

# Death of Dr. Matthew P. Hardy

## Email Announcement

Dear SSR Friends and Colleagues:

With deep sadness, we are very sorry to inform you that Dr. Mathew Hardy died on Sunday evening after running the New York Marathon. Dr. Terry Brown wrote the message below that captures our feelings as well.

—Barry R. Zirkin and Sally D. Perreault

Dr. Hardy was a 20-year member of SSR, a current member of the Board of Reviewing Editors of *Biology of Reproduction* and the Program Committee, and a past member of the Bylaws Committee, the Editorial Board, and the Program Committee for several earlier SSR annual meetings.

## From Dr. Terry Brown

Matt was a dedicated runner and fitness enthusiast for whom the NY Marathon represented an annual culminating event. We extend our deepest sympathies, support and prayers to his wife, Dianne, his family, friends and colleagues who share this tragic loss.

Many of us knew and respected Matt as a scientific colleague for his many contributions to research, his creativity and his dedication to science. Matt was also a genuine friend who embodied the very best of humane qualities as a person, colleague and mentor. Matt made his mark on the scientific community in the areas of andrology, endocrinology and reproductive biology as being an active member of SSR, the American Society of Andrology, and the Endocrine Society.

It is difficult to capture the many ways in which Matt impacted the scientific community and those around him. For those of us who had the good fortune to know and work personally with Matt, we have lost a great friend, a wonderful colleague and an excellent role model for the humanity of science. May he rest in peace knowing that his memory will not be forgotten.

## Obituary (*NY Times*, 7 November 2007)

HARDY—Matthew, M.D. We are deeply saddened by the sudden death of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Matthew Hardy. Adjunct Professor of Reproductive Biology in Urology at Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Hardy was one of the world's leading researchers in the study of Leydig cells, the hormone-producing component of the testes. The former co-editor of the *Journal of Andrology*, he was honored by the American Society of Andrology, receiving a Young Andrologist Award, and was recently selected for their Distinguished

Service Award. Possessed with a unique ability to bridge clinical problems to basic laboratory work, Dr. Hardy was greatly admired by his colleagues and students at Weill Cornell. He will be much missed. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his wife, Diane.

—*Peter N. Schlegel, M.D., Chairman of Urology Weill Cornell Medical College*