

Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF) Travel Grant Report

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Position: 2nd Year PhD student, University college Dublin, Ireland

Conference: 'Beyond Possible: Remarkable Transformation of Reproductive Biology', 52nd Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Reproduction

Date/location of the conference: July 18th- 21st 2019, San Jose, California, USA

I would like to express my gratitude to the Society for Reproduction and Fertility for awarding this travel grant, which supported me to attend the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society of the Study of Reproduction (SSR), in San Jose, California. The international meeting attracts world class researchers due to its long-established reputation as a high-quality conference. It was my first time attending a meeting outside of Europe.

At the meeting I presented my poster titled "*Morphological and Molecular Assessment of Cryopreserved Bovine Ovarian Tissue*". It was well received, and I thoroughly enjoyed the discussions I had with my colleagues. The diverse scope of the meeting allowed me to disseminate my research among a wide variety of scientists from all aspects of reproductive biology, including clinicians.

I found the conference to be extremely beneficial, giving me the opportunity to hear inspiring talks from leading researchers in my field – I particularly enjoyed Teresa Woodruff's talk on 'Engineering Reproduction' and one of the keynote speakers, Dr Sanchez-Alvarado's talk on 'Understanding the Source of Reproductive Plasticity in Planarians'.

The meeting offered an invaluable chance for me to network with other colleagues, develop contacts and form working relationships with potential collaborators in my discipline. I would highly recommend this conference to any researcher in the field of reproductive biology. I look forward to attending more SSR meetings in the future. I would like to thank the SRF again for their support.