

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2014

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Position: Postdoc

Conference attended: 18th European Testis Workshop, 13th -17th May 2014, Elsinore, Denmark

I would like to thank the SRF for awarding me its travel grant to be able to attend the European testis work shop in Elsinore, Denmark. This dynamic and excellent workshop provided me with inside knowledge about the newest developments in the field of testis research as well as the chance to discuss my research with the top of the field researchers.

The workshop was well attended with around 200 people and a superb range of speakers from all over the world. The SRF travel grant allowed me to travel to Elsinore and meet some of the speakers in person and to have intense discussions about my project and giving me new ideas how to proceed with my project. Furthermore it was a very good opportunity for networking and to promote my future career in this field.

Particular useful to me was meeting a researcher attending the conference who has previously worked at a similar model than I do now, which we try to refine at the moment. Without the conference I would not have known about this person neither spoken to him and had probably missed some important aspects in continuing my research. Therefore the travel grant was very beneficial to me and my research and hopefully brought me a step closer to success with my project.

The conference was quite intense and tiring at some time due to it being held for 5 days from 8.30 till 19.00 every day but because the conference was held in a conference centre providing all meals and accommodation for participants, it gave me the opportunity to speak to potential collaborators even after the conference finished for the day.

All-in-all I can recommend this conference to everyone working in the field of male reproductive biology and looking forward to the next workshop in 2016.