned, that whatever you planned, t'was the opposite direction research ponies ran.

And so, having learned that that was their thinking, I went the other way, 'til I got the sinking feeling that I had been had by this small nag.

But, despite all these problems, tribulations, and trials, to say they are dumb animals is only denial. To me they are friends, comrades-at-arms, and I've loved every minute, enjoyed all their charms. The model they are contributes to science. So what if we've formed a sort of unholy alliance, So, "Here's to the pony," model and friend, Always enigma, right up to the end.

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Membership Committee report

The Membership Committee not only receives nominations for new memberships in the Society from individuals but also solicits new memberships. Members of SSR can help the committee ensure the growth of the Society by acting as nominating sponsors of individuals who contribute to the field of reproductive biology but are not yet members of SSR. Membership application forms are available in Biology of Reproduction as well as in the membership directory. The completed application, which should include a short list of publications in the field of reproduction by the nominee as well as the sponsor’s signature, should be sent to the Business Office.

The Membership Committee votes on the membership status not only of applications that bear sponsors’ signatures but also of applications solicited by the committee as a result of monitoring between 25 and 30 journals for nonmember authors publishing in the field of reproduction. Since the 1994 Annual Meeting, we have sent out more than 600 letters of invitation to prospective members of SSR, and over 100 letters of acceptance into the Society. The work of the committee is rewarding because we know that our efforts will maintain a steady growth of the SSR with new members who will enhance the Society in many ways.

We are also concerned about former members and would appreciate hearing from you if you know of individuals who have allowed, or are considering allowing, their memberships to lapse. Equally important, the SSR has a strong commitment to acknowledging at the Annual Meeting members who have died. Please send information on members who have died recently either to Judy Jansen in the Business Office or to Katryna Bogovich, current chair of the Membership Committee. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other members of the committee for their hard work during the past year: Carol Bagnell (co-chair), Ludeman Eng, Yan Gu, Louis Guilbault, Deb Hamernick, Duane Keisler, and Jean Sirois.

—Katryna Bogovich, Chair
Membership Committee

WHO POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, is seeking a scientist for coordinating the work it supports in the area of male fertility regulation and men’s reproductive health. As a member of an interdisciplinary team representing medical and social science disciplines, the selected candidate will have as his/her primary scientific and managerial responsibilities the implementation of the biomedical research component of the Programme’s work in the above areas. Candidates need to have a medical degree or postgraduate degree in biomedical or veterinary/biological sciences with specialization in human reproduction, andrology, or other area directly relevant to male fertility. A thorough knowledge of the biomedical aspects of male reproduction, andrology, male fertility regulation, and related issues of men’s reproductive health is essential. Further information about this position (vacancy notice P95/34) and how to apply can be obtained from the Personnel Office, World Health Organization, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland; fax 41 22 791 07 46. The deadline for applications is July 14, 1995.

ANIMAL REPRODUCTION CONGRESS
SET FOR 1996 IN SYDNEY

The 13th International Congress on Animal Reproduction will be held in Sydney, Australia, June 30–July 4, 1996. This major international meeting covers topics on reproduction of domestic and wild animal species, ranging from biotechnology in traditional production animals and reproduction in the “horizon” industry species to conservation of endangered species and control of feral pests. The scientific program will feature invited plenary speakers, special symposia, workshops, and free communications. The deadline for abstracts is January 31, 1996. Preregistration deadline for the meeting is March 1, 1996. For a registration brochure, including instructions to authors, contact Ginny Eckels, ICAR 96 Congress Secretariat, GPO Box 128, Sydney NSW 2001, Australia; telephone 61 2 262 2277; fax 61 2 262 2323.

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