

## SRF and WCRB Meeting Report - Edinburgh 2014

Attending the annual SRF meeting and the World Congress of Reproductive Biology was a fantastic opportunity for me to hear about some of the exciting science that is being conducted, not only in Britain but also internationally.

This was my first time to attend both meetings and I was impressed at the breadth of the topics covered. During the SRF, the symposium on ART was of particular interest to me as I am currently collaborating on a project looking at the effects of IVF on the offspring. I also found the two talks presented in the New Investigator and Exchange Session very inspiring. At the WCRB, Sarah Robertson's talk discussing the role that the immune system plays during implantation was fascinating and made me assess many aspects of my research that maybe explained by her findings.

The poster sessions at both meetings provided an excellent forum for me to present and have critical discussion of my current data with other delegates. It gave me several ideas for my future research. I was also able to learn new techniques and concepts that I am now incorporating in my studies. For example, I now use an outgrowth assay in my siRNA studies after discussing this idea with other poster presenters. Finally, I also made some initial contacts for future collaborations with researchers and companies at the trade-stands.

In conclusion, I and my research have significantly benefited by attending the WCRB and I am very grateful to the SRF for making this possible.

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