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**Society For The Study of Reproduction Unveils 2019 Award Winners**

*Seven Honored For Contributions To Scientific Discipline of Reproductive Biology*

**RESTON, VA – March 20, 2019** - [The Society For The Study Of Reproduction \(SSR\)](#) unveiled its [2019 award winners](#) today honoring seven individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the scientific discipline of [reproductive biology](#). This is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the annual award program recognizing significant achievements and contributions to advancing the science of reproductive biology in research, academic scholarship, professional leadership, mentoring and service. SSR is the world’s leading association for supporting the scientific study of reproduction by fostering interdisciplinary communication among scientists, holding conferences and publishing meritorious studies.

“The [2019 SSR award winners](#) include some of the world’s most accomplished reproductive biology scientists, physicians and professionals working to advance science in reproduction, fertility and development benefiting humans and animals,” said Saima Hedrick, executive director, SSR. “SSR will recognize the award winners and their accomplishments at our 2019 annual conference titled *Beyond Possible: Remarkable Transformation of Reproductive Biology* from July 18-21 in San Jose, CA.”

**About The Society For The Study of Reproduction 2019 Award Winners**

For a detailed description of each award winner’s achievements and contributions click [here](#).

**Carl G. Hartmann Award** is the highest award of the SSR and is given in recognition of a career of research and scholarly activities in the field of reproductive biology.

- **Award Winner: Marilyn B. Renfree, AO, FAA, FAIBiol, FSRB, PhD, D.Sc. D.Sc (Hon.) LLD (Hon.)**, Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia

**SSR Virendra B. Mahesh New Investigator Award** recognizes an active, regular member of SSR for outstanding research completed and published within 12 years after receiving the Ph.D.

- **Award Winner: Francesca E. Duncan, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago Illinois, USA

**SSR Jansen Distinguished Service Award** recognizes an individual who has demonstrated unselfish service and leadership in advancing the discipline of reproductive biology.

- **Award Winner: Sally Perreault Darney, PhD**, Editor-in-Chief, *Environmental Health Perspectives*, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, USA

**SSR Research Award** recognizes an active, regular member of the SSR for outstanding research published over the previous six years.

- **Award Winner: Humphrey Yao, PhD**, Principal Investigator, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Reproductive Developmental Biology Lab, USA

**SSR Trainee Mentoring Award** recognizes an SSR member who as a mentor has had significant impact on Trainees within the SSR.

- **Award Winner: Barbara Vanderhyden, PhD**, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada

**Fuller W. Bazer SSR International Scientist Award** is bestowed annually on a scientist who has consistently demonstrated excellence in research and graduate education at an institution outside of North America.

- **Award Winner: Andreas Meinhardt, PhD**, Professor, Justus-Liebig-University, Institute of Anatomy & Cell Biology Giessen, Germany

**Janice Bahr Junior Scientist Travel Award** recognizes and provides financial support for an SSR member, active assistant professor or position of similar rank on the tenure-track to attend the SSR meeting and present their research.

- **Award Winner: Annie Newell-Fugate, PhD, DVM**, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

### **About The Society for the Study of Reproduction**

Founded in 1967 with members in more than 50 countries, [The Society For The Study of Reproduction \(SSR\)](#) is the world's leading association for scientists and physicians dedicated to advancing knowledge of reproductive processes in animals and humans. Pioneering scientific contributions from SSR members have been made in the following areas: stem cell biology, transgenesis, treatment of infertility, contraception, livestock production, pregnancy health, treatment of reproductive system cancers, and identification of environmental contaminants. For more information or to [join SSR](#), [www.ssr.org](http://www.ssr.org).