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Let's talk about sperm: Sperm you can bank on

The highly acclaimed Sex in Three Cities free public lecture series is about to take place between 27 February and 11 March 2020 in Nottingham, Edinburgh and London. The 10th anniversary lecture of the Sex in 3 Cities series provides an opportunity to meet and hear Professor Allan Pacey, Professor of Andrology Department and Head of the Department of Oncology and Metabolism at the University of Sheffield Medical School, UK. Professor Pacey is a prominent figure in reproductive medicine, for which he received an MBE in 2016 for his services, and will present his lecture "Sperm you can bank on".

Listen to Professor Pacey as he talks about:

- 1. What we know about sperm
- 2. How they work
- 3. Why it's important to talk about them

His fascinating lecture will last one hour and be followed by an informal drinks reception, providing the chance to network and meet Professor Pacey himself. The London leg of Sex in 3 Cities 2020 will be paired with the Royal Veterinary College's 'Night at the Vet College', hosting exhibitors and will include a dissection demonstration. Tickets are limited for the lecture theatre and this evening is not to be missed!

The Sex in Three Cities is an initiative run by the Society of Reproduction and Fertility (SRF), that takes place in London, Edinburgh and Nottingham each year, typically attracting over 400 people. One of the principle aims of the SRF is to enhance the knowledge of reproductive processes and fertility in humans and animals, and the Sex in Three Cities







Series forms part of SRF's programme of bringing this knowledge to people interested in the field and to the public at large.

In 2020, the lectures take place on:

- Thursday 27 February, 18.00, at the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, Sutton Bonington Campus, University of Nottingham
- Wednesday 4 March, 17.30, at Queen's Medical Research Institute (QMRI), University of Edinburgh
- Wednesday 11 March, 17.00, at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), Camden Campus, London. Paired with RVC's 'Night at the College'.

These early evening lectures are FREE of charge and tickets can be booked by visiting the SRF website: **srf-reproduction.org/events/sex-in-three-cities-events/**

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Editors Notes

• About the Speaker

Allan Pacey was awarded his PhD in 1991 from the University of St. Andrews after which he undertook a one-year Research Fellowship in Villefranche-sur-Mer in France. He joined the University of Sheffield as a Postgraduate Research Assistant in 1992, was appointed lecturer in 1997, in 2015 he became a Professor of Andrology and in 2017 the Head of Oncology and Metabolism at the University of Sheffield Medical School. His research interests include understanding aspects of male fertility, with particular emphasis on sperm



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biology and has published over 170 papers on the topic. He is a former Secretary (2005-2010) and Chairman (2012-2015) of the British Fertility Society as well as the current Editor in Chief of the BFS journal Human Fertility. In addition, Allan is an accomplished science communicator and broadcaster. Recent television programmes include Britain's Secret Code Breaker (2011), Donor Unknown (2011), The Great Sperm Race (2009), The Truth About Food (2007), Make me a Baby (2007) and Lab Rats (2004). In 2016 he was awarded an MBE by the Queen for services to Reproductive Medicine. You can follow his general musings about science, fertility and the life of an academic at <u>www.twitter.com/allanpacey</u> and his University web page is at <u>www.sheffield.ac.uk/oncology-metabolism/staff/pacey</u>.

• About The Society for Reproduction and Fertility

The SRF's principal aim is to support research and teaching in all aspects of reproductive biology.

It was established in 2001 as the amalgamation of 2 societies, the Society for the Study of Fertility (SSF) and the Journals of Reproduction and Fertility Ltd (JRF), SRF's roots go back much further to the 1940s and the Society carries forward the long standing heritage of the SSF/JRF in being one of the principal scientific societies specialising in reproductive biology, both within the UK and internationally.

The Sex in Three Cities public lecture series was created to support the SRF's aim of promoting research in reproduction of all species and to disseminate information to the public at large.

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<u>Appendix</u>

• Scientific Synopsis (existing synopsis) – for contacts (unis etc.) who understand the language and will want some depth