

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2013

Recipient: Douglas Gibson

Position: Postdoc

Conference Attended: 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for Gynaecologic Investigation, 20th-23rd March 2013, Orlando, Florida, USA.

I would like to thank the SRF for awarding me with a travel grant. The grant enabled me to attend the SGI Annual Meeting in Orlando, the theme of which was "Plasticity; Molecules to Motherhood and Beyond." Over 160 delegates gave oral presentations and 780 delegates presented their data during the daily poster sessions.

I was fortunate to have my abstract selected for oral presentation and I presented a talk entitled 'The Impact of Estradiol on uNK-mediated Endometrial Angiogenesis' in a concurrent session with the theme "Reproductive biology, implantation and endometrium." This session was stimulating and the range of talks given by the speakers was particularly useful in putting my work in the context of other researchers in the field. It was also an excellent networking opportunity as before and after the session the speakers and chairs had the chance to get to know each other and speak about their work. This session was especially useful to me as one of the session chairs was Prof. B. Anne Croy a leading expert on uNK cell biology.

A particularly useful aspect of the conference was "Connection Corners" which was a social event for young investigators that promoted informal networking with principal investigators. The event was separated into different themed tables which offered advice on several career aspects including applying for grants and working in different international settings.

I thoroughly enjoyed the SGI conference, the networking opportunities were invaluable and the feedback on my work was extremely helpful.