**Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant 2018**

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Conference: 20th European Testis Workshop, 23rd-27th May 2018, Obidos, Portugal

I have attended The European Testis Workshop for the first time and I am particularly grateful to SRF that sponsored me with a Travel Grant.

The Workshop brought together scientists from all over the world to talk about cutting edge studies on male fertility. Such studies spanned from basic science, for instance investigating the biology of testicular stem cells, to applied research and clinical approaches, such as preserving fertility of children with cancer.

The format of the conference, with several short 3-minute talks in addition to the long presentations and plenary lectures, provided an invaluable opportunity to be exposed and learn from a great variety of topics, scientific groups and speakers at any stage of their professional career. In addition, round tables, breaks and social events created a relaxed environment that stimulated interactions amongst delegates.

I feel I have been extremely fortunate to present my work to such a high profile audience and interact with many delegates. I am now working to bring forward some of the ideas born during such conversations in order to build a new scientific partnership.