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To the SRF Education & Engagement Committee,

I attended the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June, with generous travel award support from the SRF.

The SSR meeting this year delivered an exciting array of new insights into the field of reproduction, with a specific focus on this year's 'hot-topic' - epigenetics and reproduction. This was particularly beneficial for my research area in germline development and epigenetics and was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the latest research across the globe and also to speak with a number of colleagues about their research.

My abstract was selected for a 15 minute oral presentation in the Focus Session: Sex Determination from Fish to Mammals and was entitled "Serum Replacement Alters Somatic and Germ Cell Development in Ex-Vivo Mouse Fetal Gonad Culture". My talk was well received and I got some encouraging feedback from the audience. I also had the opportunity to meet Humphrey Yao (chairing the session) and Blanche Capel, both major scientific leaders in this field.

The SSR, as always, did not fail in providing the delegates with great networking and socialising opportunities and we were all treated to a wonderful Sunset Reception on the beach on the final evening of the conference, with music supplied by a Puerto Rican band. It was a great experience overall and I'm looking forward to the chance to attend this meeting again in the future.

I am extremely grateful to the SRF for their contribution to my travel funds for this conference and helping to make my attendance possible.

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