

Media release

WIRF secures record SRI awards haul

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WIRF Researchers have achieved a record awards result as part of the Society for Reproductive Investigation's (SRI) 70th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) held recently in Brisbane.

WIRF's Erin Fee, Haruo Usuda, Tsukasa Takahashi, Hideyuki Ikeda and Sean Carter each submitted SRI abstracts that were awarded oral presentations. These oral presentations represent the top 10-15% of all abstracts submitted.

Continuing the remarkable result for the team, Erin, Haruo and Tsukasa were also awarded the highly coveted SRI President's Presenter's Award for their work. These awards represent the top 25 most meritorious abstracts submitted by individuals still in training (either PhD students, postdocs or clinical fellows).

WIRF Acting Chief Scientist, Professor Matt Kemp pointed to the record haul as a clear example of the calibre of WIRF's scientists on the international research stage.

"Previously we have never had five oral abstracts out of our team presented - let alone be awarded three of the 25 most exemplary oral abstracts submitted by individuals still in-training," Prof Kemp said.

"WIRF-funded scientists and clinicians continue to rise to challenge of improving women's health and ensuring a health start to life for every baby by delivering world-leading research into new therapies for preterm babies and better diagnostic tests for maternal and fetal health."

The Society for Reproductive Investigation advances reproductive and women's health care through translational and clinical science, training and mentoring future investigators, targeting funding agencies and policy makers, and promoting women's health.

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Media opportunity: WIRF Acting Chief Scientific Director, [Professor Matt Kemp](#), is available for follow-up media comment.

Background:

The Women and Infants Research Foundation

The Women & Infants Research Foundation is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health of women and infants. We focus our research and programs across four principal areas: the prevention of preterm birth, gynaecological cancers, women's mental health, and the development of an Artificial Womb. Our research and programs have directly contributed to a number of improved clinical practices and health outcomes.