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SRF Travel Grant Report

I would like to express my thanks to the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) for the travel grant, which enabled me to attend and present a poster at the 9th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology (ICN2018) - held in Toronto, Canada on July 15-18, 2018. Although the ICN is held only once every 4 years, it is an important conference because it brings together under one roof leading researchers from the fields of behavior, metabolism, reproduction and stress. Attendance at ICN2018 thus gave me a unique opportunity to present my novel findings about the menstrual cycle of nonhuman primates to a diverse group of researchers, and to benefit greatly from the feedback that I received. Attendance at the conference also gave me an opportunity to re-connect with former research colleagues from various parts of the world, to discuss and evaluate each other's ongoing studies, to exchange novel ideas, to discuss training opportunities for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, and to make plans for possible future collaborations.

Researchers like myself spend much of their time and effort focusing on a relatively narrow area of research. Therefore, periodic attendance at an international conference that has an inter-disciplinary focus plays an important role in promoting cross-fertilization of ideas and honing of scientific thought. I am sincerely grateful to the SRF for the travel grant, without which my attendance at the ICN2018 would not have been possible.

Sincerely,

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