European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology
29th Annual Meeting

London - United Kingdom
7 to 10 July 2013

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In 2013 ESHRE will stage its 29th Annual Meeting in London. This will be the third Annual Meeting in the UK, following Cambridge in 1987 and Edinburgh in 1997 and we invite all our members and colleagues to join us for what we hope will be an outstanding event. London is renowned throughout the world for its distinguished history and as a thriving centre for innovation and scientific progress.

The venue chosen for this event will be the ExCel Centre, the international exhibition and convention centre located in the heart of what were London’s Royal Docks. ExCel is within easy reach of central London, with convenient access via the Docklands Light Railway and Jubilee Underground Line. Access to London can be by long haul flight to Gatwick or Heathrow airports, and short haul to nearby City airport, or Eurostar rail link from the continent.

It is our aim to design a high quality scientific programme reflecting good clinical practice and providing a common forum for discussion and debate in many disciplines of reproductive medicine and science. Areas covered will include the ethical, legal and psycho-social aspects of infertility, as well as scientific and clinical progress of causes, diagnosis and treatment. We wish to attract all active professionals in this rapidly changing field including all clinicians, clinical embryologists, scientists, biologists, psychologists, sociologists, epidemiologists, nurses and laboratory technicians.

As you know, the annual meeting is more than just a forum for exchange of knowledge. London represents an ideal place for networking and for meeting old and making new friends. The range of options for social programmes in the city is second to none, with exceptional opportunities for sightseeing, soaking up history, dining, entertainment, arts, culture and sport guaranteed to captivate delegates and their partners.

We all look forward to welcoming you in London at ESHRE 2013!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Political Statement
The aim of ESHRE is to provide a forum for the exchange and discussion of new clinical and scientific ideas. The Society, in good faith, assumes that all participants will respect the non-political nature of our annual meeting.

Continuing Medical Education Credits
Approval of the pre-congress courses and of the annual meeting programme for continuing medical education (CME) credits will be applied for with the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) to provide the following CME activity for medical specialists. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). EACCME credits are recognized by the American Medical Association towards the Physician’s Recognition Award (PRA).

Venue
ExCel London
One Western Gateway
Royal Victoria Dock
London E16 1XL
United Kingdom
Website: http://www.excel-london.co.uk/

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How to get there?

By Air


The busiest and more convenient airport to travel to central London is Heathrow but the closest airport to get to ExCeL London is London City.

By Train

If you’re travelling from Europe, you can take the Eurostar, which has frequent inter-capital services from London St Pancras International to Paris and Brussels daily. Travel from Paris to Central London in just 2 hours 15 minutes or from Brussels in 1 hour and 51 minutes.

For more info visit the website:

http://www.visitlondon.com/travel/getting_here/

London Heathrow Airport

Heathrow Airport is located 32 km (20 miles) to the west of Central London and there are excellent transport links.

- The Heathrow Express is the fastest way to travel into Central London. Trains leave Heathrow Airport from approximately 5.00am until 11.45pm. Heathrow Express reaches Heathrow Central (Terminals 1 and 3) from Paddington in 15 minutes, with Terminal 5 a further four minutes. A free transfer service to Terminal 4 departs Heathrow Central every 15 minutes and takes four minutes.
- The Piccadilly line connects Heathrow Airport to Central London and the rest of the Tube system. The Tube is cheaper than the Heathrow Express or Heathrow Connect but it takes a lot longer and is less comfortable.
- National Express runs frequent coach services between Heathrow’s central bus station and Victoria Coach Station. The journey takes between 40 minutes and 1 hour 30 minutes, depending on the route.
- There are usually taxis queuing for customers at London’s airports. Ask the driver or minicab company how much your journey will cost beforehand. Only use a black cab or reputable minicab and never use unauthorized drivers. A metered trip in a black cab to/from Central London generally costs from £50 to £80 and takes 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- To travel from Heathrow to ExCeL London – take the Heathrow Express to Paddington station. Then take the tube – Bakerloo line (brown) to Baker Street, change on to the Jubilee line (silver) and travel to Canning Town. There take the DLR 2 stops to Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL. A taxi from Paddington to ExCeL London will cost approx £30 to £40 depending on the time of day.
London Gatwick

Gatwick is located 45km (28 miles) south of London. The Gatwick Express is the fastest way into Central London.

- There are trains every 15 minutes between Gatwick Airport's South Terminal and London Victoria Station. Journey time is 30 minutes and the service is non-stop to Victoria station.
- You can also get the First Capital Connect train to London Bridge, Blackfriars and St Pancras stations. Trains leave approximately every 30 minutes.
- National Express runs frequent services between Gatwick and Victoria Coach Station. Coaches run approximately hourly. Journey time varies according to route, most are about 1 hour 20 minutes.
- There are usually taxis queuing for customers at London's airports. The official Gatwick taxi concession is Checker Cars. You can ask the driver for an estimate of how much your journey will cost beforehand.
- To travel from Gatwick to ExCeL London – take the Gatwick Express to Victoria. Then take the tube – Victoria line (blue) to Green Park, change onto the Jubilee line (silver) and travel to Canning Town. There take the DLR 2 stops to Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL.

London City Airport

London City Airport is situated approximately 9.5km (6 miles) east of Central London and just 5 km (3 miles) from the ExCeL London.

- A taxi will take 5 minutes to drive from City Airport to ExCeL London.
- Catch the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) to reach ExCeL London. Take a Bank or Tower Gateway train to Canning town, alight and change to a Beckton train to Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL.
- The service runs every eight to 15 minutes. Fares on the DLR are the same as those on the Tube, Oyster and Travelcards are accepted.
- The DLR is also well connected to the Tube network if you would like to travel to central London first.
- You can also use the bus (473, 474) or a taxi to reach central London.

London Stansted

Stansted Airport is located 64km (40 miles) to the north-east of London. The Stansted Express is the quickest way into Central London (Liverpool Street station). Trains leave Stansted Airport every 15 minutes, journey time is 45 minutes.

- To travel from Stansted to ExCeL London – take the Stansted Express to Liverpool Street station. Then take the tube – Central Line (red) one stop to Bank change onto the DLR (take a train terminating at Beckton) and alight at Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL.
London Luton

London Luton is located 51km (32 miles) north-west of London. A regular shuttle bus links the airport to Luton Airport Parkway train station in around eight minutes. From there is a regular rail services into Central London and takes as little as 21 minutes with East Midlands Trains and 25 minutes with First Capital Connect.

- To travel from Luton airport to ExCeL London – take the train to London Bridge. Then change onto the tube – take the Jubilee line (silver) and travel to Canning Town. There take the DLR 2 stops to Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL.

Please note that there are two DLR stops for ExCeL London and it will be announced on the train which is relevant for the congress – either Prince Regent or Custom House.

For more information about airports in London, please visit the website: http://www.visitlondon.com/travel/airport/

Taxis

London’s Black Cabs

Black cabs can be hailed in the street or at designated ranks situated in prominent places, including many mainline rail, Tube and bus stations. They can also be booked by telephone. If the yellow TAXI sign at the front is illuminated, the cab is available for hire. Black cabs are legally obliged to take on any job for journeys up to 12 miles (20 miles for cabs at the Heathrow Airport taxi ranks), or up to one hour duration. Fares are metered, and there is a minimum charge of £2.20. Black cabs are licensed to carry up to five people (six in the special Metrocabs and Mercedes Vitos) plus luggage. There are no additional charges for extra passengers or items of luggage.

Licensed Private Hire Vehicles and Minicabs in London

Private hire vehicles and minicabs must be booked at an office, by telephone or email. Reputable, licensed minicab companies can offer a cheaper alternative to the black cab. While their fares are generally reasonable, they are not on a meter, instead you should ask how much the trip will cost when you make a booking.

If you want to book a private hire vehicle or minicab by telephone then most hotels and hostels will have a list of reputable, licensed operators. You will also find minicab offices on most high streets. Unbooked minicabs are illegal. You may be approached by minicab drivers seeking passengers or offering a service; avoid this as these are unsafe, unlicensed, uninsured and illegal and you put yourself in danger if you use these services.
Public Transport

**London Taxis - Useful Information**

Cabwise - *text CAB to 60835* (see above for details)

Findaride – find details of licensed private hire and minicab operators in any part of London - [tfl.gov.uk/findaride](http://tfl.gov.uk/findaride)

To comment or complain about taxi and private hire services email tph.coms@tfl.gov.uk, visit [www.tfl.gov.uk/contactcabs](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/contactcabs) or call TfL on 0845 300 7000

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**Tube**

London's Underground rail network or ‘the Tube’ as it is universally known to Londoners, is normally the quickest and easiest way of travelling around London. Greater London is served by 12 Tube lines, along with the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and an interconnected local train network. Trains generally run between 5am and midnight, Monday to Saturday. Operating hours are reduced on Sunday. Plan your route online with Transport for London’s Journey Planner.


A London Oyster card is the fastest, smartest and most cost-effective way to pay for single journeys on the bus (£1.35 per fare), Tube (from £2 per fare depending on the zone), DLR, tram, London Overground, Thames Clippers and most National Rail services. If you make lots of journeys, the Oyster card will automatically cap the day’s charges at the price of an equivalent 1-Day Travelcard. Cards can be bought at all stations, the visitlondon web site, or group bought by your event organiser. For general information on how to use your Oyster go to [http://visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk/](http://visitorshop.tfl.gov.uk/)

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**Buses**

London buses are a quick, convenient and cheap way to travel around. And you’ll get plenty of sightseeing opportunities en route. The Central London bus guide will be sufficient for most travelers. This map is available from travel information centres at larger Tube stations or to download from Travel Maps.

London is a 24-hour city so buses run throughout the night. Night bus services cover the period between the close of the Tube and the start of daytime bus services. In addition, many London bus routes run for 24 hours. If you’re not familiar with the routes, head to Trafalgar Square (the hub for night buses) or check any bus-stop information board. There is a flat fare throughout the bus network, £1.35 with a pre-pay Oyster card and £2.20 if you are paying by cash. Travelcards are valid on buses.
Cycles
London’s Barclays Cycle Hire scheme is a public bike sharing scheme for shorter journeys around the capital. Bike docking stations across the capital give you access to around 6,000 bikes at 400 locations in London’s Zone One travel area.

Travel to ExCeL London
By Rail
ExCeL London is well connected with 3 onsite DLR (Docklands Light Railway) stations and easy access to London Underground (Jubilee Line). Alight at Custom House for ExCeL (west) or Prince Regent for ExCeL (east) and ICC London ExCeL.

By Road
ExCeL London is just a 20 minute drive from Tower Bridge and a 25 minute drive from Junction 30 on the M25. The venue is also easily reached from Central London via the Limehouse Link and via the M25, A13, M11, A406 (North Circular), the Blackwall Tunnel and Rotherhithe Tunnel from other parts of the country. The venue offers 3,700 onsite parking spaces.

Passport and visa requirements
For detailed information about which country needs a visa and how they should apply please find a preliminary list here below but detailed and up-to-date information should be obtained from http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration. You can also determine whether you need a visa or not by entering your details (http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/do-you-need-a-visa/)

Nationals of countries in the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland have the right of free movement and residence in the UK.

If you need a Visa please make sure you leave enough time to apply and to have the relevant accompanying sponsor letters.

ESHRE will only send invitation letters for visa to registered participants.

Currency
The currency in the UK is the Pound Sterling (GBP). A currency calculation can be found online at www.x-rates.com/calculator.html

Language
The official language is British English.

Time zone
Britain Time is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), although during summer London Time is GMT + 1:00.
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<th>For tourist information about the UK and London, please visit the websites <a href="http://www.visitlondon.com">http://www.visitlondon.com</a> and <a href="http://www.visitbritain.com">http://www.visitbritain.com</a></th>
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<td><strong>Banks and exchange foreign currency</strong></td>
<td>Standard banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00-9:30 until 15:30 or 16:00 (some remain open until 17:30). Many bank branches stay open late once per week (until 17:30 or 18:00) as well as being open on Saturdays (9:00-9:30 until 12:30 or 15:30)</td>
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<td><strong>Current exchange rate</strong></td>
<td>Most banks and major post offices will be able to change money for you. 1 USD = 0.62 GBP (as of 2/04/2012) 1 EUR = 0.83 GBP (as of 2/04/2012)</td>
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<td><strong>Credit cards</strong></td>
<td>All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.</td>
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<td><strong>Shopping hours</strong></td>
<td>Shops in London are open Monday to Saturday 09.30-18.00, with some open as late as 20.00. Many open Sunday 12.00-18.00. King's Road in Chelsea, SW1, has a long-standing reputation for fashion, as does Notting Hill, while Shoreditch boasts cutting-edge fashion and vintage. Oxford Street and Regent Street offer high-street clothing, and Tottenham Court Road, WC1, is packed with electrical goods. Covent Garden, WC2, offers specialist shops, cafés, craft stalls and street performers. Old and New Bond Streets, W1, are home to international designers, such as Prada and Gucci, with nearby Conduit Street sporting more off-the-wall designers, such as Vivienne Westwood. Westfield Stratford City, the largest urban shopping centre in Europe is 15 minutes from ExCeL London. Canary Wharf, which offers over 200 shops, bars and restaurants is also located just 10-minutes from the venue.</td>
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<td><strong>Electricity</strong></td>
<td>The electrical power supply in the United Kingdom is 230 volts. Suitable adapters are needed for all European plugs.</td>
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<td><strong>Climate</strong></td>
<td>London's weather changes from cold and damp in winter to bright and warm in the summer. July-August: generally sunny, with the occasional rainstorm. Temperatures average around 20°C, but have been known to go as high as 37°C.</td>
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Registration and Information desk
The registration desk will be located on the ground floor of the congress centre and will be open at the following hours:

- **Sunday, 7 July** from 8 a.m. to 19 p.m. (registrations pre-congress courses) from 12 a.m. to 20 p.m. (registrations main programme)
- **Monday, 8 July** from 08.00 a.m. to 19.00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 9 July** from 08.00 a.m. to 19.00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, 10 July** from 08.00 a.m. to 15.00 p.m.

Language
English is the official language of the meeting. There will be no simultaneous translation.

Admission badges
The congress badge should be worn by all participants at all times during the congress, during the pre-congress courses, in the exhibit area and within other areas of the congress centre as well as during social activities. Only participants wearing their congress badge will be admitted to the scientific sessions, to the exhibition and to the social events. Accompanying persons must have a badge for admission to the exhibit area and to the social functions.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**
Please note that if you lose or misplace your badge, you will be required to pay a 50 Euro fee to have a new badge issued.

Exhibition
A technical exhibition of pharmaceutical, surgical and laboratory products will be organized, and will be located in the exhibition area of the congress centre. The exhibition will be officially opened with the traditional welcome reception at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 7 July immediately following the Opening Ceremony of the Annual Meeting.

Insurance, liability
ESHRE does not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance, and participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies in their country of origin. Participation in all excursions, tours etc. is at personal risk.
REGISTRATION FEES

Please note that individual registrations can be made ONLY online via the ESHRE website at http://www.eshre.eu. Each registration submission is for one participant only and his/her accompanying person(s). Instructions for group registrations can be found on page 19.

The registration fee for the annual meeting includes:
• admission to all scientific sessions and the exhibition
• lunch and coffee breaks
• final programme
• a certificate of attendance
• admission to the Opening and Closing Ceremony

The registration fee for the pre-congress courses includes:
• admission to one specific course as selected
• lunch and coffee breaks on the day of the pre-congress courses
• a course syllabus

The registration fees DO NOT include admission to the congress dinner on Tuesday evening, 9 July. An extra fee will have to be paid for admission to this activity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
Membership registration fees only apply to members of ESHRE. Please note that although non-members can apply for membership before registering for the meeting, processing membership usually takes up to one week.

“Student” applies to undergraduate, graduate and medical students, residents and post-doctoral research trainees. “Paramedical” applies to support personnel such as nurses/midwives, laboratory technicians, counselors/psychologists/social workers, ESHRE certified clinical embryologists (Bsc level). Embryologists have to register at the ordinary membership fee unless we receive a letter in which their Head of Department confirms they work in a routine environment as a lab technician.

Registrations for students and paramedicals must be accompanied by a letter from the Head of the Department to prove their status. This letter has to be faxed to the ESHRE Central Office (+32 2 269 56 00) or sent by email (info@eshre.eu). REGISTRATIONS WITHOUT ACCOMPANYING LETTER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOW FEES WILL NOT BE VALIDATED. WHEN LETTERS CERTIFYING STUDENT OR PARAMEDICAL STATUS ARE SENT AFTER THE 30 April DEADLINE, LATE FEES WILL BE APPLICABLE EVEN WHEN REGISTRATION FORMS ARE RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

Please note that registrations for only one of the main congress days are not available.
The fees (in EURO) for the combined option are as follows:

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<th>Member of ESHRE</th>
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<td>Before 30 April 2013</td>
<td>❑ 400,-</td>
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* all prices mentioned are in Euro
* all prices mentioned above are exclusive 20% VAT

Registration Fees for the Annual Meeting (Main Programme) only:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Fees that apply to the combined option are NOT valid for participants who first register for the main programme or a pre-congress course only and afterward decide to register additionally for a pre-congress-course-only or the main-programme-only options. In these instances the full fees will apply!

Registrations can only be validated and confirmed when accompanied by payment. The date of payment will be considered as the date of registration. Early rates (i.e. before 30 April 2013) only apply when registration AND payment are received BEFORE 30 April 2013. When registrations AND payments are received AFTER 30 April 2013 or AFTER 10 June 2013, then the corresponding late fees will automatically apply.

Payment in EURO should be made in advance (except group) by one of the following means:

1. **Bank to bank transfer to ESHRE in Euro**

   BELFIUS Bank, Pachecolaan 44, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
   International account number (IBAN): BE61 5522 5209 0217 -
   BIC: GKCCBEBB
   National (Belgian) account number: 552-2520902-17

   Clearly mention name and/or registration number with the bank transfer. Remittance should be free of charge to the recipient.

2. **Registration fees may be paid by credit card**

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   **Personal cheques and bank drafts cannot be accepted!**

**Accompanying Persons**

Accompanying person registration fees (200 Euro/person + 20% VAT) include:
- admission to the congress premises and exhibit (but not to the scientific sessions)
- lunch and coffee breaks
- admission to the Opening and Closing Ceremony

The accompanying registration fee does not include admission to the congress dinner on Tuesday evening, 9 July. An extra fee has to be paid for admission to this activity.

**Confirmation**

Upon receipt of the registration forms with the appropriate fees, confirmation will be sent not later than one month prior to the meeting. Letters of confirmation will be mailed in advance of the meeting only to those participants registered by 31 May 2013.
Cancellation of registration and reimbursement policy

A full refund (less 100 Euro administration fee) will be granted to participants unable to attend, provided written notice is received at the Central Office on or before 30 April 2013. ESHRE regrets that it will be unable to consider requests received after this date. The date of the receipt of the written request for cancellation by the ESHRE Central Office will be considered as the date of cancellation. Please note that refunds will be issued only after the end of the annual meeting.

Group registrations

Companies or institutions are invited to submit group registrations, provided they have 10 or more individuals to register.

How to register a group of participants (i.e. ≥ 10 persons)?

- Make an online reservation for the expected number of participants at the early reduced registration fees before 30 April 2013.
- Note that after 30 April 2013, late (i.e. higher) registration fees will apply!
- After receipt of the online reservation a proforma invoice with payment request will be issued together with a “Group Registration Form” and “Congress Material Pick-up From” with further instructions on how and by when to submit participants’ names and details.
- Return the completed “Group Registration Form” with participants’ names and details and “Congress Material Pick-up From” to erika@eshre.eu no later than 27 May 2013. Ensure that participants who are registered at the membership rate are in fact members of ESHRE. If not, participants should apply for membership.
- Once all registrations formalities have been completed and all fees have been paid, a confirmation will be mailed out within 3 weeks.
- All changes in the group registration (e.g. name changes, additions etc.) are to be reported in writing. After 3 July 2013, changes can only be reported and processed onsite at the Group Registration Desk.
- Cancellation deadlines:
  - Before 30 April 2013 -> cancellations will be refunded less an administrative fee of 100 Euro for each cancelled participant
  - After 30 April 2013 -> no refunds!
  - Important! Participants’ names can be substituted/replaced by other names without penalty. However, there will be a surcharge in case the substitution takes place at the time when late or onsite fees are applicable.

- IMPORTANT NOTICE:
Attendance to all Pre-congress Courses is limited to a given number of participants. It is therefore advisable to book registrations for each specific Pre-congress Course well in advance. If the maximum participant capacity for the Pre congress Courses is reached, the organizers maintain the right to refuse registrations. In other words, a “first come – first serve policy” will apply.

Group registrations will not be possible after 21 June

ESHRE cannot be held responsible for double registrations/bookings of a participant made by the group manager as well as the individual or another company/organization.

In case of doubt or if you have question about group registrations, please contact us (erika@eshre.eu)
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For hotel reservations, please contact the official appointed agency:

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission deadline and general policies

All abstracts must arrive at the ESHRE Central Office no later than 1 February 2013.

Abstracts should be submitted in English only.

IMPORTANT! Any person submitting an abstract can only be the first author for one abstract. The material presented should be unpublished and original material, which has not yet been presented in any other meeting. First authors can only submit one abstract.

All abstracts will be refereed in the absence of the names and addresses of the authors. Authors are requested to indicate their preference for oral and/or poster presentation on the abstract submission form. Abstracts that are submitted for oral presentation, but that are not selected for oral communication can be referred to the poster sessions. The decisions of the selection committee are final. All accepted abstracts and the index of authors will be published in an abstract book, a monograph to the Human Reproduction Journals.

Abstract topics

The abstract topics can be consulted on the ESHRE website: http://www.eshre.eu/ESHRE/page.aspx/1500
Abstract content and format

Abstracts should be structured and include the following parts:

**Introduction** - should be informative and short, stating why the study was conducted;

**Material & methods** - indicating the locale, number and type of human subjects, non-human species or material being studied, the principal procedures, assays, tests or treatments performed;

**Results** - confirming or refuting the hypothesis, supported by statistics if appropriate;

**Conclusions** - stating the major new findings of the study and specifying what these findings add to what is known already.

**Abbreviations** can be used after defining them first.

The use of **graphs, tables and images** is strongly discouraged.

**Abstract title**. Do not use capital letters and do not indent. The title should reflect the contents and should be no longer than 150 characters.

**List the authors** with family name first, followed by initials (i.e. Jones, B.; Smith, J.; and Simpson, A.) The name of the first author is also the presenting author. Do not include professional titles or degrees.

**The body text** must be a maximum of 600 words. The different parts of the abstract - introduction, material and methods, results, conclusions - are to be typed in bold.

Submission procedure

Abstracts can only be submitted on-line on the ESHRE website at [www.eshre.eu](http://www.eshre.eu)

Please read the on-line instructions carefully before submitting your abstract.

**HARD COPY ABSTRACTS (SENT BY FAX OR POST) WILL BE COMPLETELY IGNORED!!!**

**Topic Choice**

Authors are urged to carefully consider the list of topics, before indicating the single most appropriate topic for their abstract.

**Keywords**

Authors are requested to mention a minimum of two and a maximum of five keywords.
Awards

Seven presentations at ESHRE 2013 will be selected and rewarded with a prize of EURO 2,000. One additional presentation will be selected for the FSA Exchange Award. Special award committees, composed of senior scientists and clinicians will make the selection for each award. Authors of pre-selected abstracts may be asked to submit an extended abstract.

Basic Science Award for oral presentation - To be awarded to the first and presenting author of the best oral presentation on a basic science topic.

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The Fertility Society of Australia Exchange Award - An educational travel grant, generously sponsored by Cook, will allow one of the participants of ESHRE 2013 to present the data of his/her oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Fertility Society of Australia.

The Nurses Award - To be awarded to the best oral presentation by a nurse

The ART Laboratory Award - To be awarded to the best oral or poster presentation made by a laboratory technician. Sponsored by Labotect GmbH
PRE-CONGRESS COURSES

Course 1

Paramedical Group

“Fertility preservation - The next frontier”

Course Coordinators

Joleneke Schoonenberg – Pomper (The Netherlands) and Helle Bendtsen (Denmark)

Course description

An advanced course for nurses and lab technicians focussing on the different aspects of fertility preservation.

Target audience

Nurses and lab technicians

Course programme

Chairman: Helle Bendtsen (Denmark)
Co-chairman: Helen Kendrew (United Kingdom)

09.00 – 09.10 Introduction

Helle Bendtsen (Denmark)

09.10 – 09.40 Role of the nurse in England

Rebecca Goulding (United Kingdom)

09.40 – 09.50 Discussion

09.50 – 10.20 Risk of premature ovarian failure

Ina Beerendonk (The Netherlands)

10.20 – 10.30 Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.25 Fertility preservation in women affected by malignant diseases; when (indication), and how (procedures)

Kirsten Tryde Schmidt (Denmark)

11:25 – 11:35 Discussion

11.35 – 12.00 Oocyte Cryopreservation – alternative technique to embryo freezing

Laura Rienzi (Italy)

12.00 – 12.10 Discussion

12.10 – 12.30 Hands-on session vitrification- companies will show different vitrification devices for oocytes

Helle Bendtsen (Denmark)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.05 Oocyte banking in an egg-donation programme

Elisabeth Larsen (Denmark)

14.05 – 14.15 Discussion

14.15 – 14.50 Oocyte cryopreservation: applications and outcomes in the U.S.A. - Nicole Noyes (US)

14.50 – 15.00 Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.00 Counseling for social freezing

Julie Nekkebroeck (Belgium)

16.00 – 16.10 Discussion

16.10 – 16.40 Ethical issue of social freezing

Françoise Shenfield (United Kingdom)

16.40 – 17.00 Discussion
Course 2

Special Interest Group Andrology
“Is male fertility decreasing? The latest news suggests not…”

Course Coordinators
Sheena E.M. Lewis (United Kingdom) and Jackson Kirkman Brown (United Kingdom)

Course description
This course will present the latest research on male reproductive health and debate two issues: whether male fertility is declining and secondly if ART is a solution to Europe’s demographic demise.

- The impact on ART on falling birth rates on European Society
- The economic benefits of ART on European Society
- Factors causing the increase in couples seeking ART year on year
- The health of children conceived with surgically retrieved sperm
- Controlling male fertility by hormonal contraception

Target audience
Clinicians, paramedical staff, embryologists and andrologists with an interest in male reproduction and the differing schools of thought on male fertility public health issues

Course programme

Debate 1: This house believes that male fertility is declining

Chair: Sheena Lewis (Ireland)

09.00 – 09.30 Male reproductive health is decreasing
   Niels Skakkebaek (Denmark)
09.30 – 10.00 Male reproductive health is not decreasing
   Harry Fisch (USA)
10.00 – 10.30 Discussion
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Factors that may causing the increase in couples seeking ART each year

Chair: Stefan Schlatt

11.00 – 11.30 Effect of lifestyle and environment
   Richard Sharpe (United Kingdom)
11.15 – 11.45 Discussion
11.45 – 12.15 Increasing patient age
   Lone Schmidt (Denmark)
12.15 – 12.30 Discussion
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
Debate 2: We believe that ART is an important part of the solution to Europe’s demographic demise

Chair: Jackson Kirkman-Brown (United Kingdom)

13.30 – 14.00  For the motion
Soren Ziebe (Denmark)
14.00 – 14.30  Against the motion
Egbert te Velde (The Netherlands)
14.30 – 15.00  Discussion
15.00 – 15.30  Coffee break

Chair: Willem Ombelet (Belgium)

15.30 – 16.00  The economic benefits of ART to European Society
Mark Connolly (United Kingdom)
16.00 – 16.15  Discussion
16.15 – 16.45  How will ART children from infertile fathers affect the health of European Society in the future? The latest child health data
Anja Pinborg (Denmark)
16.45 – 17.00  Discussion
Course 3

Special Interest Group Early Pregnancy
“Risk factors for recurrent pregnancy loss – more pieces of the puzzle”

Course Coordinator
Mariëtte Goddijn (The Netherlands)

Course description
This pre-congress course will address the risk factors involved in recurrent pregnancy loss and focuses on potential therapeutic consequences.

Target audience
Reproductive gynaecologists and physicians

Course programme
Pregnancies of unknown location (PUL)

Chair: Siobhan Quenby (United Kingdom)

09.00 – 09.20 Diagnosis solutions for pregnancy of unknown location (PUL). The role of ultrasound
Emma Kirk (United Kingdom)

09.20 – 09.40 Diagnosis solutions for pregnancy of unknown location (PUL). The role of hCG measurements
Kurt Barnhart (USA)

09.40 – 10.00 How PULs affect future pregnancy outcomes: new ESHRE guidelines
Astrid Kolte (Denmark)

10.00 – 10.30 Interactive discussion with the speakers and audience: which diagnostic tests to use; how to inform patients about their prognosis

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

Thyroid Abnormalities and Early Pregnancy

Chair: Mariëtte Goddijn (The Netherlands)

11.00 – 11.30 When to screen for thyroid function abnormalities?
Rosa Vissenberg (The Netherlands)

11.30 – 12.00 Thyroid replacement therapy – time for a treatment trial?
Arri Coomarasamy (United Kingdom)

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion with the speakers and audience: diagnostic tests in setting of scientific studies; RCT design

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
Societal and Lifestyle factors

Chair: Ole Bjarne Christiansen (Denmark)

13.30 – 13.50  Life style factors increase the risk of recurrent miscarriage
William Kutteh (USA)

13.50 – 14.10  The impact of genetic testing for couples with recurrent miscarriage
Fleur Vansenne (The Netherlands)

14.10 – 14.30  The influence of advanced maternal age: major cause of recurrent pregnancy loss
Mary Stephenson (USA)

14.30 – 15.00  Discussion with speakers and audience: how to fight bad habits

15.00 – 15.30  Tea Break

New thoughts

Chair: Mariëtte Goddijn (The Netherlands)

15.30 – 16.00  NK cells
Siobhan Quenby (United Kingdom)

16.00 – 16.30  NICE guidelines 2012 – dissemination and implementation
Caroline Overton (United Kingdom)

16.30 – 17.00  Discussion with speakers and audience: early pregnancy research networks – bridging the ‘pond’
Mariëtte Goddijn (The Netherlands) and Mary Stephenson (USA)
Course 4

Special Interest Group Embryology
“Cryopreservation - What is hot and what is cold?”

Course Coordinators  Kersti Lundin (Sweden) and Cristina Magli (Italy)

Course description This course is aimed to give an update on current and possible future practices in short and long term cryopreservation, as well as analyse risks, utilisation rates, and outcome.

Target audience IVF lab technologists, clinical embryologists, scientists and clinicians

Course type Advanced

Course programme Chairs: Kersti Lundin (Sweden) and Cristina Magli (Italy)

Burning aspects of cryopreservation

09.00 - 09.30 Cryobiology with focus on gametes and embryos
Henri Woelders (The Netherlands)

09.30 - 09.45 Discussion

09.45 - 10.15 Cross contamination of samples in liquid nitrogen – statistical probability or absolute certainty?
Ana Cobo (Spain)

10.15 - 10.30 Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

Cryopreservation, optimisation of methodology

11.00 - 11.30 Is there still a place for slow freezing in ART
David Edgar (Australia)

11.30 - 11.45 Discussion

11.45 - 12.15 Fresh versus frozen oocytes – are we reaching the optimum?
Maria José de los Santos (Spain)

12.15 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

Chairs: Maria Jose De Los Santos (Spain) and Greta Verheyen (Belgium)

Long term cryopreservation

13.30 - 14.00 Cryopreservation and utilization of ovarian tissue; when, where and how
Christiani Amorim (Belgium)

14.00 - 14.15 Discussion

14.15 - 14.45 Cryopreservation of testicular tissue; when, where and how
Greta Verheyen (Belgium)

14.45 - 15.00 Discussion

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee break
A cold look at cryopreservation

15.30 - 16.00  Molecular changes in cryopreserved oocytes and embryos?

*Petra Hajkova (United Kingdom)*

16.00 - 16.15  Discussion

16.15 - 16.45  Freeze dried sperm preservation: are we looking at the future?

*Luca Gianaroli (Italy)*

16.45 - 17.00  Discussion

17.00 - 17.30  Business meeting Special Interest Group Embryology
Course 5

Special Interest Group Endometriosis/Endometrium

“Impact of pelvic pain and uterine bleeding on quality of life”

Course Coordinator
Hilary Critchley (United Kingdom; current SIGEE co-ordinator), other Course co-ordinator(s) to be advised

Course description
Multidisciplinary content addressing:
- what we know now about pain and uterine bleeding
- what we need to know to improve treatment outcomes
- how to prioritise basic research that can be translated into patient benefit
- the impact of pelvic pain and menstrual bleeding disturbances on quality of life for women. This topic will encompass (but not exclusively) the clinical conditions of endometriosis, fibroids, and HMB (heavy menstrual bleeding) – the focus will be upon symptoms and impact of interventions on the patient from a multidisciplinary perspective.
- medical, surgical, and complementary therapy outcomes will be addressed in terms of morbidity, mortality, quality of life (pain & bleeding), and fertility.
- future research priorities proposed by each speaker for discussion at the end of each presentation

Target audience
All providers of care for women with the complaints of pelvic pain and unacceptable menstrual bleeding. This will include care providers of women with endometriosis, fibroids, and HMB: including clinicians, scientists (especially those with an interest in bleeding and pain mechanisms) and psychologists with an interest in quality of life and the impact of pelvic pain and bleeding. We welcome the attendance of those who provide multi / cross discipline care provision.

Course type
Basic

Course programme
Chair: Andrew Horne (United Kingdom)

09.00 - 09.30 Pain and bleeding and quality of life – the evidence
Cindy Farquhar (New Zealand)
09.30 - 09.45 Discussion
09.45 - 10.15 “From basic research to clinical management are we improving women’s quality of life?”
Peter Rogers (Australia)
10.15 - 10.30 Discussion
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 11.30 Neuronal pathways in the perception of endometriosis associated pain: novel therapeutic opportunities
Thomas Lundeberg (Sweden)
11.30 - 11.45 Discussion
11.45 - 12.15 Pelvic pain and bleeding – the impact on female sexuality
Brigitte Leeners (Switzerland)
12.15 - 12.30 Discussion
12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
13.30 - 14.00  Medical management and patient benefit
   Khalid Khan (United Kingdom)
14.00 - 14.15  Discussion
14.15 - 14.45  Pelvic surgery and patient benefit
   Philippe Koninckx (Belgium)
14.45 - 15.00  Discussion
15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break
15.30 - 16.00  Psychologically informed pain management and pain
   self management
   Amanda Williams (United Kingdom)
16.00 - 16.15  Discussion
16.15 - 16.45  Quality of life outcomes and trial regulation: influence
   on future clinical study design
   Stephen Kennedy (United Kingdom)
16.45 - 17.00  Discussion
Course 6

Special Interest Group Psychology and Counselling

“High standard psychosocial care in your clinic; how to implement new guidelines”

Course Coordinators
Chris Verhaak (The Netherlands) and Uschi Vandenbroeck (Belgium)

Course description
Supported by the ESHRE guideline group, new guidelines for psychosocial care are developed by psychologists, counsellors, nurses and gynaecologists. The guidelines are focused on implementing psychosocial care in different aspects of daily clinical care. The workshop is aimed to facilitate implementing the guidelines in daily practice.

Target audience
Doctors and nurses, psychologists and counsellors

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Course 7

Special Interest Group Reproductive Endocrinology

“Ovarian stimulation for ART: how to achieve efficacy and safety”

Course coordinator  Georg Griesinger (Germany)

Course description  Ovarian stimulation remains an essential part of ART. Interindividual variation in ovarian response represents a significant clinical and economical challenge. Undoubtedly, there is a need to reliably predict ovarian response to stimulation, to tailor stimulation protocols optimizing the probability of pregnancy and keep at the same time the risks of complications and costs at a minimum. Special emphasis needs to be given on how to avoid excessive response and predict the occurrence of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS), as well as on maximizing tolerability of treatment from a patient's perspective.

Topics to be covered include ovarian stimulation strategies; primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of OHSS; development of protocols for patients with diminished ovarian reserve; ovarian reserve testing and its practical implications; mild stimulation and financial implications; segmentation of IVF treatment; impact of ovarian stimulation on the endometrium; and emergency stimulation for oncofertility patients.

Target audience  Physicians and scientists in reproductive medicine

Course type  Advanced

Course programme  Session 1: Cost implications of ovarian stimulation in expected normal responders

Chair: Daniela Romualdi (Italy)

09.00 – 09.15  Introduction and E-system voting
09.15 – 09.45  Conventional stimulation & cryopreservation of surplus oocytes or embryos is the most costeffective treatment  
Filippo Ubaldi (Italy)
09.45 – 10.15  Repetitive natural cycles or mild stimulation offer most benefit per spent  
Michael von Wolff (Switzerland)
10.15 – 10.30  E-system voting & Discussion
10.30 – 11.00  Coffee break

Session 2: Poor response to ovarian stimulation: three short sketches and a mini debate

Chair: Frank Broekmans (The Netherlands)

11.00 – 11.15  Is the clinical impact of a poor response female age dependant?  
Simone Broer (The Netherlands)
11.15 – 11.30 Is manipulating intra-ovarian androgen conditions effective in upgrading ovarian response?
Renato Fanchin (France)

11.30 – 11.45 Will application of stimulation dosages over 225 IU per day prevent a poor response?
Frank Broekmans (The Netherlands)

11.45 – 12.15 Mini Debate: A first cycle poor responder after adequate FSH dosing should not be allowed further ART treatment
• Pro - Petra De Sutter (Belgium) (15 min.)
• Con - Pia Saldeen (Sweden) (15 min.)

12.15 – 12.30 E-system voting

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

Session 3: Excessive response

Chair: Georg Griesinger (Germany)

13.30 – 13.40 Introduction and E-system voting

13.40 – 14.00 How should we stimulate patients with polycystic ovaries?
Efstratios Kolibianakis (Greece)

14.00 – 14.45 Debate: Excessive ovarian response affects oocyte quality, endometrial receptivity and child health
• Pro - Nicholas Macklon (United Kingdom) (22 min)
• Con - Karin Middelburg (The Netherlands) (22 min)

14.45 – 15.00 E-system voting & Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

Session 4: Individualisation of ovarian stimulation: can it impact the outcome?

Chair: Efstratios Kolibianakis (Greece)

15.30 – 15.45 Introduction and E-system voting

15.45 – 16.15 Maximising success rates by stimulation individualization
Ernesto Bosch (Spain)

16.15 – 16.45 Individualisation of ovarian stimulation has little impact on outcome
Georg Griesinger (Germany)

16.45 – 17.00 E-system voting & Discussion
Course 8

Special Interest Group Reproductive Genetics

“Genetic and epigenetic causes of infertility - can we minimize the risks?”

Course coordinators

Ursula Eichenlaub-Ritter (Germany), Joyce Harper (United Kingdom), Wendy Dean (United Kingdom) and Tania Milachich (Bulgaria)

Course description

The link between reproduction and genetics has been studied extensively, having benefitted immensely from the human genome project. What is now apparent is that epigenetics may play an equally important role in reproductive potential. In the post genomic era, whole genome scanning may become routine practice before couples try to conceive. This will be an exciting time but not without ethically difficult issues to resolve. This workshop is designed to update delegates on our current knowledge of genetic testing and epigenetics in relation to fertility. The course will cover some of the latest findings relating to the female, the male and the embryo. One of the questions will be – can we minimise genetic and epigenetic risks? This is an advanced course and so a basic knowledge in genetics and embryology is necessary.

Target audience

Scientist, embryologists and medics interested in genetics, PGD specialists, geneticists

Course type

Advanced

Course programme

Chair: Joyce Harper (United Kingdom)

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Alan Handyside (United Kingdom) |
| 09.30 - 09.45 | Discussion |
| 09.45 - 10.15 | Epigenetics and fertility  
Wendy Dean (United Kingdom) |
| 10.15 - 10.30 | Discussion |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Coffee break |

Female

11.00 - 11.30 | Genome scanning to identify genes in PCOS and early onset menopause  
Joop Laven (The Netherlands) |
11.30 - 11.45 | Discussion |
11.45 - 12.15 | Epigenetics in the oocyte  
Thomas Haaf (Germany) |
12.15 - 12.30 | Discussion |
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Course 9

Special Interest Group Reproductive Surgery

“The impact of reproductive surgery on repeated implantation failure”

Course coordinators
Vasilios Tanos (Cyprus) and Tin Chiu Li (United Kingdom)

Course description
This advanced course aims to review the aetiology of implantation failure dealing with congenital and acquired pathology as well as the impact of reproductive surgery in diagnosis and treatment. Daily practice problems and dilemmas about implantation failure and how reproductive surgery can solve them will be extensively analysed and discussed. The importance of imaging techniques and endoscopic procedures as diagnostic and treatment tools, improving implantation will be also reported. Presentations of surgical procedures and evidence based data how implantation and endometrial receptivity can be increased will be demonstrated.

Target audience
Gynaecologists, Embryologists, Radiologists

Course type
Advanced

Course programme

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14.45 - 15.00  Discussion
15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break
15.30 - 16.00  Surgery of hydrosalpinges and implantation rate
(salpígectomy/sålpgostomy/ligation/essure)
   Vasilios Tanos (Cyprus)
16.00 - 16.15  Discussion
16.15 - 16.45  The importance of minor endometrial pathology and
   endometrial scratching in repeated implantation
   failure. When a treatment is indicated
   Tin Chiu Li (United Kingdom)
16.45 - 17.00  Discussion
Course 10

Special Interest Group Stem Cells and Task Force Fertility Preservation in Severe Diseases
“Pluripotent stem cells, cancer and fertility preservation: science fact or science fiction?”

Course coordinators
Rita Vassena (Spain), Anis Fekki (Switzerland), Helen Picton (UK) and Karen Sermon (Belgium)

Course description
This advanced course will try to unveil the link between pluripotent stem cells and cancer, and how this has repercussions on fertility preservation. The course will cover the current knowledge on stem cells in gonads, how these stem cells are related to cancer of reproductive organs and how this affects cancer treatment as well as infertility treatment.

Target audience
Stem cell biologists, fertility specialists with an interest in fertility preservation after cancer treatment

Course type
Advanced

Course programme

Chairs: Anis Fekki (Switzerland) and Helen Picton (United Kingdom)

09.00 - 09.30  Stem cells in ovarian tissue – the case for and against
Evelyn Telfer (United Kingdom)
09.30 - 09.45  Discussion
09.45 - 10.15  Female fertility preservation and reproductive outcome
Claus Yding Andersen (Denmark)
10.15 - 10.30  Discussion
10.30 - 11.00  Coffee break

Chairs: Stefan Schlatt (Germany) and Rita Vassena (Spain)

11.00 - 11.30  Stem cells in testis and their role in fertility preservation
Ans Van Pelt (The Netherlands)
11.30 - 11.45  Discussion
11.45 - 12.15  Advances in male germ cells preservation and transplantation
Christine Wyns (Belgium)
12.15 - 12.30  Discussion
12.30 - 13.30  Lunch

Chairs: Karen Sermon (Belgium) and Anis Fekki (Switzerland)

13.30 - 14.00  Epigenetics of pluripotent cells
John Huntriss (United Kingdom)
14.00 - 14.15  Discussion
14.15 - 14.45  Epigenetics of cancer cells as a tool to understand cancer biology – Speaker TBA
14.45 - 15.00  Discussion
15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break
Chair: Karen Sermon (Belgium) and Helen Picton (United Kingdom)

15.30 - 16.00  Stimulation protocols in cancer patients
Juan Garcia Velasco (Spain)

16.00 - 16.15  Discussion

16.15 - 16.45  Cancer stem cells and their role in male germline cancers
James Korkola (USA)

16.45 - 17.00  Discussion

17.00  Business meeting of the SIG Stem Cells
Course 11

Special Interest Group Ethics and Law & Safety and Quality in ART

“Responsible innovation in medically assisted reproduction”

Course coordinators
Wybo Dondorp (The Netherlands), Guido De Wert (The Netherlands), Petra De Sutter (Belgium) and Willianne Nelen (The Netherlands)

Aim
To present an overview of issues, challenges and responsibilities relevant to the safety and quality of innovations in medically assisted reproduction.

Background
Also in the light of reported subtle health effects in children born with the help of reproductive technologies, there is a growing awareness in the field that safety as a crucial aspect of innovation needs more systematic attention than it has sometimes received in the past. Relevant questions include (but are not limited to) the relation between practice adaption and research, the usefulness of research in animal models and embryos, the importance of registries and follow‐up studies, the level of risk that should be regarded as acceptable and how the various stakeholders (including ESHRE) can contribute to making the field more accountable in this regard.

Target audience
Congress participants who as researchers, embryologists or clinicians have a professional interest in the safety and quality of new reproductive technologies, participants with a general interest in the ethics of assisted reproduction, policy makers, etc.

Course type
Advanced

Course programme

Chair: Willianne Nelen (The Netherlands)

09.00 - 09.30 Possible subtle adverse health outcomes of medically assisted reproduction (MAR): a review
Arianna D’Angelo (Italy)

09.30 - 09.45 Discussion

09.45 - 10.15 Innovation in MAR: lessons from the past (ICSI), challenges for the present (oocyte vitrification), perspectives on the future (artificial gametes)
Heidi Mertes (Belgium)

10.15 - 10.30 Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 11.30 What animal research may contribute to safety and quality in MAR?
Thomas d’Hooghe (Belgium)

11.30 - 11.45 Discussion

11.45 - 12.15 In vitro maturation of oocytes: is there a case for preclinical embryo research?
Guido de Wert (The Netherlands)

12.15 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
Chair: Veerle Provoost (Belgium)

13.30 - 14.00  When should practice adaptation be research? The case of culture media in IVF  
John Dumoulin (The Netherlands)
14.00 - 14.15  Discussion
14.15 - 14.45  The health of the future child: what level of risk is acceptable in MAR?  
Nils Eric Sahlin (Sweden)
14.45 - 15.00  Discussion
15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break
15.30 - 16.00  Registries and follow up studies: a joint responsibility of the field  
Karl Nygren (Sweden)
16.00 - 16.15  Discussion
16.15 - 16.45  Multidisciplinary forum debate aimed at formulating policy conclusions  
Chairs: Petra de Sutter (Belgium) for SIG SQART & Wybo Dondorp (The Netherlands) for SIG EL
16.45 - 17.00  Discussion
Course 12
Task Force Management of Fertility Units in conjunction with the Special Interest Groups Andrology / Embryology / Reproductive Surgery & Safety and Quality in ART
“Total quality management (TQM) in an IVF Centre”

Course coordinators Paul Devroey (Belgium) and Luca Gianaroli (Italy)

Course description Total quality management or TQM is an integrative philosophy of management for continuously improving the quality of services and processes. Through the years, this concept has become fundamental in Healthcare, a field in which a high standard of treatment should constantly be pursued. This Course focuses on all processes performed within Fertility Units and how they can be influenced and improved by TQM in order to provide patients with the best and most safe treatments and procedures available. The course will also investigate how TQM can be a useful tool to improve efficacy and efficiency, also with reference to financial and administrative aspects.

Target audience
• Clinicians
• Embryologists
• Professionals involved in Quality Control and Total Quality Management
• Managers of Fertility Units and public and academic hospitals

Course type Advanced

Course programme 08.45 - 09.00 Introduction: What is TQM? Luca Gianaroli (Italy)

Part I : Impact of total quality management in:

Chair: Luca Gianaroli (Italy)

09.00 - 09.30 Andrology lab David Mortimer (Canada)
09.30 - 09.45 Discussion
09.45 - 10.15 Embryology Arne Sunde (Norway)
10.15 - 10.30 Discussion
10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

Chair: Paul Devroey (Belgium)

11.00 - 11.30 Reproductive surgery Rudi Campo (Belgium)
11.30 - 11.45 Discussion
11.45 - 12.15 Complications Jan Gerris (Belgium)
12.15 - 12.30 Discussion
12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
Part II: The cycle of TQM

Chair: Amparo Ruiz (Spain)

13.30 - 14.00  Patient pathway and patient satisfaction  
**Bart Fauser (The Netherlands)**
14.00 - 14.15  Discussion
14.15 - 14.45  How to implement TQM  
**Tonko Mardesic (Czech Republic)**
14.45 - 15.00  Discussion
15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break

Chair: Timur Gurgan (Turkey)

15.30 - 16.00  The cost of quality  
**Carlos Blanes (Spain)**
16.00 - 16.15  Discussion
16.15 - 16.45  The role of the European Tissue Directive on TQM  
**Edgar Mocanu (Ireland)**
16.45 - 17.00  Discussion
17.00 - 17.15  Closing remarks  
**Veljko Vlaisavljevic (Slovenia)**
Course 13

American Society for Reproductive Medicine exchange course

“Precision medicine: Paving the way to new reproductive disease taxonomies, diagnostics and therapeutics”

Objectives

This Pre-Congress Course will focus on the meaning of precision medicine and discuss its application to male and female infertility and to classification, diagnosis, and targeted therapies for diseases of the reproductive tract.

Target audience

Reproductive Endocrinologists, Andrologists, General Gynecologists, Urologists, and Allied Reproductive Health Professionals

Learning objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

1. Define precision medicine and discuss its relevance to integrating patient genetic, clinical, and disease information, and translating this to development of diagnostics and targeted therapies in reproduction.

2. List the types and sources of data and information available to put into knowledge networks and the role of biomedical informatics in these processes.

3. Describe resources (databases), genetic abnormalities, and clinical phenotypes are involved in male and female infertility and reproductive disorders, including, polycystic ovary syndrome, premature ovarian insufficiency, endometriosis and hypothalamic amenorrhea.

Course programme

Chairperson: Linda C. Giudice (USA)

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Linda C. Giudice (USA) |
| 09.30 - 09.45 | Discussion                                                               |
| 09.45 - 10.15 | Genetics and phenotypes in male infertility: databases and new diagnostics/therapeutics  
Dolores J. Lamb (USA) |
| 10.15 - 10.30 | Discussion                                                               |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Coffee Break                                                             |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Genetics and phenotypes in premature ovarian insufficiency and oocyte aging: databases and new diagnostics/therapeutics  
Antonio Pellicer (Spain) |
| 11.30 - 11.45 | Discussion                                                               |
| 11.45 - 12.15 | Genetics and phenotypes in polycystic ovary syndrome: databases and new diagnostics/therapeutics  
Roger A. Lobo (USA) |
| 12.15 - 12.30 | Discussion                                                               |
| 12.30 - 13.30 | Lunch                                                                    |
| 13.30 - 14.00 | Genetics and phenotypes in endometriosis: databases and new diagnostics/therapeutics  
Serdar E. Bulun (USA) |
14.00 - 14.15  Discussion
14.15 - 14.45  Genetics and phenotypes in hypothalamic amenorrhea: databases and new diagnostics/therapeutics
   Richard H. Reindollar (USA)
14.45 – 15.00  Discussion
15.00 – 15.30  Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.00  Genetics and phenotypes of embryos in culture: databases and new diagnostics for embryo selection
   Antonio Pellicer (Spain)
16.00 – 16.15  Discussion
16.15 – 16.45  Resources of patient information
   Craig Niederberger (USA)
16.45 – 17.00  Discussion
Course 14

Editors of Human Reproduction Journals

“Academic Authorship Programme: Key issues in getting published – the study design and writeup”

Programme will be available soon
Pre-congress course 15
Middle East Fertility Society exchange course
“Optimizing IVF outcome”

Course coordinators: Mohamed Aboulghar (Egypt)

Course description?

Teaching aims and course description: How to optimize IVF results based on high quality evidence.

Course description and characteristics: This is an advanced course in IVF.
Steps to optimize IVF before starting the procedure by identification of the conditions which may negatively affect the results of IVF, it should be recognized and treated. The optimum stimulation protocol for IVF will be discussed. Optimizing culture conditions for oocytes and embryos is essential for generating high quality embryos. Optimum culture conditions will be explained. The number of embryos transferred with emphasis on the current and future role of single embryo transfer is essential for a current IVF program. Results of single embryo transfer will be evaluated.
The technique of embryo transfer is critical to the success of IVF. The methodology of embryo transfer, how to choose the embryo transfer catheter in addition to the importance of mock embryo transfer will be discussed.
The prevention of the most serious complication of ovulation induction which is ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome is an important step to ensure safety of IVF.
Implantation is the critical step for improving pregnancy rate, explanation of the unclear aspects of implantation will be discussed and possible future steps to improve implantation rate will be explored.
Vitrification which gained widespread use in cryopreservation of embryos and oocytes became the method of choice for freezing embryos. Details and advantages will be explained.

Target audience: Physicians, ART specialists, registrars in Ob/Gyn, Fellows in assisted reproduction, embryologists and biologists

Course programme: Chair: Mohamed Aboulghar (Egypt)

09.00 - 09.30 Identification and management of conditions detrimental to IVF outcome
Mohamed Aboulghar (Egypt)

09.30 - 09.45 Discussion

09.45 - 10.15 Optimizing the stimulation protocol for IVF
Bart Fauser (The Netherlands)

10.15 - 10.30 Discussion

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 11.30  Is single embryo transfer going to be the future?  
Siladitya Bhattacharya (United Kingdom)

11.30 - 11.45  Discussion

11.45 - 12.15  Optimizing culture conditions  
Speaker TBA

12.15 - 12.30  Discussion

12.30 - 13.30  Lunch

13.30 - 14.00  Prevention of OHSS  
Mohamed Aboulghar (Egypt)

14.00 - 14.15  Discussion

14.15 - 14.45  Optimizing embryo transfer  
Johnny Awwad (Lebanon)

14.45 - 15.00  Discussion

15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break

15.30 - 16.00  Improving implantation  
Carlos Simon Valles (Spain)

16.00 - 16.15  Discussion

16.15 - 16.45  Optimizing the outcome of cryopreservation  
Safaa Al-Hasani (Germany)

16.45 - 17.00  Discussion
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Tentative time schedule

Monday, 8 July

08.30 - 09.30 Invited Session 1: Keynote lectures session
• Prof. Robert Edwards: the man and his vision
  Victor Gomel (Canada)
• Human Reproduction Keynote Lecture (the title of this lecture and the name of the speaker will be known by the end of 2012)

09.30 - 10.00 Coffee break (in the exhibit hall)

10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 1
10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 2
10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 3
10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 4
10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 5
10.00 - 11.30 Selected Oral Communication Session 6

11.45 - 12.45 Invited session 2: Advances in fertility preservation for severe diseases
• Reproductive outcome after fertility preservation in girls and women  Dror Meirow (Israel)
• Advances in fertility preservation for boys and men  Stefan Schlatt (Germany)

11.45 - 13.00 Invited session 3: Data from the ESHRE PGD Consortium

11.45 - 12.15 Invited session 4: Fertility Society of Australia Exchange Lecture
• Embryos with good morphology but abnormal cell divisions have significantly lower implantation potential  Joe Conaghan (USA)

11.45 - 12.45 Invited session 5: Paramedical invited session Nursing
• Fertility Assessment and Counseling in normal women and men  Anders Nyboe Andersen (Denmark)
• US invited session

11.45 - 13.00 Company symposium

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch break (in the exhibit hall)

14.00 - 15.00 Invited session 6: Regulation of sperm motility by the female tract and oocyte: messages and signals (MHR session)
• Controlling how sperm swim: Ca2+ signals, Ca2+ stores and Ca2+ channels  Stephen Publicover (United Kingdom)
• Role of CatSper in sperm activation
  
  U.B. Kaupp (Germany)

14.00 - 15.00  Invited session 7: Gathering evidence in early pregnancy research – Making trials happen
• Pregnancy of unknown location. Solving the puzzle
  Davor Jurkovic (United Kingdom)
• The secret of successful trials
  Speaker TBA

14.00 - 15.00  Paramedical Selected Oral Communication Session

14.00 - 15.15  Company symposium

15.15 - 16.30  Selected Oral Communication Session 7
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15.15 - 16.30  Selected Oral Communication Session 10
15.15 - 16.30  Selected Oral Communication Session 11
15.15 - 16.30  Selected Oral Communication Session 12

16.30 - 17.00  Coffee break (in the exhibit hall)

17.00 - 18.00  Invited session 9: Assessing the polycystic ovary (Clinical tutorial)
• Defining the PCOS by ultrasound of the ovary
  Sophie Jonard (France)
• Defining the PCOS by biochemistry - pitfalls and practice
  Julian Barth, Leeds (United Kingdom)

17.00 - 18.00  Invited session 10: Advanced methods of assessing sperm quality
• The role of sperm DNA testing in the clinic
  Alexander Giwercmann (Sweden)
• The clinical andrological perspective on diagnosis and treatment of male infertility
  Kevin McEleny (United Kingdom)

17.00 - 18.00  Paramedical Selected Oral Communication Session

Tuesday, 9 July

08.30 - 09.30  Invited session 12: European and Global ART Monitoring (presentation of the EiM and ICMART data reports)

08.30 - 09.30  Invited session 13: Culture media. Growing faster growing better?
• What makes a medium a good medium
  Daniel Brison (United Kingdom)
• Time for being proactive
  Aafke Van Montfoort (The Netherlands)
08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 14: ASRM exchange session - Genetic and metabolic consequences for fertility in men and woman

- Genetic and other controversies in the infertile male
  Dolores J. Lamb (USA)
- Metabolic alterations affecting fertility in women
  Roger A. Lobo (USA)

08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 15: Paramedical invited session – Laboratory: The embryoendometrial interface – role in implantation/developmental success

- The contribution of the embryo
  Hilde van de Velde (Belgium)
- The contribution of the endometrium
  Nick Macklon (United Kingdom)

09.30 - 10.00 Coffee break (in the exhibit hall)

10.00 -11.30 Selected oral communication session 13
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10.00 -11.30 Selected oral communication session 15
10.00 -11.30 Selected oral communication session 16
10.00 -11.30 Selected oral communication session 17

10.00 - 13.00 Live surgery session

11.45 -12.45 Invited session 16: Chlamydia trachomatis and tubal infertility, modern insights and lessons from outside reproductive medicine

- How does Chlamydia trachomatis cause tubal infertility?
  Jolande Land (The Netherlands)
- Can screening programmes reduce the risk of tubal infertility?
  Nicola Low (Switzerland)

11.45 -12.45 Invited session 17: Why sex is good

- Evolution of sexual reproduction
  Sjoerd Repping (The Netherlands)
- Meiosis: A highly risky cell division
  James Turner (United Kingdom)

11.45 -12.45 Paramedical selected oral communication session

11.45 - 13.00 Company symposium

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch break (in the exhibit hall)
14.00 - 15.00 Invited session 18: Viral disease in reproduction:
- Screening for CMV: fertility, prenatally, postnatally
  Sophie Alain (France)
- HPV vaccine and reproduction
  Denise Nardelli Haefliger (Switzerland)

14.00 - 15.00 Invited session 19: Historical lecture
- The history of reproduction through ART
  Ed Hughes (Canada)

14.00 - 15.00 Invited session 20: Invited patient session

14.00 - 15.00 Invited session 21: Paramedical invited session
Laboratory
- Cumulus cells and gene expression, markers for oocyte competence
  Marie Louise Grøndahl (Denmark)
- What should you know before you decide?
  Alex Wetzels (The Netherlands)

14.00 - 15.15 Company symposium

15.15 - 16.30 Selected oral communication session 18
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16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break (in the exhibit hall)

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17.00 - 18.00 selected oral communication session 29

18.00 - 19.00 Annual General Assembly of Members

Wednesday, 10 July
08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 22: Future infertility management
- When will infertility be explained?
  Robert Rebar (USA)
- The future of randomized clinical trials
  Patrick Bossuyt (The Netherlands)

08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 23: Are human embryonic stem cells ready for regenerative medicine? (Debate)
- Yes - Benjamin Reubinoff (Israel)
- No - Catherine Verfaillie (Belgium)
08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 24: New findings in reproductive oncology
- Ovarian cancer and the incessant menstruation hypothesis
  *Edgard Somigliana (Italy)*
- Obesity and breast cancer: role of inflammation and dysregulated metabolism?
  *Evan Simpson (Australia)*

08.30 - 09.30 Invited session 25: ASRM/Society of Reproductive Biologists and Technologists Exchange Symposium: Optimizing the culture and selection of human embryo in 2013
- Current status of non-invasive approaches for embryo assessment and selection - *Catherine Racowksy (USA)*
- Evaluating media systems and day of transfer for human embryos: What are optimal? - *Michael J. Tucker (USA)*

09.30 - 10.00 Coffee break (in the exhibit hall)

10.00 - 11.15 Selected oral communication session 30
10.00 - 11.45 Selected oral communication session 31
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10.00 - 11.45 Selected oral communication session 33
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12.00 - 13.00 Invited session 26: Quality management and regulation in the ART lab
- From quality control to total quality management in the IVF lab - *Kelly Tilleman (Belgium)*
- The European Tissue Directive: a curse or a blessing? - *Basil Tarlatzis (Greece)*

12.00 - 13.00 Invited session 27: New ART interventions may, under certain circumstances, be introduced without a clinical trial? (Debate)
- For - *Simon Fishel (United Kingdom)*
- Against - *Sigrid Sterckx (Belgium)*

12.00 - 13.00 Invited session 28: Endometriosis associated pain
- Endometrium, nerves and endometriosis
  *Ian Fraser (Australia)*
- Central nervous system (CNS) mechanisms of pain in endometriosis
  *Karen Berkley (USA)*
12.00 - 13.00  **Invited session 29: Paramedical invited session – Nursing (Debate): Patients have the right for an anonymous donor**
- Pro - *Lone Schmidt (Denmark)*
- Con - *Claes Gottlieb (Sweden)*

13.00 - 14.00  Lunch break (in the exhibit hall)

14.00 - 15.15  Selected oral communication session 35
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15.30 - 16.30  Awards session and Closing Ceremony
SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception  
**Sunday, 7 July 2013 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**
All participants and their accompanying persons are warmly invited to join us for the Opening Ceremony that takes place in the main hall of the “ExCel London”. It will be an entertaining and eventful introduction to the meeting. After the Opening Ceremony, we will officially open the industrial exhibit and invite our delegates to the Welcome Reception. Attendance at the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception are complimentary, but participation has to be indicated on the registration form.

Tuesday Evening Congress Party  
**Tuesday, 9 July 2013 from 8.30 p.m. to 11 p.m.**
We invite all delegates and their accompanying persons to take part in the “Tuesday Evening Congress Party” which will take place at the Science Museum. It will be an ideal moment to meet up with old friends and to make new acquaintances. Buffet Dinner with Entertainment will start at 8.30 pm. Participation is optional and tickets for this unique event will be 120 Euro/person (exclusive 20% VAT).

Closing and Award Ceremony  
**Wednesday, 10 July 2013 from 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**
The Closing and Award Ceremony will be held after the last session of the meeting. During this Ceremony, the winners of the 2013 ESHRE Awards for the best poster and oral communications will be presented. The chairpersons of the various Award Committees will present the awards, together with representatives of the award sponsors. At the end of this Ceremony we will say goodbye and make a new appointment for our meeting in Munich in the year 2014. Attendance is free of charge, but participation has to be indicated on the registration form.

**Important deadlines**

**Abstract submission deadline**
1 February 2013

**Registration fees**
Before 30 April 2013
- low fees apply
- reimbursement of fees for cancellation (less 100 Euro administrative fee)

After 10 June 2013
- on site fees apply
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