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I am very grateful to SRF for the Travel Grant of £350 which contributed toward the cost of registration, accommodation and travel to the SRF conference in Edinburgh, where I was co-author on an oral presentation (O14) and a poster (P30).

My main areas of interest are the cell signalling pathways involved in the effects of dietary n-3 and n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids on cyclo-oxygenase activity, prostaglandin and steroid hormone production in the female reproductive tract. This area was covered comprehensively in the Conference Programme by the Symposium on Sunday afternoon (Signalling in Reproduction) and the Monday morning session on Cell Signalling which I found to be very relevant. I especially enjoyed the Symposia on Gametogenesis and Differentiation and Evolution of Reproduction, - areas in which I have a more general interest. The presentations given by the SSR/SRF New Investigators were very interesting. I came away from the meeting with new-found knowledge and some ideas for future work and am now in the process of planning experiments arising from information acquired both during the scientific sessions and in discussions held with other people working in the field.

The social programme gave plenty of time for making new, and meeting up with old, acquaintances, discussing data and exploring new ideas.

The accommodation and facilities and food were very good. Altogether it was an excellent conference which was well organised and stimulating. It was very enjoyable, thank you for giving me the travel grant which enabled me to attend the meeting.

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