



The Simmet Prize, established in honor of Dr. Ludwig Simmet, a pioneer in artificial insemination and founder of Minitube, recognizes active scientists for outstanding contributions to basic and applied research in animal reproduction. As the most prestigious award in the field, it is presented every four years at the ICAR congress and includes a prize of €50,000.

SIMMET PRIZE

for Assisted Reproduction

in memory of
Dr. Ludwig Simmet



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The award recognizes both individual excellence and the potential of the research to shape the future of animal reproduction.

The ICAR Awards Committee evaluates candidates based on the following criteria:

- Significance of research topics
- Breadth and depth of research
- Originality of published work
- Impact on the field of assisted animal reproduction

A foundation established by Minitube enables the International Congress on Animal Reproduction (ICAR) to honor exceptional scientists for their outstanding achievements in the field, as reflected in their published work over the past six years.

The €50,000 award supports the winners' ongoing research and scientific endeavors.



Dr. Ludwig Simmet...

...was a pioneer in the development of artificial reproduction technologies across species. His principles and accomplishments have profoundly shaped the artificial insemination industry. A man of practice and science, he demonstrated that dedication and perseverance can lead to significant advances in the field.



The Simmet Prize for Assisted Reproduction was first awarded in 2008.

Previous winners have been recognized for...

Professor Peter J. Hansen specialises in bovine reproductive biology and is internationally recognised for developing strategies to mitigate the effects of heat stress on bovine fertility.



2026

Prof. Peter J. Hansen, USA

...pioneering research on equine gametes and embryos. Her clinical program at Texas A&M has become one of the largest in the world.



2016

Prof. Katrin Hinrichs, USA

...groundbreaking research in reproductive and gamete biology (sperm capacitation, apoptosis, cell signaling, spermatogenesis).



2012

Dr. John Aitken, Australia

...the development of practical protocols for timed artificial insemination, superovulation and ET in cattle.



2022

Dr. Gabriel Bó, Argentina

.... numerous significant scientific publications in the field of assisted reproduction, as well as his work during his presidency of the AETE.



2008

Dr. Cesare Galli, Italy



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