



Society for Reproductive Biology Inc. Newsletter No 48, November 2001

From the Communications Officer – Jim Cummins.

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Chairman's Report

From John Hearn E mail John.hearn@anu.edu.au

Statement on Issues and Directions 2001-2003

1. **Core Objectives.** Basic and strategic science in reproduction, fertility and development. Underpinning agriculture and food, biomedicine and health, environment and conservation.
2. **Scientific Meetings.** The Society will put top priority on the quality of research and education of its members through the forum of its scientific meetings. The content and organization of meetings will reflect the core objectives above. The focus on reproduction and fertility will evolve to include developmental and environmental biology.
3. **Membership.** The Society aims to increase its membership from 250 to 400 over the next three years. This requires clarity in core objectives and activities, top quality in scientific meetings to attract all possible support and participation, and value to members in order that they consider membership as essential. SRB will strengthen recruitment of medical and veterinary scientists. All current members are asked to recruit actively.
4. **Young Scientists.** A major priority for the Society is the creation of opportunity for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. SRB will develop a program to enrich the relevance and environment of the Society in increasing awareness of cutting edge science, employment opportunity and mentorship. We can develop further our information resources for this purpose.
5. **Scientific Alliances.** The Society will remain autonomous as SRB, normally meeting jointly with ESA. SRB will strengthen associations and collaborations with other national and international societies. Practical objectives include reciprocal joint symposia and workshops with ESA, FSA, ASMR, and ComBio, planning a 3-year rolling horizon to foster joint meetings and activities. The prospect for an International Reproductive Societies Congress will be explored with SSR and SRF, as well as block memberships with these societies.
6. **Communication.** The Society will focus internal communications to improve service and information for its members; and external communication to foster mutual interests with parliament and government, industry and commerce, state scientific agencies and the Academies, press and public. The communication program will promote the key message that our basic and strategic objectives hold solutions for national and global challenges including population, food, health, biodiversity and environment. The website will be revised accordingly.
7. **Publication.** SRB will promote our Journal, Reproduction Fertility and Development, taking every possible step to enhance the impact factor, citation standing and readership through increase in submission of top quality papers.
8. **Organization.** Committee responsibilities have been revised to focus portfolio areas for Officers and Ordinary members. New portfolios include the scientific

program, membership and fundraising. A collegial team approach is being developed, which must include all members of the Society.

9. **Funding and Resource Mobilization.** The funding base will be broadened in a 3 year rolling program related to the core objectives and meeting schedule. This is a challenge for SRB with its mission in basic and strategic science. Negotiations will be needed with research and biotechnology interests, and active exploration of alliances through AusBiotech and our partner Societies.

Report from SRB Secretary

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The locations of future meetings by SRB-affiliated societies are tabled below.

The SRB committee recommends that SRB meet with ESA in 2002 and 2003. Symposiums will be held with FSA in 2002 and in the future.

Society	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
SRB	Adelaide 22-25Sept	Melbourne			
ESA	Adelaide 22-25Sept	Melbourne Sept	Canberra?		
FSA	Brisbane	Perth	Adelaide	Auckland	
COMBIO	Sydney 29Sept-3Oct	Melbourne	Perth	Adelaide	Brisbane
ASMR	Melbourne 25-29nov	Adelaide?			

Student Representative Report

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The SRB meeting in QLD this year fostered a great step forward in terms of the student membership. Although the student meeting was poorly attended the wealth of conversation generated has left the executive committee and membership attending the AGM a feeling for the students role in the society. The students discussed issues such as student funding to attend annual meetings, the appointment of a new student representative and the possible introduction of various student schemes aimed at making the SRB conferences more 'student friendly'.

The student travel grants constitute a substantial proportion of funds available for the annual SRB conference. In deciding on their extent for future meetings, students were asked if a reduction in the number of grants or the monetary value itself would prevent their attendance. It was confirmed that the majority of students rely on these grants to attend the conferences. Students feel that if the reduction is necessary that those student not submitting an abstract be targeted. The students also would like to see the addition of more affordable accommodation included in the registration booklets. For many students the listed accommodation is financially unsuitable.

Stemming from this discussion was the attendance of the SRB student dinner. Students feel that the price of the dinner is a little excessive, preventing many of them from attending. They would like to see the cost reduced, and were happy to propose alternate options. Dinner was not deemed necessary and the suggestion of a joint ESA-SRB student mixer was entertained.

In terms of the conference itself an issue arising initially from the questionnaire the committee recently circulated, was the proposal that SRB might instigate a 'lunch with leaders' program, similar to the 'meet the professor' sessions many people have attended during international conferences. This was met with much enthusiasm, as was the introduction of the student lunch seminar at this year's conference. Camilla Myers, Managing director for the Journal of Reproduction and Fertility spoke to us regarding publication protocols and hints, a seminar, which was provided advice to many students who are beginning to publish their experimental research findings.

The final item discussed was the appointment of a new Student representative for the committee. Christine White, a first year PhD student studying with Lois Salamonsen at Prince Henry's Institute in Melbourne was approached and has accepted the position. I have now compiled a student email list and will be contacting many students in the near future to find out your research interests and circulate these in the hope that we may find advice and collaborations through our peers.

Should any students have any questions, issues or comments please contact me at.
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(Ed: please note the form for applying for student travel assistance on
<http://numbat.murdoch.edu.au/spermatology/asrbtraf.html>)

Junior Scientist Award, Gold Coast 2001

From Alan Tilbrook Email Alan.Tilbrook@med.monash.edu.au

This year, there was an exceptionally strong field of 15 applications for the JSA award making it extremely difficult for the judges to reduce the list to six for the oral session. The final list of six was chosen by seven judges who considered development of hypothesis and experimental design, adequacy of methods and statistical analyses, technical expertise of the applicant, validity of conclusions, originality and innovation and general presentation. The six presenters in the JSA oral session were Alexandra Harvey, Wendy Ingman, Andrew Pask, Cecilia Sjöblom, Melanie Sutton and Zhen Zhen. The quality of the presentations was outstanding and selecting an overall winner was tough. The criteria used by the judges to assess the oral presentations were similar to those used to assess the abstracts with additional criteria being the clarity of presentation, the ability to not exceed the delivery time of 10 minutes and responses to questions. Congratulations to Wendy Ingman of the University of Adelaide on winning the 2001 SRB JSA Award. The title of Wendy's paper was "Impaired ovarian function and preimplantation embryo development in TGF β 1 null mutant mice".

RFD Travel Award

From Camilla Myers

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The 'RFD Travel Award' is sponsored by the SRB's journal, *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*. The inaugural RFD Travel Award was won this year by Michael Abdo, from the Department of Anatomy and Human Biology, University of Western Australia, for his application based on his work on apoptosis in the rat corpus luteum. The award of \$1000 helped Michael attend the SSR meeting in Ottawa in July and to visit several labs in North America, the UK and Ireland. Michael also wins a year's subscription to *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*.

The RFD Travel Award for 2002 is now open for applications and all PhD student and postdoctoral members of SRB are encouraged to apply. The award is judged on the best paper submitted to or published in the Journal during the 12 months prior to 31 March 2002. So if you wish to have a chance to win \$1000 to attend either the SSR or SSF meeting, make sure you submit your paper to the Journal and put in your application before March 2002.

For further details of the award and to obtain the application form, visit the RFD website: www.publish.csiro.au/journals/rfd/travel.cfm

I look forward to your applications!

Hints for improved PowerPoint slides – from Graeme Martin and Alan Tilbrook, Junior Scientist Committee

With the increased use of computer-based presentation programs such as Microsoft PowerPoint to present papers at scientific conferences, there is a need to consider how to make slides that project well, particularly in rooms that are not always ideal as lecture theatres or auditoriums. Unfortunately, what looks good on the computer screen does not always project well. Below we suggest ways to improve slides made using PowerPoint.

Fonts

Try to avoid fonts that have been designed for laser printing (e.g. Times New Roman, Helvetica). They are designed for laser printers and work best at 300 dots per inch (dpi) or more, not the 72 dpi that is a typical resolution for monitors and projectors. When projected, the letter spacing becomes irregular and some of the letters look malformed. Also, serif fonts (e.g. Times New Roman) project badly and look fuzzy because the serifs and horizontal parts of the letters are too fine for bigish dots. Amongst the best fonts for PowerPoint are "Arial" (*this newsletter – Ed*) and "Comic Sans MS". The former is more formal than the latter, so you can choose depending on the audience.

Upper case, underline, italics

Try to avoid using UPPER CASE. It's a hangover from typewriter days and is difficult to read quickly because all the letters are basically the same shape and size. Never use underlines because they chop off the bottom bits of letters like g and y. Use italics sparingly because they work very badly on projectors. Instead, use a range of fonts and font sizes, as well as bold, and coloured text.

Axes on graphs

Make the label for the y-axis horizontal. It saves the audience looking silly during your talk (and getting a crick in their neck). Also, Microsoft has a lot of trouble displaying vertical text.

Graphs

Three-dimensional histograms look cute, but shouldn't be used. It is very hard to read the values off the axes. For line graphs, avoid little triangles and squares (the default for Excel). Filled and open circles always project better. If Excel can't do it properly, transfer the graph to a decent graphics program (PowerPoint is **not** a decent graphics program, although it is often better than Excel and it lets you overlay nice big circles on Excel's wonky symbols). (*Ed comment – 3-D renditions of 2-D data are a particular hate of mine!*)

Colours

Be very wary of red (text or diagrams). It always looks great on the monitor but it often projects very badly. Red is also bad for people who are red/green colour-blind (there are lots of them).

Miniposters ... I'm Afraid

By Graeme Martin and Peter Kaye

We were once great supporters of the miniposter concept, but are now convinced that its time has come and gone.

History

The Society happily took the format on board as a means of boosting the appeal and effectiveness of poster sessions, basically by turning them into rapid-fire orals. The original system involved putting all the detail into the printed miniposter then giving a 2-minute talk with a maximum of 3 slides. This increased the comfort for audiences, allowed much better vision of the data and helped us to cope with the large number of abstracts at our annual meetings. There was also a problem at the time with renting suitable space and boards for poster presentation at the then university venues. The miniposter book subsequently became the abstract book and, with advances in desktop publishing (but not necessarily the skills of the scientists in that area!), the quality of the output became quite sophisticated. This led some people to worry about issues of prior publication and created a large editorial burden for the Program Organizing Committee. Poster viewing space, however, was no longer presented a problem.

Present and future

Two things have happened that are forcing us to re-address this issue:

- 1) The size of our meeting has contracted so we have fewer abstracts and fewer poster or miniposter presentations; the outcome for this is that the program organizers have extended miniposter oral presentations from 2 minutes to 8 minutes in order to fill the session, leading to the obvious suggestion that we return to full 10-minute orals for all who would prefer that to a poster; if that happens, miniposters are no longer necessary and text abstracts are all that is needed for conference goers to assess their interest in the topic;
- 2) This year the SRB journal, *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*, successfully printed the conference miniposters and abstracts for the first time. For some time, we have been considering the possibility that the Journal should manage the full production of the conference program and abstract book as a supplement to the Journal (in print and on line) – this would allow worldwide distribution of the abstracts, in much the same way as these are published by our sister societies in the USA and the UK. However, difficulties related to prior publication in the miniposter format have prevented this. Using our journal to publish the abstracts and conference program will save a lot of money for the SRB but, for it to be a realistic option, we need to go back to simple text abstracts.

In addition, SRB is also committed to meeting with ESA and FSA, neither of which use the miniposter format and neither of which is ever likely to do so. The meetings would have a more cohesive format if we all used the same approach to sessions and abstracts.

We write as long-serving members of the SRB community and also as members of the Editorial Board of *Reproduction, Fertility and Development*. That Board supports our views fully.

No matter how we look at it, it is time for SRB to go back to simple text abstracts.

Conference news

Report from the SRB Local Organising Committee Chair, Gold Coast 2001

2001 SRB LOC members: **Jon Curlewis, Peter Kaye & Helen Massa**

I hope all those who attended this meeting will agree that it was a huge success, notwithstanding the tragic events of 11 September, the demise of Ansett and the subsequent air travel chaos that no doubt caused difficulties for many delegates returning home.

Australian Science Network organized the conference and the Director, Mike Pickford and his team did a tremendous job in delivering an outstanding event. With the attraction of the various combined meetings run back-to-back over the entire week, Mike was able put together a huge trade display, which is the main reason we will make a small profit from the meeting. I suspect that most delegates returned home, sick of ice cream and cake, and with lots of (near useless) bits and pieces in their bags (but a lot more knowledgeable about certain products). The conference dinner and student function were well attended and from all reports, enjoyed immensely. Unfortunately the after effects of the student function were clearly visible the next day with many senior members of the society showing signs resembling moderate to severe head trauma. The final budget for the meeting has not yet been prepared but with more than 430 registrants we expect to make a small surplus for the Society.

This year saw a major impact of IT on organization of the meeting and delivery of papers. Registration was available via the web (optional) and the majority of papers were delivered as PowerPoint presentations. Although IT problems did arise from time to time, this is the way of the future and hopefully the very rapid developments that are occurring in this area will make the technology more reliable in the future.

I wish to acknowledge the major contribution of Judith Clements (ESA) who chaired the joint LOC and thank Peter Kaye and Helen Massa for participating in the LOC. Finally, a special thanks to Mike Pickford and his team who worked so hard to ensure the conference was a success.

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Report from the Program Organising Committee Chair, Gold Coast 2001

2001 SRB POC members: **Ann Drummond, Andrew French, Kate Loveland, David Phillips, Andrew Sinclair, Lois Salamonsen, Anne Turner**

This year there were 73 miniposter/ oral presentations and 17 invited symposium speakers. The program was designed to bring in speakers who have a high national and international profile in areas of interest to SRB members, with symposia featuring “Innovative Approaches to Reproductive Biology”, “Reproduction, Genetics and Development”, “The Cell Cycle”, “Global Issues in Population Control” and “The Extracellular Matrix”. Generous support from the Pest Animal Control CRC greatly facilitated achievement of the high standard of science presented at the Conference. The Society’s 2001 Founders Lecturer, Professor David Albertini (Tufts University, Boston), proved to be a great stimulus for discussion and interaction, and we eagerly anticipate his return to reinforce the multiple collaborations initiated during the conference.

Once again, the standard of applications for the Junior Scientist Award was extremely high, particularly amongst the finalists, and Wendy Ingman is to be congratulated for being selected as the Winner of the 2001 Serono Junior Scientist Award.

The Late-Breaking Science session was extremely well attended, and we look forward to continuing this opportunity to showcase recent breakthroughs at the final session of the conference, jointly with the ESA delegates.

The new procedures for publication and program distribution were successfully implemented, with online access to all submissions available three weeks in advance of the conference start date. The stellar efforts of Camilla Myers of *Reproduction, Fertility and Development* must be acknowledged for this. The POC expects to be accepting abstracts as well as miniposter submissions in 2002, to accommodate the changing requirements of SRB members.

Finally, I would like to thank the POC members and SRB Executive for their support during preparations for the 2001 Annual Conference. It’s not too late to put forth your suggestions for speakers and symposium topics (email to:

Kate.Loveland@med.monash.edu.au) for the 2002 and 2003 conferences.

Kate Loveland, POC Chair, SRB 2001 Conference

Publication of the Roger Short Symposium - 'From Elephants to AIDS'

From Camilla Myers E mail Camilla.Myers@csiro.au

Papers from the Roger Short Symposium (From Elephants to AIDS) will be published as a special issue of Reproduction, Fertility and Development in January 2002. To view the table of contents and order your copy, visit the RFD website, special issues page (www.publish.csiro.au/journals/rfd/specials.cfm). Alternatively, contact CSIRO Publishing Sales directly on 03 9662 7666 or publishing.sales@csiro.au

Annual Scientific Meeting, Society for Reproductive Biology and the Endocrine Society of Australia 22-23rd September, 2002 Adelaide

From Ray Rodgers, convenor E mail ray.rodgers@adelaide.edu.au.

These meetings will be held at the newly-extended Adelaide Convention Centre in downtown Adelaide. Our former Premier and Tourism Minister opened it just a few weeks ago. The centre is really excellent and I attended the opening ceremony, and by chance, the social mixer of the first meeting there. It just happened to be a wine conference. The venue will be excellent for us so please put the dates in your diary and plan on coming to the meeting: - bringing your family as well.

Mike Pickford is the conference organizer again this year, and our local organizing committee consists of Tony Roberts, Jeremy Thompson, Hamish Eaton, Wendy Ingman, Rob Gilchrist and myself. The program Chairs Leon Bach and Kate Loveland will also contribute to the planning of the local events.

The University Games will be going to be held in Adelaide the same week as our meetings. As a large number of students will attend these games, budget accommodation may be tight, and we are moving quickly to ensure that we reserve some for ourselves.

The accommodation costs should be lower than last year and certainly lower than in the other major capital cities. Of course travel to Adelaide is always convenient and cheap, and the venue is only 15 min from the airport, as is everything else in Adelaide. The registration fee, however, may be slightly higher this year.

We have set ourselves some goals. One is to work more closely with the Australian Diabetes Society and the Australian Diabetes Educators Association in particular, as they are also using the same conference organizer as us. We are looking forward to seeing you in Adelaide.

Reproductive Genomics December 5-6, Monash Medical Centre



The rapid advance of genomic technologies has opened up enormous possibilities for understanding reproductive health and disease and it is with this in mind that Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development and Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research will hold their joint 2001 symposium on "Reproductive Genomics".

As you will see from the program on

<http://www.monashinstitute.org/news/PHIMR,IRDSymposium/program.htm>, the conference organizing committee has assembled an outstanding group of speakers with interests far wider reaching than reproductive biology alone. The symposium promises to be of great value to anyone with an interest in genomics as a whole, genetics, biotechnology or reproductive function.

Speakers include: Charles Cantor (Sequenom, CA), Nabeel Affara (Cambridge, UK), Steve Smith (Cambridge, UK), Austin Cooney (Baylor, TX), Mary Stevens (Bayer Corp), Ayelet Chayut (QBI, Israel), Eric Vilain (UCLA, CA), Ken McElvreevey (Pasteur Inst., France), Leland Chung (Emory U, GA) and the cream of the Australian genomics, genetics and stem cell fields.

Registration for both staff and students is \$165 (inc. GST) for the symposium and \$70 (inc. GST) for the dinner.

For further information, the current program and registration details please contact Dr. Moira O'Bryan at Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development on 03 9594 7127 moira.obryan@med.monash.edu.au or see www.monashinstitute.org/news/frontpage.htm

Third International Conference on the Epididymis: May 29-June 1, 2002 in Charlottesville, VA

This will take place under the sponsorship of the American Society of Andrology, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and a number of contributor foundations and corporate citizens. Please be aware that the deadline for submission of abstracts is 1 December, 2001. The Epididymis III website is at <http://hsc.virginia.edu/epididymis-III/>. Please visit that site for program information, abstract submission and meeting pre-registration.

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Ninth International Spermatology Symposium, Cape Town, October 6-12, 2002

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We have secured about 36 plenary speakers and they all seem to be keen to come. Sponsors have reacted very positively and we have either received funding from some and have been promised funding by approximately 11 companies but are still awaiting responses from another 15 companies nationally and internationally.

The second announcement should reach most international destinations towards the latter half of November. However, only a limited number of these will be sent out as we will launch our 9th ISS web page also during this period. This web page will contain all the information contained in the second announcement and will allow registration, abstract submission, accommodation reservation and tours directly through the web (*Ed – this will be posted on the URL above when finalized*)

We have managed to keep costs under control and registration and average accommodation in three hotels on the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront will be either the same or less than the previous ISS conference.

Hotel accommodation in Waterfront hotels is as cheap as US\$15/day when three people are sharing, to a middle level of about US\$50/day for singles. The super

luxury level of Table Bay Hotel will be at about US\$77 when sharing and about US\$155 single - but this would include an English Breakfast worth US\$15.

Registration desks, the secretariat offices, the scientific meetings, posters, exhibition by sponsors as well as tour desks will be located at the Table Bay Hotel.

Plenary Speakers: More than 30 plenary speakers, among the very best in their fields internationally, have accepted our invitation. Professor Roger Short will present the Thaddeus Mann lecture.

Registration

Registration will start at 12:00 on Sunday 6 October 2002 in the Conference Centre of the Table Bay. The registration/information desk will be open from 8:30 to 16:30 from 7 to 10 December.

Registration fees in South African Rand, ZAR and US\$ in brackets (approximate R9.1 = 1US\$)

Dates (2002)	Delegate	Student	Accompanying person
Before 30 April	R3600 (395)	R2690 (295)	R2280 (250)
After 30 April	R4050 (445)	R3050 (335)	R2680 (295)
After 30 July	R4550 (500)	R3460 (380)	R3100 (340)

Registration fees for delegates and students include attendance to all sessions, printed materials including the program and abstracts, the Welcome reception on 6 October, two Tea/coffee and pastries breaks per day as well as the Symposium Banquet on Thursday evening the 10th of October 2001. Accompanying persons will have access to the Welcome reception, and the Symposium banquet

Students

Students are defined as full time students, enrolled for degrees or diplomas at any tertiary institution. Students must have their Head of Department confirm their student status on a departmental letterhead and official stamp. The student registration fee applies only to full time students who do not hold a full time or contract position.

Delegates from Africa

A special rate has been determined for registration of delegates and accompanying persons from all countries in Africa. Please contact the conference secretariat for these rates (E-mail: gvdh@uwc.ac.za) before registering for conference.

Accompanying Persons - Make this a family trip to Africa!!!

Accompanying person registration is open to family members/guests of participants. The fees include the Welcome Reception, and the Symposium Banquet.

Passports and Visas

Every visitor to South Africa requires a valid passport. Passport holders from approximately 80 countries, including the USA, Canada, UK, Japan and EU can visit South Africa without a visa. We do suggest that you contact your travel agency or the South African diplomatic representative in your region in terms of visa requirements particularly when you intend to take tours to neighbouring countries in Africa

Health

Vaccination certificates are not required for South Africa except for travellers entering within six days after leaving an infected yellow fever area. It is strongly recommended that visitors to the low veld, The Kruger National Park and game reserves of KwaZulu Natal take a course of anti-malaria tablets before entering these areas.

Johannesburg, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Cape Town are malaria free areas.

It is safe to drink tap water throughout South Africa, however, bottled mineral water is readily available in most stores.

Accommodation

Cape Town has become the most popular destination for tourists to Africa and the hotels are particularly strict in terms of a deposit a few months in advance of arrival. Please see details for deposit payment and full payment in the web page that will be advertised soon.

Accommodation has been reserved at a range of hotels at negotiated rates for Congress delegates. Only bookings through the Secretariat will secure these rates. All rates quoted are per room/person per night and are all within the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. (*Ed – details will be posted on the WWW site listed above when available*)

Third EVSSAR Congress on Reproduction in Companion, Exotic and Laboratory Animals

Palais des Congrès Liège Belgium 10-12 May 2002

In May 2002 the EVSSAR will organize the third EVSSAR Congress in association with the University of Liège, the Belgian Veterinarian Association and the Belgian breeding association "Société Royal Saint Hubert". The congress will take place in the centre of Liège, close to the historical and commercial centre.

The three-day congress will include sessions on:

- Recent advances in physio-pathology of companion animal reproduction
- Biotechnology of reproduction in companion and exotic animals
- New advances in medical imaging including endoscopy, laparoscopy, MRI and petscan of the reproductive function and pregnancy
- Recent advances in surgery of reproduction
- Neonatology and perinatal care
- Epidemiology and treatment of reproductive cancers in companion animals
- Education and continuing education in small animal reproduction
- Ethics in small Animal Reproduction

Practicals will be organised on related topics with the objective to present step-by-step procedures. Some of the practicals will be dedicated to surgical procedures and supportive reproductive care for exotic companion animal species such as, ferrets, rabbits or other small mammals. During the congress time periods will be dedicated

for scientific and clinical papers presentation. For this reason, this first announcement is also a first call for paper presentation intent.

A social program will be set up not only for participants but also for all accompanying persons. The objectives of the social activities will be to make this congress the best "souvenir" of your professional life!!

Finally, a pre-congress workshop will be organized the day prior to the start of the congress especially for breeders and individual non-veterinarians interested in small animal breeding and reproduction.

Information and manifest of intent have to be send preferentially by e-mail to: Dr. J. Verstegen, responsible for the local organization of this symposium.

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Fifteenth International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR)

Bahia Convention Center, Salvador, Bahia State, Brazil 8-12th August 2004
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25-30 Nov 2001, the 17th World Congress on Fertility and Sterility. Incorporating the 20th Annual Meeting of the Fertility Society of Australia, Melbourne Victoria.
Check details at www.iffs2001.com

Visitors

Dharma (Prof A. Dharmarajan dharmadharma@anhb.uwa.edu.au) informs me he will be visited by Doug Stocco, from the Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, in Lubbock, Texas, from November 5 to December 1. Professor Stocco is a biochemist and cell biologist with specific research interest in steroid hormone synthesis and cholesterol transport. His laboratory was the first to clone the Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory (StAR) Protein, a protein that plays an important role in cholesterol transport from the cellular stores to the inner mitochondrial membrane. He has published over 150 papers and he has been an invited speaker at more than 100 national/international meetings. He has supervised more than 30 PhD/Postdoctoral students. He has received grant support from several funding agencies including a Merit Award from the National health Institute. In addition to several awards He has also received the best scientist award from the Society of Study of Reproduction.

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