

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel grant Award 2019

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I would firstly like to thank the Society for Reproduction and Fertility for their support of my attendance at the 66th annual meeting of the Society for Reproductive Investigation (SRI) in Paris, France from 12-16th March 2019. At the conference I was given the opportunity to present a poster highlighting part of my PhD research project entitled "Effects Of Uterine Cells-Conditioned Media On Expression Of DNMT3B and DNMT3C In Mouse Embryos Cultured In a Microfluidic Device", that I conducted as part of a multidisciplinary team from the University of Leeds, comprised of Jianping Lu, Francesco Colucci, Paul McKeegan, John Huntriss, Helen Picton and Virginia Pensabene. It was a fantastic opportunity to present at an international conference and receive feedback on my research, which will be useful to complete my PhD research.

At the conference I attended many presentations and talks from world-leading scientists in many aspects of reproductive biology, and I had the opportunity to meet researchers and other PhD students from all over the world. I found a great variety of talks and poster presentations that are useful for my research and deepened my knowledge on reproductive biology. This has inspired me a lot for pursuing my research and for my future as a researcher. There was a great variety of topics which included women's health and reproductive biology, such as endometriosis, preeclampsia, preterm birth and environmental influences on pregnancy and health outcomes. I had the chance to meet people from academia, but also from industry, which gave me a better understanding of the possibilities that I will have after my PhD.

Overall, the opportunity to attend the SRI 66th annual meeting in Paris has allowed me to immerse myself even further in reproductive biology research and to meet many potential future collaborators. I am very grateful to SRF for the extremely generous support they gave me, that allowed me to participate to this international conference where I had the opportunity to present my work and to receive very important feedback.