

2nd SGI summit on Reproductive Medicine
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The SGI summit on reproductive medicine focussed on the area 'From Embryo and Endometrium to Implantation: the Translational Research'. This conference was of significant interest to me as my PhD was focused on the endometrium and developed into an interest in implantation. This conference brought together a number of world experts in this field, and as it was a highly focussed and fairly small meeting, there were plenty of opportunities to meet and discuss ideas with these experts. The program was well planned and highly interesting. This conference also allowed myself and my supervisor, Dr Henry Jabbour, to further a collaboration initiated with Prof Asergally Fazleabas of the University of Chicago, examining the role of hCG in the endometrium. Having just finished writing my PhD thesis it also provided a highly useful opportunity to talk to and discuss ideas with a number of the investigators I'd referenced in my work. This meeting was very useful in helping me step out of my specific field and think about the wider implications of my research. I would like to extend my thanks to Professor Carlos Simon and the SGI scientific committee for an excellent programme and to the SRF for enabling my attendance at this conference.

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