

# Society for Reproductive Biology Newsletter

April 2012



## Message from the President

Recently emerging from the trials of NHMRC and ARC Grant-writing, I have had time to reflect on the challenges currently facing scientific research and Reproductive Biology, in particular. It is tempting to wallow in sombre mood in the face of the ongoing challenges of global financial uncertainty, political paralysis and a productive research community nonetheless facing limiting funding and static Grant success rates. At this time, it is especially important that more senior scientists be mindful of our younger researchers, who are particularly vulnerable and no doubt feel the uncertainty more acutely. Young researchers, our students and postdoctoral scientists, are the future and they need our encouragement, sage advice and practical support, now as much as ever.

On a more upbeat note, there are many good things to dwell upon too. Society Membership numbers continue to rise, bolstered by a record number of student members. The McKeon Review of medical research in Australia is now underway, and promises to provide a real opportunity to expand and improve research funding. The SRB has put in its

submission, and I hope that all members have been able to take the time to seriously consider the implications and opportunities presented by this review. The Society has just signed a new agreement with *Reproduction, Fertility and Development* to strengthen our historically close relationship, and secure sponsorship of the prestige lectures of our Annual Conference for a further three years. As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, the joint SRB Annual Meeting – World Congress of Reproductive Biology in Cairns was a scientific and financial success, thereby securing the future of the WCRB, which was by no means certain. The Congress was particularly notable for exceptional interaction with our regional colleagues from sister Societies in Japan, China and Korea, who strongly supported the Congress by attending and contributing to the program in large numbers. All credit goes to Darryl Russell and his International Program and Local Organising Committees for carrying-off this difficult feat. The WCRB now proceeds in 2014 to Edinburgh, which is a bit more sub-tropical than the last two Congress sites, but should be the venue for a great meeting given the venerable



scientific history of the city of Edinburgh together with that legendary Scottish hospitality.

The SRB Annual Meeting itself was also a huge success. Once again, we must thank Eileen McLaughlin and Charles Allan for taking on double duty as both Program Committee Chairs and *de facto* Local Organising Committee Chairs. In spite of the truncated program, it was very pleasing that we had an exceptionally strong turnout from members, who were treated to an excellent scientific feast of Symposia, free communications and outstanding Plenaries from Chris O'Neill (Founders Lecture) and Ray Rodgers (President's Lecture).

Finally, we are looking forward to meeting this year once again with our sister society, the ESA, on the Gold-Coast in August. An exciting scientific and social program is already under development, so start planning those abstracts and dust off your jellyfish-resistant bodysuits and sunscreen.

**Mark Hedger**  
President



## Secretary's Report

### Jane Girling

#### **SRB Council: Thanks & Welcome**

Many thanks are due to Wendy Ingman, who retired from the SRB Council at the last Annual Meeting. Thanks Wendy for all time and efforts looking after the sponsorship portfolio. Thanks also to our student and early career representatives who recently stepped down: Matt Dunn, Natalie Hannan, Adam Koppers and Chez Viall.

Two new ordinary council members were elected to the SRB Council this year: Eva Dimitriadis (who was previously a co-opted member) and Jeremy Smith. Eileen McLaughlin has been appointed as our President-Elect. Also, welcome to our new student and early career representatives Ellen Menkhorst, SantoshSahu and Shane Sykes. Congratulations all!

Thank you also to all the on-going council and co-opted members for their contributions to the running of Council.

#### **2012 SRB Annual Scientific Meeting**

A varied and interesting programme is being put together by our dedicated POC for this year's SRB Annual Scientific Meeting (Gold Coast, Queensland, 26-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012). Check out the website (<http://www.esa-srb.org.au/>) for further information and details of the various awards available:

<http://www.srb.org.au/index.php/travel-grants-and-awards.html>

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.



## Australian Health and Medical Research Congress, 25-28th November 2012

The biennial AH&MRC will be held in Adelaide later in the year. The congress incorporates an SRB symposium on **Endometriosis**. Look out for programme details in future SRB emails or go to the website: <http://www.ahmrcongress.org.au>



## Fellows of the Society for Reproductive Biology

An exciting new initiative for SRB last year was the creation of 'Fellows of the Society for Reproductive Biology'. These prestigious awards were created to recognise the high standing of certain SRB members in the reproductive biology community. We congratulate the inaugural Fellows of the SRB (<http://www.srb.org.au/index.php/fellows-of-the-srb.html>), who received their awards at the 2011 Conference Dinner. Applications to become a Fellow of SRB in 2012 are due on the **30<sup>th</sup> of April**.

**Jane Girling**

[societyreproductivebiology@gmail.com](mailto:societyreproductivebiology@gmail.com)

## Treasurer's Report Rick Nicholson

On behalf of the SRB Council, I am very pleased to once again inform the membership that the SRB remains in good financial shape. Despite the World Financial Crisis worries of the past few years, the SRB has maintained its net financial worth at over \$290,000 at the start of 2012. When we are repaid the seed funding for World Congress on Reproductive Biology this balance will be \$310,000.

The SRB continues to support the student members with generous travel grants to cover return airfares for interstate attendance. In 2011 for the SRB/WCRB meetings we had a record 63 applicants of whom 60 were in Cairns to give their presentations and receive their cheques and, thus, we invested \$29,160 on student travel awards.

This year the SRB has contributed \$4000 in seed funding as a member society for the Australian Health & Medical Research Congress (November 2012, Adelaide). It is very important that the SRB membership support and participate in such meetings, as that will maximise our financial returns when the seeds are repaid.

**Rick Nicholson,  
SRB Treasurer**





## POC Report: SRB Cairns 2011

### Eileen McLaughlin and Charles Allan (Co-chairs)

#### Program Organising Committee (POC):

- **Eileen McLaughlin** (co-chair), University of Newcastle, PRC in Reproductive Science
- **Charles Allan** (co-chair), ANZAC Research Institute, University of Sydney
- **Darryl Russell** The University of Adelaide, Robinson Institute
- **Eva Dimitriadis**, Prince Henry's Institute, Monash University

Our sincere thanks to all members of the POC and the Award Committee who all contributed to the selection and programming of session topics, speaker invitations and abstract reviewing. Thanks to our overseas speakers and SRB members for agreeing to give lead talks and chairing sessions.

Thanks also to Mike Pickford, Jim Fawcett, Sam Barker and the rest of the ASN staff for the support provided throughout the process of program organisation.

In 2011, the conference program started on Friday evening with a Welcome reception after the ANZPRA workshop and ended at 5 pm on Sunday prior to WCRB welcome reception - allowing the normal SRB plenary and award sessions - but a smaller number of submissions to be presented as free oral presentations than usual as 10 minute talk + 5 minute questions format.

The WCRB hosted two joint poster sessions of approx 150 minutes each on Monday and Tuesday evening.

#### Cairns 2011 Conference features:

##### 2 Plenary presentations

- **Chris O'Neill** Kolling Institute for Medical Research, University of Sydney SRB Founders Lecture
- **Raymond Rodgers** University of Adelaide
- SRB Presidents Lecture

##### SRB invited speakers and oral sessions

- Growth Factors, Cytokines and Signalling (Phil Knight, UK)
- Lifestyle and Environment: Effects on Development (Paul Fowler, UK)
- Uterine and Placental Function (Mats Brannstrom, Sweden)
- Ovarian Function and Folliculogenesis (Darryl Russell, Adelaide)
- Embryo development and Implantation (Sarah Robertson, Adelaide)
- Male Reproduction (Moira O'Bryan, Monash)
- Reproductive and Sexual Development (Hongshi Yu, Melbourne)
- Spermatogenesis and Testicular Function (Eileen McLaughlin, Newcastle)
- Stem Cells and Assisted Reproductive Technologies (Justin St John, Monash)

##### Award Sessions and finalists

- SRB New Investigator Award (6 finalists)
- Newcastle Reproductive Science Early Career Researcher Award (4 finalists)
- RCRH Award for Excellence in Reproductive Biology Research



- ANZPRA Emerging Investigator Award (6 finalists)
- Oozoa Award for male and female gamete biology (3 finalists)
- MLA Award for livestock reproduction (3 finalists)

Program also included:

- 9 Oral free communication sessions featuring a total of 36 oral presentations
- 2 joint poster session featuring 178 presentations (56% of total WCRB)
- Meet a mentor breakfast for students, featuring symposia speakers
- Meet a mentor luncheon for early career researchers, including the Founders Lecture presenter

Delegates: 227 (at 12 September)

Abstracts: A total of 138 abstracts were submitted for consideration for SRB oral presentation and 60 accepted for presentation and the remainder offered a poster presentation in WCRB - a further approx 100 SRB members submitted abstracts as poster presentations only to the joint sessions in WCRB. This continues the trend towards increasing participation when compared to 133 in Sydney, 119 in Adelaide 2009, 128 in Melbourne 2008, 110 in Christchurch 2007 and 106 in Gold Coast 2006. Abstracts were published online as a downloadable pdf from the SRB website immediately before the meeting.

**Eileen McLaughlin & Charles Allan**  
**SRB POC Co-Chairs**

## World Congress on Reproductive Biology Cairns, 2011

The Second World Congress on Reproductive Biology (WCRB) was held with the SRB as sponsoring Society in Cairns; October 9-12<sup>th</sup> 2011. The congress was a resounding success both scientifically and financially.

The SRB took a momentous risk in tendering to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Reproductive Biology after the inaugural WCRB in Hawaii in 2008. Within months of making that decision the global financial crisis struck and all other contenders for this opportunity withdrew their interest. Sincere accolades must go to the successive SRB presidents Lois Salamonsen, Mike Holland and Mark Hedger who accepted the responsibility and believed that the SRB could run this meeting successfully. In particular Mark Hedger, the incumbent president during 2011, fully committed the resources of SRB to the success of the WCRB and this was a major contribution to its success. The local arrangements committee must also be sincerely thanked. These volunteers worked enthusiastically to solve the many challenges that arise when organising a unique stand alone event.

We all sincerely thank Mike Pickford and his team at ASN Events who provided expert conference secretariat support and without whom this task would have been impossible.



# World Congress on Reproductive Biology, Cairns, 2011

## Chair - Darryl Russell

### **WCRB Organising Committee:**

- Darryl Russell (Chair), University of Adelaide
- Eileen McLaughlin, University of Newcastle
- Charles Allan, ANZAC Research Institute, University of Sydney
- Eva Dimitriadis, Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research
- Mark Hedger, Monash Institute of Medical Research
- Guiying Nie, Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research

This event provided a unique opportunity to bring our international colleagues to our shores and make top echelon reproductive biology speakers accessible to all members of the SRB without the need for international travel. The chance to showcase the breadth and quality of research performed by the members of the SRB, and to network with national and international colleagues were also major benefits.

### **Demographics:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> WCRB was a truly international meeting expanding to incorporate 7 national societies as formally engaged partners. Each provided a representative to the steering and program organising committee.

### **Partner Societies:**

- Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB; Australia New Zealand), Darryl Russell (Chair)
- Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR; USA), John Nilson
- Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF; UK), Greg FitzHarris

- Society for Reproduction and Development (SRD; Japan), Kiyoshi Okuda
- Chinese Society for Reproductive Biology (CSRB; China), Qing-Yuan Sun
- European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE; Europe), Johan Smits
- Korean Society for Animal Reproduction (KSAR; Republic of Korea), Gyu-Jin Rho

The program included 7 plenary sessions featuring eminent reproductive biologists from each of the national regions represented. An additional 56 invited speakers from Australia/New Zealand and around the world presented in symposia focused on current cutting edge topics in Reproductive Biology.

Delegates and presenters came from 31 different countries. The opportunity to have the world's best reproductive biology research brought to our doorstep was not missed by SRB members and it was very pleasing to see almost 45% of registrants were from Australia and New Zealand.

### **Statistics:**

A total of 521 registrations were received for the WCRB, a dramatic increase on the first congress and well above our initial target of 380.

477 Abstracts were submitted and peer reviewed resulting in 69 podium presentations and 315 poster presentations being awarded by the Organising committee.



## World Congress on Reproductive Biology, Cairns, 2011 Chair - Darryl Russell

In post-conference surveys a very high satisfaction was reported by the delegates, with 99% of respondents indicating that they would attend another WCRB after this one. Over 90% of respondents judged the program content and overall standard as either very good or excellent and likewise over 90% considered the venue and facilities in Cairns as very good or excellent. These responses indicate that in all aspects an enjoyable conference was almost universally experienced.

### Financials:

A shortfall in corporate sponsorship, brought about by the current challenging financial environment was the major challenge. We extend our deepest gratitude to the event sponsors:

### Sponsors:

- Research centre for Reproductive Health, University of Adelaide
- Found Animals
- Monash Institute of Medical Research
- Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research
- Centre for Reproduction and Genomics
- CSIRO Publishing

- Society for Reproductive Biology
- Society for the Study of Reproduction
- Journal for Reproduction and Development
- Society for Reproduction and Fertility

Due to adherence to a responsible budget and the strong support through attendance by Australian and International delegates a very favourable financial outcome was achieved. As a result, the leadership role taken by the SRB in this event will have no negative financial repercussions.

### The next WCRB:

The strong international support and growing momentum for the WCRB endeavour has led to the UK Society; SRF tendering their interest in hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCRB meeting in Edinburgh in 3 years. More information should be available soon, but please save the date in your calendar now.

**3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Reproductive Biology, September 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> 2014.**  
**Venue Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)**





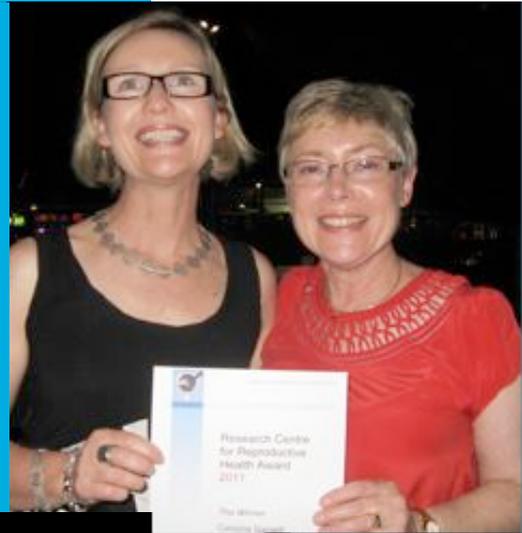
# SRB Awards 2011



SRB New Investigator Winner Andrew Reid (right) accepting his award from SRB President A/Prof Mark Hedger (left).



The RCRH Award for Excellence in Reproductive Biology Research winner A/Prof Caroline Gargett (right) is pictured with Prof Sarah Robinson (left) from the Robinson Institute.



The Newcastle Emerging Research Leader award winners Dr Jeremy Smith (left) and A/Prof Stephen Tong (right) are pictured with Prof John Aitken (centre) from the University of Newcastle.



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# SRB Awards 2011



Oozoa Award Winner Laura Frank (right) accepting her award from SRB President A/Prof Mark Hedger (left).



MLA New Scientist Award Winner Luis Fernando Malaver-Ortega (left) accepting his award from SRB President A/Prof Mark Hedger (right).





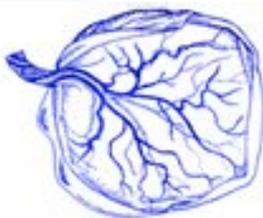
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CRG Student Poster Award winner Yuki Nakaya with the award certificate.



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**2011 Centre for Reproduction and Genomics Early Career Researcher Poster Award Recipient - Katherine Itman**



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**2011 ANZPRA New Investigator Award - Georgia Kafer**



# SRB 2012

Gold Coast Convention and  
Exhibition Centre  
26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012



## Important Dates:

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: 26th June 2012**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 15th June 2012**

### **Founder's Lecturer (Sponsored by RFD) - John Carroll**

John has worked on oocyte and embryo development since taking on an undergraduate research project with Peter Kaye and Jim Cummins at the University of Queensland. He then moved to the University of Adelaide to undertake a PhD which involved a collaboration with David Whittingham in London. This led to a post-doc at the MRC Experimental Embryology Unit in London before starting a lectureship and MRC Fellowship in the Department of Physiology at UCL. His work has focussed on understanding how oocytes grow and develop the capacity to undergo fertilization and early development. More recent work has focussed on understanding the role of mitochondrial activity and dynamics, how the meiotic spindle polarizes the cortex to allow polar body extrusion and how the meiotic cell divisions are controlled. John has been a member of the SRF since 1989, was a member of Council for the Journal of Reproduction and Fertility and served as Editor-in-Chief of the society's journal, *Reproduction* from 2003-2006. John Carroll is Professor of Reproductive Physiology and Head of the Division of Biosciences at UCL London.



### **President's Lecturer (Sponsored by RFD) - Keith Jones**

Keith Jones is Chair of Human Physiology in the School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Newcastle, Australia. His research is focused on understanding how female meiosis is controlled. From 1994-8 he worked in London at the MRC Experimental Embryology & Teratology Unit and at UCL. More recently until 2008 he was at Institute for Cell and Molecular Biosciences at the University of Newcastle-upon Tyne, UK. In 2008 he moved to Australia, and is currently a member of the ARC's College of Experts and also a member of the Cell Growth and Division Section of the Faculty of 1000.





# SRB Fellows 2011

An exciting new initiative for SRB last year was the creation of 'Fellows of the Society for Reproductive Biology'. These prestigious awards were created to recognise the high standing of certain SRB members in the reproductive biology community.

## Congratulations to our inaugural Fellows of the SRB!

- Bernard Bindon
- Chris O'Neill
- Eileen McLaughlin
- Iain Clarke
- Jeffrey Keelan
- Jock Findlay
- Lois Salamonsen
- Michelle Lane
- Moira O'Bryan
- Peter Rogers
- Ray Rodgers
- Sarah Robertson



SRB Fellows (left to right) Ray Rodgers, Jock Findlay, Moira O'Bryan, Iain Clarke, Sarah Robertson, Chris O'Neill, Lois Salamonsen and Eileen McLaughlin in Cairns last October

Further information about becoming an SRB Fellow is available on the website (<http://www.srb.org.au/index.php/fellows-of-the-society-for-reproductive-biology.html>).

**Applications to become a Fellow of SRB in 2012 are due on the 30th of April**  
(see details below).



## Call for Nominations for Fellow of the Society for Reproductive Biology

Applications are now being called for election to the status of 'Fellow of the Society for Reproductive Biology'.

The 'Fellows of the Society for Reproductive Biology' are prestigious awards that enhance the standing of both recipient and the Society. They have been created to recognise the high standing of certain SRB members in the reproductive biology community.

To apply for these awards, you must be:

- a financial member (or Life Member) of SRB of at least five years standing,
- 16 or more years post-PhD, and
- an internationally recognised leader in one or more dimensions of reproductive biology.

Detailed criteria for these awards are outlined under Specification for Fellows of the Society for Reproductive Biology on the SRB website:

<http://www.srb.org.au/index.php/fellows-of-the-society-for-reproductive-biology.html>

Please read these criteria carefully before applying.

To apply, please submit a portfolio of evidence illustrating how you meet the specified criteria. This should include a brief cover-letter summarising your application, up to 3 pages addressing the selection criteria and up to 2 pages identifying your most important publications. Suggestions for two referees should also be included. All information should be provided as a single PDF file.

Applications should be submitted by close of business on **Monday 30th April, 2012**. No late applications will be considered.

Applications should be submitted by email to:

[SocietyReproductiveBiology@gmail.com](mailto:SocietyReproductiveBiology@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not receive an acknowledgment that your application has been safely received within 2 working days of submission, please contact Jane Girling directly:

[jgirling@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:jgirling@unimelb.edu.au), 03 8345 3721

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## SRB 2012 Travel Grants & Awards

**Applications are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012!!**

### **SRB Student Travel Grants**

All students who are financial members or who have applied to be members are eligible to apply for travel grants to attend the Annual Scientific Conference. For eligibility requirements and to apply, please print out a copy of the application form (available on the SRB website) and send it together with a copy of your abstract to the Treasurer, Professor Rick Nicholson.

[Rick.Nicholson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rick.Nicholson@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

### **2012 SRB Awards**

Applications are invited for the following awards. Applicants for student and post doctoral awards will be judged initially on the basis of their submitted abstract. Applicants will be informed of the session in which they are to present when acceptances of abstracts are sent out. In order to apply, **simply tick the box at the relevant question during abstract submission and submit the appropriate eligibility and declaration of authorship form** to the appropriate awards committee chair.

Before you submit your abstract please fill out the **SRB Awards Declaration form**, which can be downloaded from the website (see web address below).

Further information about the awards, including eligibility criteria and applications requirements can be found on the SRB website:

<http://www.srb.org.au/index.php/travel-grants-and-awards.html>

### **2012 SRB RCRH Award for Excellence in Reproductive Biology Research**

To recognize an excellent contributor working in the field of Reproductive Biology who is a member of the SRB. Recipients must be less than 15 years post-receipt of their Doctorate at 15th June 2012 and agree to attend and present at the 2012 SRB annual meeting if application is successful.

**Award:** \$3000 cash prize announced at the Society for Reproductive Biology meeting, and on SRB website and in Annual Conference Proceedings

**Send all documents by email to: Chris O'Neill, Chair, Sydney University, Sydney, [chris.oneill@sydney.edu.au](mailto:chris.oneill@sydney.edu.au)**

### **2012 Newcastle Reproduction Emerging Research Leader Award**

To recognize an emerging and excellent contributor working in the field of Reproductive Biology who is a member of the SRB. Recipients must be more than 2 years and up to 8 years\*\* post-receipt of their Doctorate at 15th June 2012 and if shortlisted for the final, agree to attend and present at the 2012 SRB annual meeting in the Newcastle Reproduction Award Session.

\*\* Time away from research will be taken into account within the 2-8 year time frame (for example maternity leave).

**Award:** \$1000 cash prize announced at the Annual Dinner of the Society for Reproductive Biology meeting.

**Send all documents by email to: Chris O'Neill, Chair, Sydney University, Sydney, [chris.oneill@sydney.edu.au](mailto:chris.oneill@sydney.edu.au)**



## SRB 2012 Travel Grants & Awards

### ***The Oozoa Student Award***

One award is given to a presenting author who is a current SRB member for the best presentation, either oral or poster, by a postgraduate student (pre-award of PhD at time of abstract submission), working on gametes (oocytes or sperm).

**Award:** \$500 cash prize announced at the Annual Dinner of the Society for Reproductive Biology meeting.

### ***The SRB New Investigator Award***

This award is given to the oral best presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting by a postgraduate student or researcher within 2 years of receiving their PhD award on 15th June 2012. Applicants must be members of the Society for Reproductive Biology. A short list of applicants will be selected from the submitted abstracts to present in the dedicated Merck Serono New Investigator Award session.

**Award:** \$1000 cash prize announced at the Annual Dinner of the Society for Reproductive Biology meeting.

Applicants of the **Oozoa Student Award** and the **SRB New Investigator Award** must submit a 100 word statement describing their career stage (i.e. degrees and date of award) and progress toward PhD or beyond and listing each author(s) contribution to the work to be presented (a form is available on the SRB website). This statement must be signed by all authors and emailed to **Eva Dimitriadis** ([evdokia.dimitriadis@princehenrys.org](mailto:evdokia.dimitriadis@princehenrys.org)) before the close of abstract submissions on **15th June 2012**.

### ***ANZPRA Emerging Investigator Award***

This award is given to a presenting author who is a current ANZPRA member for the best oral by a postgraduate student or researcher within 2 years of receiving their PhD award on 15th June 2012, on placental biology. Applicants must be current members of the Society for Reproductive Biology and ANZPRA. A short list of applicants will be selected from the submitted abstracts to present in the dedicated ANZPRA Emerging Investigator Award session.

**Award:** \$500 cash prize announced at the Annual Dinner of the Society for Reproductive Biology meeting.

Applicants must submit a 100 word statement describing their career stage (i.e. degrees and date of award) and progress toward PhD or beyond and listing each author(s) contribution to the work to be presented (a form is available on the SRB website). This statement must be signed by all authors and emailed to **Prof Claire Roberts**, Chair ANZPRA Awards Committee,

[claire.roberts@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:claire.roberts@adelaide.edu.au)

before the close of abstract submissions on **15th June 2012**.





## Reproduction, Fertility and Development (RFD)



### – Our Official Journal

Re-affirming the close historical and professional relationship between the Society and *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*, we are pleased to announce that the Journal has recently committed to sponsoring the Founders Lecture and President's Lecture at the SRB Annual Meeting for a further three years. *Reproduction, Fertility and Development* is the official journal of the Society, and all members are encouraged to support the Journal by submitting their best work for consideration. Published eight times a year, *Reproduction, Fertility and Development* is an international journal with rigorous editorial oversight, and a current impact factor of 2.553 (2010 figure). Benefits for authors include rapid and expert reviews, online publication before print, Open Access options, and free colour online and in PDFs. Readers and subscribers enjoy internationally relevant research and reviews, special issues including the International Embryo Transfer Society's Annual Conference Proceedings, and Research Fronts on topical issues. For more information, visit the journal's website [www.publish.csiro.au/journals/rfd/](http://www.publish.csiro.au/journals/rfd/)

## Upcoming Meetings

### **ESA Basic Science Seminar Weekend**

[www.esaseminar.org.au](http://www.esaseminar.org.au)

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> April, Torquay, Victoria

Registration Open

### **17th International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR)**

<http://www.icar2012.com>

29<sup>th</sup> July – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vancouver Convention Centre, Canada

Early Bird Registration: May 14<sup>th</sup>

Regular Registration: June 18<sup>th</sup>

### **ESA Clinical Weekend**

[www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au](http://www.esaclinicalweekend.org.au)

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August, Kingscliff, New South Wales

Early Bird Registration: 8<sup>th</sup> June

Case Study Submission: 11<sup>th</sup> May

### **ESA-SRB Annual Conference**

[www.esa-srb.org.au](http://www.esa-srb.org.au)

26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

Early Bird Registration: 26<sup>th</sup> June

Abstract Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> June

### **ANZPRA Satellite Meeting**

[www.esa-srb.org.au/anzpra-satellite](http://www.esa-srb.org.au/anzpra-satellite)

26<sup>th</sup> August

Save the Date!

### **The Australian Early Origins of Hypertension Workshop**

[www.sapmea.asn.au/eohw2012](http://www.sapmea.asn.au/eohw2012)

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September, Adelaide, SA

Abstract Deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> May

Super Early Bird Registration: 4<sup>th</sup> May



# 2011/2012 SRB Council

<b>Elected</b>	
<b>President</b>	Mark Hedger
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