

# **Main Theme: From Gametes to Stem Cells and Back: Basic Biology and Emerging Applications.**

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**Keynote Address:** Dolly: A Decade of Progress – *Ian Wilmut, Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.*

## **I. Environmental Effects on Embryo/Gamete Development**

- Circadian Rhythm Genes in Reproductive Tissues and Germ Cells – *Hamid Dowlatshad, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.*

## **II. Age and Gamete/Embryo Quality**

- Telomeres and Reproductive Aging – *David L. Keefe, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.*
- Spermatogonial Stem Cells: Unlimited Potential – *Martin Dym, Biochemistry and Molecular & Cellular Biology, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.*

## **III. Emerging Tools for Research**

- Embryonic Gene Expression Profiling via Microarray Analysis – *Sadie Smith, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.*
- Genetic Modification for Bi-maternal Embryo Development – *Tomohiro Kono, Department of BioScience, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.*

## **IV. Cryopreservation of Manipulated Oocytes and Embryos**

- Nuclear Transfer and Oocyte Cryopreservation – *Peter Nagy, Reproductive Biology Associates, Atlanta, Georgia.*
- Cryopreservation of Manipulated Embryos: Tackling the Double Jeopardy – *Andras Dinnyes, Agricultural Biotechnology Center, Szent Istvan University, Hungary.*

## **V. Effects of Nuclear Transfer on Postimplantation Development**

- Altered Gene Expression in Cloned Piglets – *X. Cindy Tian, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.*
- Transcriptional Heterogeneity in Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells – *Tetsuya S. Tanaka, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.*

## **VI. Use of Stem Cells and Heterospecific Oocytes in Wildlife Cloning**

- Cloning Endangered Felids by Using Heterospecific Donor Oocytes and Interspecies Embryo Transfer – *Martha Gomez, Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species, New Orleans, Louisiana.*
- Cloning From Stem Cells – Different Lineages, Different Species, Same Reprogrammability – *Bjorn Oback, Agresearch, Hamilton, New Zealand.*