



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## SIMMET PRIZE

Deadline: September 1, 2019

Through the auspices of the International Congress of Animal Reproduction (ICAR), **Minitube International**, a science-driven biotechnology company, is sponsoring the fourth Simmet Prize in Assisted Reproduction. The award, which recognizes the scientific advances in assisted reproduction pioneered by Dr. Ludwig Simmet, founder of Minitube, recognizes an active research scientist for outstanding basic and applied research published during the previous six years in the area of assisted reproductive technologies for animal production systems. The Simmet Prize, which comes with a 50,000-euro honorarium, is the largest of its type in the world and is presented every four years at the ICAR meeting. Previous awardees were Cesare Galli (2008), John Aitken (2012), and Katrin Hinrichs (2016).

The Awards Committee will consider the significance of research areas under investigation, the breadth and depth of the research platform, the degree of originality of the research as documented in publications, and potential impact of the research contributions for animal reproduction. Scientists at all phases of their career (early, mid-, and late) will be considered. Scientists and industry professionals throughout the world are encouraged to nominate individuals for consideration of the Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction.

The Simmet Prize will be presented at the 18th International Congress of Animal Reproduction, June 28 to July 2, 2020, in Bologna, Italy. Note that awardees are expected to provide a manuscript to be published in conjunction with the proceedings of the ICAR meeting.

### Award Criteria:

1. Originality of Research – Among the criteria considered will be the degree to which the nominee is a pioneer in the development of novel and significant areas of knowledge to assist in propagation of animal species; an independent developer of new knowledge that has served as a technological platform to enhance efficiency of animal reproduction; a developer of reproductive technology that is close to application or is being used in animal reproduction.
2. Experimental Approach – The degree to which the nominee has formulated novel questions and hypotheses; developed pioneering and superior experimental methodologies; utilized experimental designs and approaches that permit development of significant conclusions and concepts; and communicated research results to the scientific community and end users.
3. Leadership – Accomplishments with respect to providing leadership to team research endeavors; recognition by scientific peers, as evidenced by contributions to scientific societies, invitations to participate in scholarly activities, and service to society; sharing of research experience willingly and unselfishly with the international scientific community through provision of advice and sharing of techniques, technology, and reagents.

**The nomination process** is straightforward. Nominators should assemble the nominee's portfolio for nomination, to include the following:

- a) Curriculum vitae, consisting of professional positions held, honors received, peer-reviewed papers and reviews published over the last six years, and documentation of channels used for technology transfer in reproduction (courses, websites, etc.).
- b) A letter of nomination that captures the nominee's contributions in research, novel approaches, leadership, and impact on the assisted reproduction community through potential use or current application to reproductive technologies.
- c) Two supporting letters from scientific peers.

Send nomination portfolios by email by **September 1, 2019**, to Dr. Peter J Hansen, Chair, Award Committee, Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction; email: [hansen@animal.ufl.edu](mailto:hansen@animal.ufl.edu).