



There is a packed programme in prospect at Fertility 2018. Below we have included just a few key highlights from an SRF perspective.

### WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

#### Early Career Researchers Symposium - 14.00 hrs

We have a careers-themed symposium for you, whether you are interested in academia or in going over to 'the dark side'. Ensure you are in Liverpool at 2pm for inspirational talks & the opportunity to ask questions about your future career.

#### SRF Postdoc Prize Session - 16.20 hrs

Hear 4 presentations selected from abstracts submitted by postdoctoral scientists who are within five years of having obtained their PhD. The winner will present their lecture at the next SRB meeting in Australia!

#### SRF & SSR New Investigator Lectures - 17.45 hrs

**SRF New Investigator Lecture** – Exploring the role of insulin-like growth factor-2 signalling in materno-fetal resource allocation – *Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, University of Cambridge, UK*

**SSR New Investigator Lecture** – Androgens: Not your father's steroid any more – *Aritro Sen, Michigan State University, USA*

View the Wednesday programme [here](#)

#### SRF Networking Event, 3 January, [Revolucion de Cuba](#), 7pm - late

*Ticket includes buffet supper and 2 free drinks. Cash bar also available*

If you have booked to attend our networking event, your ticket will be available from the conference registration desk at the time of collecting your registration pack. If for any reason you are delayed in reaching Liverpool and miss the chance to collect your ticket, we will have a list on the door so please still come along!

### THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

#### SRF Student Prize Session - 14.00 hrs

Please come and support 6 SRF student members presenting their work in this prize session. The next Early Career Rep will also be announced at the end of the session.

#### SRF Update - Stem Cells - 16.15 hrs

Speakers include;

Ramiro Alberio - *Insights into cell fate decisions from conserved model systems*

Jan Brosens - *Role of endometrial stem cells in recurrent miscarriage*

Franchesca Houghton - *Hypoxic regulation of human embryonic stem cells*

View the Thursday programme [here](#)

### FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

#### SRF - *Reproduction* Journal Prize Session - 08.20 hrs (breakfast available from 08.00hr)

Author of the inaugural SRF- *Reproduction* Prize winning paper, Atsushi Fukuda, will present "Spatiotemporal dynamics of OCT4 protein localization during preimplantation development in mice" during this session. The paper was selected by the *Reproduction* Journal's Editorial Board as the best research published in the journal between July 2016 - June 2017.

## **SRF Update - Microbiomes - 16.30 hrs**

Speakers include;

Carlos Simón - *Endometrial microbiome and transcriptomics guiding personalise embryo transfer*

John Cryan - *Impact of caesarean section on the gut microbiome and health status of the developing infant*

Phillip Bennett - *Understanding the implications of the vaginal microbiome in poor pregnancy outcomes*

View the Friday programme [here](#)

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## **FRIDAY 5 JANUARY**

### **59th SRF AGM**

The 59th AGM of the Society for Reproduction and Fertility will be held on Friday 5 January 2018, 12.05 – 13.15 hrs in Hall 1B at the Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool.

All members are welcome to attend. Agenda and papers are available to download [here](#).

## **FRIDAY 5 JANUARY**

### **SRF MARSHALL MEDAL**

Following the close of the AGM, Professor William Holt will be presented with the SRF Marshall Medal. The Medal is awarded to outstanding contributors to the study of fertility and reproduction.

Read about Professor Holt's career [here](#).

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## **SATURDAY 6 JANUARY**

### **Anne McLaren Distinguished Scientist Lecture - 09.00 hrs**

Formerly known as the 'SRF Distinguished Scientist Lecture', this newly named prestigious SRF lecture will be presented by Kate Hardy, Imperial College, London, UK - *One orchestra, three conductors: How to fine tune early follicle development*

### **Saving rhinos and exotic species - 15.05 hrs**

Get a sneak preview of our 2018 Sex in Three Cities speaker, Thomas Hildebrandt, who will close the Fertility 2018 conference. His talks are always memorable and most certainly worth staying to the end of the conference for!

### **Prize Giving - 15.35 hrs**

The winners of the SRF Postdoc, Student and Poster prizes will be announced and awarded during this ceremony.

View the Saturday programme [here](#).