

SGI: A QUARTER CENTURY DEVOTED TO EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH IN REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY

I am greatly honored to be serving as President of SGI this year. It is my intent during this year to communicate with the membership with each Journal issue. In this regard, I will have a dual responsibility because, as Editor-in-Chief, I will continue to write on issues which are relevant to the publication of *JSGI*.

We are proud of the rich organizational heritage and long history of our Society. The first meetings of what eventually became the SGI were held 25 years ago, in 1952. The first Council meeting was held at the Yale Club in New York City (the site where the New York OB Society still meets) in June of 1953, with the first annual meeting occurring on December 12–13 of that year in Cincinnati. The first meeting was almost entirely related to "toxemia," which was the passion of the founding fathers of our Society; one session, however, was devoted to graduate education in OB/GYN.

Our Society has grown considerably, and today we are almost "grown-up." My theme for this year's meeting will not only be to showcase our best research in reproductive biology,

but to show diversity in areas of research. We are not only interested in pregnancy research or endocrine research, but the entire gamut of our field, including cancer, infection, etc. In keeping with this theme of diversity, I am attempting to pull together representation from the other research societies in our field to provide unity rather than fragmentation in our scientific endeavors. I will also attempt to include in this year's program a forum for discussion on the great threat posed on academic departments in today's climate of reduced health care reimbursement and funding for reproductive research.

As we go forward this year, I would like to encourage and challenge all of you to prepare your work to present at next year's meeting. To paraphrase what Gary Hodgen has often said about our meeting: "Bring your best to the best." In keeping with this, I would also urge all of you to submit your work to the Journal so that it may continue to flourish.

As your President this year, I welcome any comments, questions or suggestions you may have. I can be reached through the Journal office or on E-Mail: LoboRog@cudept.cis.columbia.edu.

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