**Society for Study of Reproduction 51st Annual Meeting**

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I am very thankful for SRF for awarding me with a Travel Grant, which enabled me to attend the annual meeting from Society for Study of Reproduction in New Orleans, USA, one of the biggest and most prestigious scientific meetings in reproduction. I had the opportunity to integrate also the Ovarian Workshop, which was held before the Annual Meeting from SSR, and listened to many interesting lectures, the ones concerned around the effects of environmental disruptors on processes taking place in the ovary were of my particular interest. There were many brilliant speakers during the conference, who gave very insightful lectures e.g. Prof. Ulrike Luderer “Mechanisms underlying ovarian aging induced by environmental factors”, Prof. Norah Spears “Mechanisms of chemotherapy damage to the ovary”, in which ovarian pathology was vastly characterised or the plenary of Prof. Magdalena Żernicka- Goetz “Signals for embryonic development updated”, where early regulatory events in embryos were presented. Importantly, I was given a three minute flash talk on my work, and presented my work on the poster session too. This was a great opportunity to present my work in front of the most prestigious and experienced scientists in the field. I got a multitude of questions and comments about my studies, which are very useful while designing the next steps of my research.

Finally, being to New Orleans was also an amazing opportunity to meet new researchers. I had the chance to network with colleagues from my filed and invest on potential collaborators.

In conclusion, I am very thankful for SRF for supporting me with a Travel Grant. Participating in 51st SSR Annual Meeting was a great experience for me. I was able to meet plenty of interesting and passionate people, who significantly contributed to my studies and formation as a scientist.

Yours sincerely,

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