**Society of Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) Travel Grant report**

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I would like to thank the Society of Reproduction and Fertility for their contribution towards my attendance at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) 34th annual meeting, held at the Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona in Spain.

ESHRE is a large society of which membership is distributed across 110 countries – both European and International. Accordingly, their annual conference provides a valuable perspective of the extensive range of cutting-edge research ongoing worldwide. This is important given that infertility is a global health burden with a variable aetiology, often with a country dependent bias in nature. Moreover, this also provided a platform to network with like-minded individuals from research centres and clinical companies worldwide, offering the potential to form future research collaborations and career opportunities.

Consequently, travel abroad to attend the conference facilitated opportunities greater than available at meetings within the UK. As a PhD student, my attendance at such conferences is largely reliant on financial assistance from societies, and I am hugely grateful for SRF’s generous contribution.

Particularly, I found the programme contained numerous sessions of high relevance to my PhD specialism in reproductive genetics. The opportunity to hear world experts in the field discuss their research was invaluable to the evolution of my own experimental ideas. Furthermore, I thoroughly enjoyed the additional art exhibit, new at this year’s conference, which contained verbal discussions and artwork illustrative of the controversies, emotional and ethical considerations which accompany fertility treatment.