

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2014

Recipient: Dr Erin Greaves

Position: Postdoc

Conference attended: 12th World Congress on Endometriosis, 30th April- 3rd May 2014, Sao Paulo, Brazil

I would like to express my appreciation to the SRF for awarding me this travel grant. It allowed me to attend the World Congress on Endometriosis in Sao Paulo. The theme of the conference was 'adding pieces to the puzzle of endometriosis', during the conference there were over 200 oral presentations and more than 250 posters. The key note speakers were excellent.

My abstract was selected for oral presentation in one of the main sessions; Mechanisms of Pain. I presented a 15 minute talk on 'Estrogen receptor subtypes modulate how nerve fibres influence blood vessels and macrophages in peritoneal endometriosis.' This session was very well attended and all the talks were of high interest and very well received. At the end of the session there was an additional 25 minutes for 'questions, answers and discussions on future research priorities' where all attendees were invited onto the stage to answer questions from the floor. I received a lot of questions and feedback which I found particularly helpful and enjoyable. I was also runner up for the David Healy award for best basic science presentation.

I found all the sessions relevant and interesting and I have broadened my field knowledge. The conference was also a fantastic networking opportunity and I met many world renowned scientists whom I had the chance to speak to about my research and I have used the opportunity to initiate some international collaborations.

On Sunday the 4th May I attended the World Endometriosis Society (WES) Research Directions Workshop. This was a very stimulating session, with thought provoking discussions about current research and how we can progress the field of endometriosis.

In summary, the 12th World Congress on Endometriosis was an unforgettable experience, which has enhanced my research career. I can't wait for the next one in 2017 in Vancouver!