

SRB Newsletter

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Prof Moira
O'Bryan

President's Report

Annual Scientific Meeting

It is with great excitement that I have taken up the role of president of SRB. SRB is a society that has been part of my annual calendar, and close to my heart, since I was a post-doctoral fellow. It is an honour to serve in the role of president for the next three years. I look forward to getting to know many of you better, and I thank the past President and council for putting the society in such a strong position.

Congratulations on turning 50 and thank you to those who made it happen.

The 2018 annual meeting marked 50 years since SRB's first annual meeting. This is an important milestone and one that was marked in great style and joy. The science was excellent and the parties were great. There were many outstanding scientific presentations, but I single out two: Prof. Eileen McLaughlin, the Founders' orator, and Prof. Franco de Mayo, the President's lecturer. I particularly thank Kirsty Walters and Brett Nixon for assembling what I believe was a perfectly balanced program. While the retrospectives are not something we would want to do every year, it is extremely valuable to occasionally pause and reflect on the important role New Zealanders and Australians have made to reproductive biology globally. As a council, we were delighted by the number of Founding and Life members who came to Adelaide and the generosity of spirit they shared with all members. Thank you. Perhaps not surprisingly, registrations to the SRB conference was at an all-time high of over 500.





President's Report, continued

I want to particularly thank our immediate past-president Chris O'Neill for his leadership around the 50th and for his entire three-year tenure. Chris's commitment to SRB and the future of reproductive biology was evident in every decision he made. It was a pleasure working with him over my year as president-elect and to watch the way in which he nimbly negotiated relationships with other societies, government and competing interests within the sector. The council, and I'm sure the whole society, thanks Chris for his strong leadership and clear direction.



Prof Chris O'Neill
Past President

I also wish to thank our other outgoing council members including Jeremy Smith for his role as treasurer. The society is in good financial shape in no small part due to Jeremy's stewardship. I thank Brett Nixon and Kristy Walters for their three-year term as program organising co-chairs. This is an enormous role which they delivered to the highest standard. I thank Hanna Brown for her role in public relations; Sarah Delforce for her role as a student representative; Michael Bertoldo for his role as an ECR representative; and Jemma Evans for her role in organising the conference booth and public forums.

We also welcome the new council members: Jane Girling (University of Otago), treasurer; Mark Baker (University of Newcastle) newsletters; Kelly Walton (Monash University) public relations; Amy Winship (Monash University) ECR representative; and Saije Morosin (University of Newcastle) student representative. I also welcome Laura Lindsay (University of Sydney) and Angelique Reipsamen (University of NSW) who have taken on the role of local organising committee co-chairs for the 2019 Sydney meeting. Last, but certainly not least, I welcome John Schjenken (University of Adelaide) and Andrew Pask (University of Melbourne) as our POC co-chairs. They have made an exceptionally good start. As has always been the case, please contact any of the council members, including me, if you'd like to make a contribution or you have ideas about how SRB could serve the membership more effectively.





President's Report continued

An SRB for all. SRB is an important banner organisation for all aspects of reproductive biology, whether it be defining the mechanisms underpinning fertility, infertility treatment or contraceptive development, or diseases of reproductive tissues. We must remain relevant to all aspects of health, agriculture, conservation biology and evolution. Indeed, it is with this goal in mind that the SRB council has voted to broaden its portfolio to more actively engage with the whole reproductive community. In some ways, we will be returning to our roots. As a first step towards this, we have seconded Simon de Graaf to the SRB council as our agriculture liaison. Simon is an Associate Professor of Animal Reproduction at the University of Sydney. His species of choice is the sheep and he is very well connected into the Australian agriculture sector. He is, amongst other roles, the Secretary General of the International Congress on Animal Reproduction. As the head of a School of Biology, I am constantly reminded of the benefits of researchers with disparate views in reproductive biology interacting. I feel confident that this more expansive view of reproductive biology will lead to a stronger voice for reproductive biology within the Australian and New Zealand research sector, more interesting and beneficial annual meetings, and a stronger future. The council continues to explore additional relationships and member input is strongly encouraged.

As you will read elsewhere in the newsletter, plans for the 2019 meeting in Sydney are proceeding well. We are also in the final stages of locking down the location of the 2020 meeting, at the new time of late October to early November. This timing opens up several options and hopefully provides a more convenient time for travel for more of the membership.

Moira O'Bryan

Let us know about more awards and success stories to include in the newsletter:
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SRB in the media

Making media news, Mark Green and Andrew Pask talk of how plastics are a major cause for genital defects

[Congratulations from SRB to those members that have been successful in 2018 with NHMRC, ARC and other grant funding schemes](#)



Illustration: Matt Golding

As we celebrate our “History” IVF turns 40

In July 1978, Louise Joy Brown was born in the United Kingdom.



Louise Joy Brown turns 40

Australia's first IVF baby, Candice Reed, was born on June 23, 1980.



Alan Trounson in the early days of IVF



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

Jane Girling

October, 2018

I would like to thank our previous Treasurer Jeremy Smith for all his efforts over the last three years and his patience with all my emails and queries as I find my feet in this new role.

Accounts for the financial year 2017-2018

The Society's financial position remains healthy with an excellent return from our 2018 annual conference. As at 31 August 2018, our equity totals \$449,731 (relative to \$415,992 at the same time last year).

Membership fees for 2018-2019

Our Society's strong financial position means that membership fees remain the same for the coming year. Why not encourage a colleague to join, particularly your Kiwi colleagues!

- New Regular SRB Membership - **\$150**
- Renewal of Regular SRB Membership - **\$130**
- Regular 3 Year SRB Membership - **\$350**
- New Student SRB Membership - **\$60**
- Renewal of Student Membership - **\$45**
- Student 2 Year Membership - **\$80**
- Student 3 Year Membership - **\$120**
- New Professional Membership* - **\$120**
- Renewal of Professional Membership - **\$105**
- Professional Member 3 Year Membership - **\$310**
- Age-retired Membership - **\$40**
- Age-retired 3 Year Membership - **\$65**
- Overseas Membership (excludes New Zealand) - **\$60**



Dr Jane Girling
(BSc, Hons, PhD)

Renewal of SRB subscriptions

Applications for new memberships and renewal of existing memberships for 2019 are now available online. Why not take advantage of the discounted rates for multi-year renewals!

Ngā mihi
Jane Girling



Congratulations to the Award Winners 2018

Once again, the SRB offered an extensive range of awards for researchers at the student, early and mid-career levels at this year's conference. As it was SRB's Golden Jubilee, this was a special year for awards, and all participants should be proud of their achievements in reproductive research. A wide range of studies were presented by students, early- and mid-career researchers, showcasing the depth and excellence in our reproductive biology research community. The SRB Awards provide important career development opportunities and recognition of scientific excellence for SRB members. The awards also provide exciting opportunities to present hard earned research data and the conclusions built around those data. SRB congratulates all of the awards finalists for their outstanding contributions to the 2018 conference. In particular the SRB congratulates the following winners of awards in 2018:

Robinson Institute Award for Excellence in Reproductive Biology Research

Dr. Tu'uhevaha Kaitu'u-Lino, University of Melbourne

Dr Kaitu'u-Lino has made significant and internationally recognised, contributions to the understanding of placentology, major pregnancy complications and translational obstetrics. She has played major roles in the discovery and clinical assessment of novel therapeutics for preeclampsia and the progression of these agents through clinical trials. Dr Kaitu'u-Lino's work has been recognised through a number of prestigious awards, including the SRB Newcastle Award, the Victorian Young Tall Poppy Award and the USA Society for Reproductive Investigations President's Presenter Award.



Dr Kaitu'u-Lino receiving her award from Professor Sarah Robertson.

Dr Kaitu'u-Lino's research spans essential basic discovery research, clinical application and commercialization. She has been highly successful in the obtaining NHMRC and philanthropic funding and has a remarkably prolific publication track record, with the majority of her authorships as first or senior author. Her work underpins a rapidly growing international reputation as an outstanding reproductive biologist.

Tu'uhe joins an elite group of SRB researchers who have received the Robinson Award in recognition for their excellent work in reproductive biology. We sincerely congratulate her on receiving the 2018 Robinson Award for Excellence in Reproductive Biology Research and for her outstanding contributions to reproductive biology research.



Congratulations to the Award Winners 2018, continued

Newcastle Reproduction Emerging Research Leader Award



Dr. Alison Care, University of Adelaide and The Robinson Institute for Medical Research
Dr Care's work aims to define the interaction between the maternal immune response and cardiovascular adaptations to pregnancy. She has a growing reputation for excellent work in her field, with publications in leading journals including *PNAS*, the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* and *Hypertension*. Dr Care

completed her PhD with Professor Sarah Robertson at the Robinson Institute, Adelaide before post-doctoral training with Professor Sandra Davidge at the University of Alberta, Canada. With support from an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship, Dr Care has since established her own research group at the Robinson Institute, focussing on the immunology of placentation by integrating animal models with clinical studies in pregnant women.



Dr. Alison Care receiving her
award from **Prof. John Aitken**

The David Healy Award

Jessica Walters, University of Newcastle
For her talk entitled: "Characterisation of the lipoxygenase – lipid peroxidation pathway in human spermatozoa"



Jessica Walters receiving her award

Award Winners 2018



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The Oozoa Award

Dr. Quynh-Nhu Nguyen, Monash University and University of Melbourne

For her talk entitled: "Chemotherapy-induced infertility is caused by direct damage to oocytes"



Dr Quynh-Nhu receiving her award from Professor Eileen McLaughlin.



Hudson ECR Award

Anastasia Christine Kleinert, Hudson Institute of Medical Research and Monash University

For her poster entitled: "Investigation of intratesticular inflammatory responses in humans and mice implicates activin A as a potential inducer of fibrosis in the testis"



Dr Stringer receiving her award from Professor Kate Loveland.



Christine receiving her award from Professor Kate Loveland.

Hudson MCR Award

Dr. Jessica Stringer, Monash University

For her poster entitled: "DNA repair mechanisms responsible for safeguarding oocyte quality and offspring health"



Congratulations to the Award Winners 2018, continued

ANZPRA Award

Yao Wang from the Hudson Institute of Medical Research receiving her award from Dr. Natalie Hannan for her talk entitled: 'High levels of circulating HtrA4 may contribute to the development of preeclampsia by cleaving the main cell surface receptor of VEGFA to induce systemic endothelial dysfunction'.



Yao Wang receiving her award from
Dr. Natalie Hannan.

SRB-RFD Best Publication Award

Dr Amy Winship *et al* for the following paper from Professor Eva Dimitriadis's laboratory:

"Mouse double minute 2 (MDM2) homolog down regulation by miR-661 impairs human endometrial epithelial cell adhesive capacity."

Reprod Fertil Dev. 2018 Mar;30(3):477-486. doi:
10.1071/RD17095.



Dr Winship receiving the SRB-RFD
award from Professor Chris O'Neill.

Awards Sponsorship and Judging

Without sponsorship and generous support for many individuals in the SRB community, none of the awards would be possible. SRB would like to thank all individuals who gave up their time to form judging committees and come to difficult decisions regarding would receive each award.

The SRB would also like to sincerely thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the SRB Awards in 2018:

- The Robinson Institute, University of Adelaide
- Newcastle Research Centre for Reproductive Science, Newcastle University
- The Richie Centre, Hudson Institute of Medical Research and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University
- Dr Sharon Mortimer and Dr David Mortimer, Oozoa Biomedical
- The Centre for Reproductive Health, Hudson Institute of Medical Research
- Australia and New Zealand Placental Research Association (ANZPRA)



Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report November 2018

2018 SRB Annual Scientific Meeting

In August, we marked the 50th anniversary for the Society, with talks that reflected on our achievements to date, as well as showcasing our current research. I'm sure everyone would like to thank Brett and Kirsty, our outgoing POC, for putting on an excellent program. In addition, to Kylie and Alison, our LOC chairs, who made sure we were able to celebrate in style, with maybe a few too many heavy heads after the Sunday night celebrations! Don't worry we won't name names, as we have pictures to prove who you were haha!! Judging by the overwhelming positive feedback we received, those that attended also shared the view that the Society put on a great meeting. On behalf of the Council, I would also like to thank all those involved from ASN, with of course special thanks to Mike, Jim and Nitesh. In addition, a big thank you to Shona Kennedy, for her continued support and outstanding efforts throughout the year to help with all SRB activities.

With the 50th celebrations completed, work is now well underway for the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting in Sydney (18th to 21st August). Requests for nominations for the 2019 Founders' and President's Lecturers are currently being accepted. There are many great speakers out there who could make a fantastic contribution to the 2019 annual scientific meeting, so please do nominate your colleagues! In addition, a reminder that a call for new SRB Life Members and Fellows will be made early in 2019, so again, please do take the time to nominate colleagues who should receive the recognition they deserve. More information for SRB Fellow, Life Members, as well as plenary speaker nominations can be found on the SRB website or by contacting Shaun Roman shaun.roman@newcastle.edu.au





Secretary's Report, continued

SRB Council 2018/19

This year the position of Treasurer and two ordinary council members were up for election. For those attending the 50th AGM, you will have heard me announce that our new Treasurer is Dr Jane Girling (University of Otago). Jane is well-known as an endometrial biology researcher and also as a previous Secretary of the Society, so we are very lucky to once again be able to draw on Jane's experience and dedication to the Society. For the two ordinary council positions, I'm pleased to announce that Dr Kelly Walton (Monash University) and A/Prof Mark Baker (University of Newcastle) will be joining Council. In addition, we had a change in the POC Co-Chairs, with Dr John Schjenken (University of Adelaide) and A/Prof Andrew Pask (University of Melbourne). Congratulations also to Dr Amy Winship (Monash University) and Ms Saije Morosin (University of Newcastle), on taking over as the new ECR and student representatives, respectively.

Adding to these new faces, we have Assoc. Prof. Simon de Graaf (University of Sydney), as the Agricultural Liaison representative. On behalf of the rest of Council, welcome to all our newly elected SRB Council members. Subsequently, the 2018/19 Council are as follows:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President	Moira O'Bryan
Secretary	Mark Green
Treasurer	Jane Girling

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Andrew Pask	POC co-chair
Simon de Graaf	Agricultural Liaison
Jeremy Thompson	Public Officer

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Josephine Bowles	Membership Secretary
John Schjenken	POC co-chair
Patrick Western	Awards and Sponsorship Secretary
Shaun Roman	Fellows & Life Members/ Plenary Lecturers Sec.
Kelly Walton	Public Relations and Website Secretary
Mark Baker	Newsletter Secretary
Tu'uhevaha Kaitu'u-Lino	Conference Booth Secretary/ RFD Liaison
Elizabeth Bromfield	ECR Representative
Amy Winship	ECR Representative
Sarah Moody	Student Representative
Saije Morosin	Student Representative



Secretary's Report, continued

SRB Council 2018/19

TJ Robinson Award, ECR Collaborative Research & Brian Setchell Visiting Lecturer Awards

Congratulations to Dr Jessica Rickard (University of Sydney), who was recently selected as the successful recipient of the TJ Robinson Award. This grant-in-aid will fund Jessica's travel to attend the 2020 International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) meeting in Bologna Italy. Related to this, applications for the 2018 ECR Collaborative Research Travel Awards closed last week, so we should soon be able to announce more good news of which researchers are the lucky recipients!

"The SRB Visiting Lecturer Award has been renamed to honour the contributions of Brian Setchell"



Emeritus Professor Brian Setchell

Following unanimous support at the 50th AGM, the SRB Visiting Lecturer Award has been renamed to honour the contributions by Brian Setchell to the founding of the Society. A reminder that the deadline for the next round for this award is the end of November, so please check out the SRB website for more details. Aside from all the great awards and funding opportunities currently offered by the Society, the SRB Council are looking at options to introduce new awards, to offer the full range of the Society's membership opportunities. Further details should be announced in the coming months!

Many thanks to other outgoing SRB council members



Dr Jeremy Smith
Outgoing Treasurer



Dr Hannah Brown
Outgoing Public Relations



Secretary's Report, continued

Website and Future conferences

In the next few weeks we will be updating all the information on the SRB website for 2019, so please check out the new updates. In addition, Kelly Walton and myself are working hard behind the scenes on developing a brand-new website for SRB! This much needed overhaul will hopefully make it far more interactive and user friendly! We will keep you updated as things progress on an expected launch date.

In the next few weeks the second *Australian Reproduction Update* meeting (26th to 27th November) is being held at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne <https://mercyperinatal.com/event/australian-reproduction-update-2018>. This looks to be another excellent meeting. It is not too late to register and attend! On the SRB website there are also details for several reproductive biology meetings coming up in 2019, so do check these out. I will continue to send around adverts for other meetings that are hopefully of interest. If you would like to promote any upcoming conferences and events, both international and national, that you believe the SRB membership would be interested in, then please contact me on societyreproductivebiology@gmail.com

SRB-SRF new initiatives

Building upon the successful SRB-SRF exchange lectureship scheme, the two societies are currently in the midst of finalising several other mechanisms and opportunities for closer relationships. It is hoped these may include travel awards and discounted membership, as well as global advocacy strategies to promote the importance of reproductive biology. Watch this space for announcements in the next few months!

That's all for now and good luck for those still waiting to hear about grant funding!

Mark Green
SRB Secretary



Dr Mark Green



Program Organising Committee

Firstly we would like to acknowledge the amazing work of the previous POC in Prof Brett Nixon and Dr Kirsty Walters and the SRB conferences they brought together over the past 3 years. I'm sure you will all agree that they have arranged excellent scientific meetings. It leaves us with big shoes to fill but a challenge we are looking forward to.

For those that don't know, the new POC for 2019-2021 are A/Prof Andrew Pask and Dr John Schjenken. Andy is based at the University of Melbourne while John is at the University of Adelaide and we are looking forward to hearing from the SRB community about the topics they want covered in future meetings. For any suggestions or feedback, please feel free to contact us at a.pask@unimelb.edu.au and john.schjenken@adelaide.edu.au .



Prof Brett Nixon
POC Co-Chair



Dr Kirsty Walters
POC Co-Chair

**We thank the
outgoing members of
the POC committee**

Significant planning for the 2019 conference has already been underway. We have been working closely with both ESA and AOTA to bring together an excellent program. From an SRB point of view, we have taken on board suggestions from the SRB2018 conference survey and have begun to plan for the 2019 meeting in Sydney. We are planning the following symposia topics:

- ESA/SRB – Neuroendocrine control of reproduction
- SRB/ANZPRA – Novel diagnostics for pregnancy complications
- SRB – Big data in Reproduction
- SRB – Environmental impacts on reproduction
- SRB – Novel insights into implantation and early embryo development
- SRB - Gonad and reproductive tract development

We especially encourage abstracts that fall into these focus areas and are planning to incorporate into all of these sessions, abstracts on agriculture, livestock and native animal species

Andrew and John



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Society for Reproductive Biology, 2019 conference

On behalf of the organising committee we warmly invite you to attend the 2019 Annual Scientific Meetings of the **Endocrine Society of Australia**, the **Society for Reproductive Biology**, and the **Asia and Oceania Thyroid Association** to be held at the **International Convention Centre** from **18-21 August 2019**.



With the combined societies, we anticipate in excess of 900 delegates in attendance. The programme organising committee, represented by members from both societies, will present the latest and most exciting data from their respective fields with a range of international and national speakers.

One of the most beautiful cities in the world, from splendid Sydney Harbour, idyllic beaches and great national parks, to the marvellous creativity of the Sydney Opera House, dazzling entertainment and fascinating heritage, discover all the things to do and see. In the heart of the city are world-class restaurants, grand shopping arcades and other top tourist attractions. The city fans out from the sparkling harbour to iconic Bondi Beach in the east and golden Palm Beach in the north.

We look forward to welcoming you to New South Wales for what will be an engaging and informative combined meeting between the ESA, SRB and AOTA. See you in Sydney!



Nominations are opening soon for the 2019 SRB Founders' and President's lectures

SRB Annual Scientific Conference,

The SRB Council are inviting SRB members to consider who to nominate for the 2019 Founders' Oration and Medal, as well as the 2019 President's Lecturer.

The **Founders' Oration and Medal** is the Society's major plenary speaker at the Annual Scientific Meeting. Nominations are open for a leading **international** researcher recognised for their major contributions towards advancing our understanding of any aspect of reproductive biology.



2018 SRB Founders' Lecturer
– Prof Eileen McLaughlin



2018 SRB President's Lecturer
– Prof. Franco de Mayo

The **President's Lecturer** is also a keynote plenary lecturer. Nominations are open for a leading researcher **from Australia or New Zealand** recognised for their major contributions towards advancing our understanding of any aspect of reproductive biology.

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Early Career Researcher News

Hi SRB ECR members,

The 50th Anniversary Meeting of the SRB in Adelaide 2018 was a raging success and we're looking forward to your input for plans for the ECR workshop session for 2019. We will be sending out a survey for your suggestions for the ECR forum for 2019 soon, or alternatively, please let us know your burning feedback via email to:

elizabeth.bromfield@newcastle.edu.au or amy.winship@monash.edu

If you have any additional opinions from the 2018 meeting, a survey is also available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESA-SRB2018>

ESA/SRB combined ECR workshop 2018

This year's ECR workshop featured a talk from Zane Andrews on changes to NHMRC grants starting in 2019 and presentations by Brett Nixon, Belinda Henry and Mark Green on balancing teaching and research. Approximately 120-130 ECRs and students were in attendance and there was active discussion exploring the themes raised by the speakers.

50th anniversary SRB RFD review

The *RFD* review has now become a regular feature following each annual SRB meeting and is a fantastic opportunity for ECRs to get involved, review the key conference themes and be part of a publication! The 2018 review is now on track for submission to *RFD* in the next month, so look out this in press soon. If you want to get involved in the 2019 review, please look out for an announcement as the conference approaches next year.





Early Career Researcher News, continued

Science Meets Parliament (SmP) 2019

Are you interested in political advocacy for reproductive research? SmP could be perfect for you! We will soon be advertising for a new ECR representative to attend SmP on behalf of the SRB in 2019. Last year's candidate will also attend, so you won't be alone and can learn the ropes. We would aim for this year's candidate to also attend in 2020, so an overlapping senior representative can continue to aid the incoming representative each year. SRB will provide travel support for two Society members to attend SmP each year. One new member of the SmP panel will be selected each year, by 1st December. Candidates for the position will be ECR members of the SRB (ECR is defined as 7 years post-PhD). All nominees must confirm that they will be available for SmP for two years if selected. Nomination will be by submission of a 1 min video presentation on the topic "Tell us about your research and how it benefits Australia". For examples of past videos, please see:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/SocietyReproductiveBiology/videos/?ref=page_internal

Judging criteria will include:

- Clarity in presenting scientific information accurately to the average lay person within 1 min.
- Capacity to relate the importance of the scientific work discussed.
- Ability to highlight the relevance of the research to policy and the Australian public.

So get your video together today and stay tuned for further information.

From your ECR representatives,

Elizabeth Bromfield & Amy Winship



Dr Elizabeth Bromfield



Dr Amy Winship



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@ESA-SRB



Student News

Hi SRB Student Members!

We hope you all had a great time at ESA-SRB this year in Adelaide and enjoyed celebrating 50 years of scientific communication and collaboration for the Society for Reproductive Biology Australia. A huge congratulations to all award winners and nominees at this year's conference, it is always fantastic to see our passionate young researchers communicating their research so eloquently!

At the student meeting this year we had Dr Elizabeth Bromfield from the University of Newcastle and Dr James Cuffe from the University of Queensland, give us some words of wisdom on how to survive your PhD. On behalf of all SRB student members we would like to thank you both again, we all really appreciated your advice and enjoyed getting to know you both and learning about the career paths that led you to where you are today.

For the past two years we have had the pleasure of having Sarah Delforce on the SRB student council. On behalf of both the society and student members we thank you immensely for giving up your time and effort over the past years, your enthusiasm for research, kindness and hard work will be missed! We wish you good luck in all your future endeavours and are sure we will see you around as you continue to pursue your passion in reproductive biology.

Congratulations to Saije Morosin, our newly elected SRB student rep! We are both excited to be working together and to continue being a voice for what is most important to our fellow student members.

As always, please let us know if you have any suggestions for making our student meeting and function even better experiences for you all next year! Any suggestions on topics you would like discussed at next year's student meeting at SRB are also welcome. Don't hesitate to contact us:

Saije: Saije.Morosin@uon.edu.au

Sarah: Sarah.Moody@hudson.org.au

All the best,

Saije and Sarah

Student representatives



Saije Morosin



Sarah Moody



SRB Public Relations Report

Kelly Walton (Monash University) is the new PR representative for SRB. Kelly is responsible for managing social media (Twitter, Facebook), web page, and is contact point for media. To capture news stories of interest, Kelly has assembled a national/NZ PR working group who will feed through stories for publicity on SRB portals.

It's all about "SHAMELESS SELF-PROMOTION"!! If you have an exciting publication or grant/fellowship/award success you would like to publicise, please contact kelly.walton@monash.edu

Will we be featuring our SRB 2018 Award recipients on our social media portals each month, so if you are not already, get onto TWITTER and follow SRB! This is a fantastic means to connect with fellow SRB researchers.



Dr Jess Rickard
McCaughey Research Fellow
University of Sydney

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Jess Rickard from the University of Sydney who has been awarded SRB's TJ Robinson Award to attend the **International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR)** in Bologna, Italy in 2020!

The ICAR meeting, which occurs once every 4 years, showcases global developments in animal reproduction and reproductive technologies.

Dr Rickard strives to improve artificial breeding techniques and fertility within the Australian sheep industry. Her research entails the use of specialised confocal cell imaging technologies to understand how seminal plasma exposure improves fertilisation potential in sheep.

Learn more about Jess's fascinating research program @ <https://sydney.edu.au/science/people/jessica.rickard.php>



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**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON
ANIMAL REPRODUCTION**

Congratulations to our recent TJ Robinson Award recipient Dr Jess Rickard from the University of Sydney!



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@ESA-SRB





As the recipient of the 2017 David Healy Award, I was fortunate to be given the chance to attend and present my work in Liverpool at Fertility 2018, the combined meeting of the Society for Reproduction and Fertility, the British Fertility Society, and the Association of Clinical Embryologists. As an aspiring clinician-researcher, the combined nature of the meeting was ideal, spanning clinical ethics and medicine, through to translational science and basic research.

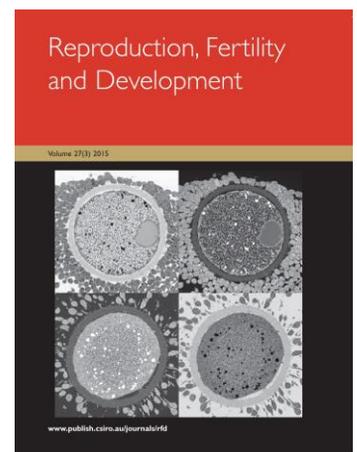


The broad theme of the conference was 'Environmental influences on reproduction', and accordingly, fascinating insights into this rapidly growing area were presented across the 3 days of the conference. Highlights of the program included the SRF Post-Doctoral prize and SRF PhD Student sessions, which showcased the breadth and quality of early career reproductive biology research taking place in the UK, an outstanding symposium on periconceptional health, and a whistlestop tour of the career achievements of Prof Kate Hardy, who was announced as the SRF Distinguished Scientist for 2017.

Presenting the SRB Exchange Lecture on my own research, around apoptotic pathways in the ovary after chemotherapy, gave me an invaluable opportunity to share my work with others working in ovarian biology, reproductive endocrinology, and oncofertility, as well as opportunities for informal chats and networking with researchers across clinical medicine and science, of all career stages. I thank SRB for their generous support in awarding this prize.

Reproduction Fertility and Development

After considering a range of alternative options the Executive has recently concluded a sponsorship arrangement with RFD to continue as the Society's official Journal for the next five year period. I would encourage you all to consider using this Journal where appropriate and also make yourself available as reviewers. The Journal has been particularly supportive of our ECR group and we will continue to seek ways of ensuring that our collaboration with RFD is mutually beneficial and provides maximum benefit to both parties.





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Save the date for these conferences/events

Australian Reproduction Update 2018

Mercy Perinatal

Australian Reproduction Update 2018

26-27 November 2018

Park Hyatt, Melbourne



Aspen/Snowmass Perinatal Biology Symposium 2019



We would like to invite you to attend the 2019 Aspen/Snow Mass Perinatal Biology Symposium, August 24-27, 2019 in Snowmass, Colorado.

This year's symposium "**Perinatal Exposures: Intersecting Mechanisms leading to Developmental Outcomes**" will consist of 9 plenary sessions, including the Keynote Lecture and the DJP Barker Memorial Lecture, 2 poster sessions and 3 trainee workshops. The 2019 Aspen-Snowmass Perinatal Biology Symposium, which is the 8th in a series, has the overarching theme of the development of healthy offspring and whether there are common mechanisms that determine the long-term consequences of compromised development. This Symposium will bring together clinicians and scientists, established senior and junior investigators, from clinical medicine, basic research and applied livestock production, and from around the world to report and discuss their findings in an atmosphere conducive to frank yet amicable exchange. This will occur via plenary sessions, poster sessions, trainee workshops, and informal discussions, with time dedicated to presentations by and recognition of trainees and early career investigators. **Register by November 15th, 2018 and save \$75 off your registration!**

We hope you will be able to attend this unique and exciting meeting and look forward to seeing you in Snowmass!

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