CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Welcome from the President and Program Chairs

We encourage you to attend SSR’s 50th Anniversary Meeting, “50 Years of Research: Looking Back and Moving Forward,” to be held in Washington, DC, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel this 13–16 July 2017. It is our hope that, together, we will create and enjoy a celebratory meeting that will simultaneously recognize the contributions of the SSR to society and highlight reproductive biology as the cornerstone of developing fields such as stem cell biology, epigenetics, and the developmental origins of health and disease (DOHaD).

We are thrilled that Professor and Fellow of the Royal Society Azim Surani of the Gurdon Institute of Cancer and Developmental Biology will deliver the opening keynote lecture. The President’s Symposium will be on DOHaD, and we are pleased that Professors Mark Hanson (University of Southampton) and Tracy Bale (University of Pennsylvania) are confirmed to speak. There will also be a special session on Perspectives from Global Entrepreneurs in Reproductive Biology: Propelling High-Impact Outcomes. To highlight the roots of the SSR in animal reproductive biology, we are working with the American Society of Animal Science to host a joint workshop. Taking advantage of our location in DC, there will be a panel on Translating Reproductive Science into Public Health Policies, Medical Practice, and Community Interventions, with stakeholders from government and NGOs to discuss the knowledge gaps that need to be filled by research to better inform reproductive health policies and practices.

The abstract submission deadline is Tuesday, 7 March 2017 midnight EST, so start planning your experiments now! We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, DC, and celebrating together.

The submission site will open in early January. Watch for announcements on Facebook and Twitter &/or go to ssr.org/17meeting for updates. We look forward to welcoming you to Washington DC!
Featured Speakers

Keynote Speaker
Azim Surani, Ph.D., CBE, FRS, FmedSci
Director of Germline & Epigenomics Research,
The Gurdon Institute, University of Cambridge, UK
Dr. Surani focuses his research on the mammalian germ cell lineage: how it is established and how it is programmed toward generating the totipotent state. He investigates the pluripotent state and its establishment during early development, as well as the mechanisms that regulate initiation of cell-fate decisions.

Special Symposium Speakers

Alan Trounson, Ph.D.
Hudson Institute of Medical Research
Clayton VIC, Australia
- Translational cell therapy research
- In vitro fertilization (IVF)

Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D.
Feinberg School of Medicine
Chicago, IL, USA
- Loss of fertility in women due to cancer treatment
- Identifying and understanding the effects that technologies and procedures have on women

Clifford Librach, M.D., FRCS(C), FACOG(REI)
University of Toronto, Canada
- Male and female infertility
- Third-party reproduction
- ART
- Pre-eclampsia
- Umbilical cord stem cells

Kwang-Yul Cha, M.D.
CHA HEALTH SYSTEMS and CHA University, Seoul, S. Korea
- Reproductive endocrinology & infertility
- In vitro maturation from immature oocytes
- Oocyte vitrification using grid

Mark Hanson, Ph.D.
University of Southampton, Southampton, UK
- Developmental pathways to disease
- Environmental contributors & epigenetic processes that relate to chronic diseases

Tracy L. Bale, Ph.D.
Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- Predisposition to development of neuropsychiatric diseases
- Genetic variations and exposure to stress