

SRF Travelling Grant Report

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This is a report on my attendance at the 18th International Congress of Animal Reproduction in Tours, France on June 26-30, 2016 with support from SRF Travelling Grant.

The conference covered the reproductive physiology and biology of different species. Other research areas were presented such as epigenetic regulations, environmental factors and infectious diseases that affect adult reproduction and embryo development. In addition, there was a session on the role of microRNAs in gamete and embryo. My work focuses on the Functional evaluation of microRNAs during the follicle-luteal transition in the monovular ovary. Therefore this was a unique opportunity for me to present my results and received valuable feedback to improve my research in the future. Finally, the poster and oral presentations introduced me to the novel findings in my research area and allow me to engage in stimulating scientific discussions with my colleagues.

The grant was used to cover the expenses including the hotel booking, rail and flight tickets. I would like to thank the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) for awarding me the Travelling Grant and giving me the opportunity to attend the ICAR conference in France.

In conclusion, after attending ICAR conference I have known a number of scientists around the world who have similar research interests and learned new techniques and concepts about microRNAs research.

Best regards

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