

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Society for the Study of Reproduction's 44th Annual Meeting. The SSR Registration Desk and Business Office are located in the lobby outside Exhibit Hall D in the Oregon Convention Center.

Registration will be open:

Sunday, 31 July 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
 Monday, 1 August–Wednesday, 3 August 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Please check the items in your registration packet. The packet contains your name badge, one drink ticket for the Opening Reception, vouchers for special purchases, and your **receipt**. Please come to the on-site registration desk if you have questions.

For up-to-the-minute updates, take a look at the Society's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/SSRepro>) and follow our Twitter feed (@SSRepro). Mark your tweets about the 44th Annual Meeting with the hashtag #SSR2011 for easy searching and networking with fellow attendees.

SLIDE PREVIEW ROOM

Oral presenters: please visit the Slide Preview Room at least 24 hours before your talk to be sure that your PowerPoint presentation is in the system and that it will display correctly; a timed rehearsal is recommended. The Slide Preview Room is in Meeting Room D134 of the Oregon Convention Center. Technical assistance will be available to help load and test your presentation. The Slide Preview Room will be open:

Sunday, 31 July Noon–7:00 p.m.
 Monday, 1 August–Wednesday, 3 August..... 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Please visit these exhibits during the meeting:

- American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)
- American Society of Andrology (ASA)
- Biology of Reproduction*
- Cook Medical
- FASEB MARC Program
- Fertility Technology Resources, Inc.
- Found Animals Foundation
- Mouse Genome Informatics (MGI)
- NIH/NICHD
- Repromedia
- Research Diets
- SCSA Diagnostics
- Society for Reproduction & Development (SRD)
- Society for Reproduction & Fertility (SRF)
- SSR 2012 – Penn State
- SSR Minority Affairs Committee
- SSR Trainee Affairs Committee
- World Congress on Reproductive Biology (WCRB)

T-SHIRTS

Please remember to pick up a commemorative T-shirt. You may purchase vouchers for T-shirts and exchange purchased vouchers for T-shirts at the on-site registration desk located in the lobby outside Exhibit Hall D in the Oregon Convention Center. Proceeds from T-shirt sales go to the Larry Ewing Memorial Trainee Travel Fund (LEMTTF).

MERCHANDISE

Pins, zipper totes, briefcases, calculators, and vintage SSR T-shirts will be available for sale at the SSR Registration Desk. All proceeds go to the LEMTTF.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A schedule for committee meetings is posted in the registration area.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones must be off or silent during presentations. Thank you for your cooperation.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Taking photographs or video of posters or other presentations is not permitted.

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS SCHEDULE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER

Starbucks and the Cucina Rosso Cafe (a concession station serving gourmet salads and Caesar wraps) will be open for SSR attendees on the Ginkoberry Concourse of the Oregon Convention Center during the following hours:

Sunday, 31 July
 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.Starbucks
 Monday, 1 August–Wednesday, 3 August
 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.Starbucks
 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.Cucina Rosso

INTERNET ACCESS

WiFi will be available to attendees in and around Exhibit Hall D. Connect to the network called SSR 2011 and open your browser. You will be prompted to log in.
 User name: ssrportland
 Password: 2011am

PROGRAM CHANGES

Minisymposia

Joshua Johnson will replace Evelyn E. Telfer in Minisymposium X.

Platforms

The Chair for Platform Session 1 will be Robert Viger; the Co-Chair will be Denise Archambeault.

The Chair for Platform Session 9 will be William Wright.
 The Chair for Platform Session 10 will be Troy L. Ott.
 Platform #74 will be presented by David Sharkey.

Posters

Poster #27 will be presented by Richard N. Freiman.
 The abstract for Poster #220 appears incorrectly in the preliminary PDF. Please use the HTML version of the abstract.
 Poster #231 will be presented by Samantha M. Calcaterra.
 Poster #257 will be presented by Sarah Norton.
 Poster #281 will be presented by Alexander C.O. Evans.
 Poster #317 will be presented by Barbara Vanderhyden.
 Poster #349 will be presented by Alexander C.O. Evans.
 Poster #350 will be presented by Flavia Regina Oliveira de Barros.
 Poster #405 will be presented by Iyathurai Gunaretnam.
 Poster #414 will be presented by Rosana Camargo Nishimura.

Poster #474 will be presented by Zuzana Strakova.
Poster #478 will be presented by Nihar R. Nayak.
Poster #585 will be presented by Abd Wahid Haron.

The SSR Research Award: Francesco J. DeMayo, Ph.D.
The SSR New Investigator Award (*supported by the Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Fund*): Derek Boerboom, D.V.M., Ph.D.
The Distinguished Service Award: Joy L. Pate, Ph.D.
Trainee-Mentoring Award (*supported by the Trainee-Mentoring Fund*): Patricia B. Hoyer, Ph.D.

BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND MINORITY AFFAIRS AWARDS

Junior Faculty

Djana Harp, Joshua Johnson

Trainees

Jonathan Broady II, Juanmahel Davila, Carlos Guerrero-Bosagna, Shaye Lewis, Mayra Pastore, Jared Romero, Nicole Whitfield

SSR/SRB INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AWARDS

Kaye L. Stenvers, Ph.D. Abstract #148.
Prince Henry's Institute, Clayton, Victoria, Australia
Helen Irving-Rodgers, Ph.D. Abstract #653.
Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove, Queensland, Australia.

SSR SOUTH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR AWARD

Erick J.R. Silva, Ph.D. Abstract #555.
Universidade Federal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA.

BBQ AND DANCE

There are still tickets to the barbecue (7:00–9:00 p.m. Wednesday, 3 August) available at the on-site registration desk. Tickets are \$25 for trainees and \$35 for non-trainees.

If you are not going to the barbecue, you may still go to the dance (9:00 p.m.–12:30 a.m.), for which there is no admission fee.

5K RUN/WALK FOR REPRODUCTIVE FITNESS

The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 5:45 a.m. on Monday, 1 August at Peace Memorial Park. Those who are already registered for the Run/Walk should visit the Run/Walk table in the registration area (lobby outside Exhibit Hall D in the Oregon Convention Center) to collect their packets. Attendees who would like to participate must first register for the Run/Walk at the on-site registration desk in Room D140 of the Oregon Convention Center. Registration for the Run/Walk will be available Sunday, 31 July from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MINORITY AFFAIRS SYMPOSIUM & RECEPTION

All meeting attendees are encouraged to attend the Minority Affairs Symposium and Reception on Monday, 1 August, from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Portland Ballroom 252 in the Oregon Convention Center. The reception will follow. John Alderete, Ph.D. (Washington State University, Pullman, Washington) will speak on the topic of *Trichomonis vaginalis, Reproductive Health and a Minority Scientist's Experience*. (Organized by the SSR Minority Affairs Committee; financial support provided by the FASEB MARC through a grant from the Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. T36-GM08637.)

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The Society for the Study of Reproduction is proud to honor these individuals for outstanding work in reproductive biology and for their service to the Society and the community of reproductive biologists.

The Carl G. Hartman Award (*supported by a grant from Cook Medical*): JoAnne S. Richards, Ph.D.

NICHD EXHIBIT REPRESENTATIVES SCHEDULE

The NIH Booth will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Monday, 2 August.....Susan Taymans
Tuesday, 3 August.....Stuart Moss
Wednesday, 4 August.....Koji Yoshinaga

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) CREDITS

The ASRM has designated a maximum of 13 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the 44th Annual Meeting. Please note that abstract sessions (oral and poster) are not eligible for CME credit. For more information about CME, visit the SSR Registration Office.

TRAINEE MIXER

A mixer will follow the Trainee Forum (Tuesday, 2 August, 5:45–6:30 p.m.) in Portland Ballroom 251. (Sponsored by the Found Animals Foundation.)

CAMP MONKEY ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Special thanks to the Oregon National Primate Research Center for hosting the 2011 Science Education Outreach Day, and to the Burroughs Wellcome Fund for its generous financial support of this event. Additional thanks to Mary Zelinski, Ph.D., Diana Gordon, and Derek McLean for organizing this year's Outreach Day; to Oregon Health & Science University, Washington State University, and University of Idaho's Center for Reproductive Biology; and to Bio Rad, for providing educational materials and supplies.

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