

**Society for Reproduction and Fertility Meeting**  
**Edinburgh, 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008**

This was one of the best SSF/SRF meetings I have attended. The quality of the science was excellent. Most notably with few exceptions the symposium speakers were of a very high calibre, and gave inspiring talks, which I am sure the younger members of the Society would have found inspirational. The mix of symposia and oral communications was excellent, and the poster display was of a high standard.

The topics covered by the main symposia were wholly appropriate, and the organizers did a good job in selecting speakers. I particularly enjoyed the talks given by Henry Jabbour, Tracey Chapman, David Bainbridge and Robin Lovell-Badge. During the meeting I heard the criticism from some members that the symposium on the Evolution of Reproduction was outside the coverage of the Society, but I would disagree with that strongly. Gerald Lincoln, who organized the symposium, has been a member for many years, and his interests clearly coincide with those of many members (for instance those of Roger Short and Marilyn Renfree, who attended the meeting).

The accommodation was first-rate, and having the dinner and accommodation on the same site as the scientific programme was an advantage, because it gave people a good opportunity to meet between sessions. The only reservation I had about the layout of the site was the distance between the rooms used for the oral communications, which prevented people moving between the two sessions. Also there was no pointer in the room in the McIntyre Centre when the first session started.

The food was very good – I have been coming to Pollock Halls for about 30 years, and the breakfasts are as good now as when I first came! Altogether a most stimulating Conference, and the organizers should be congratulated on its success.

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