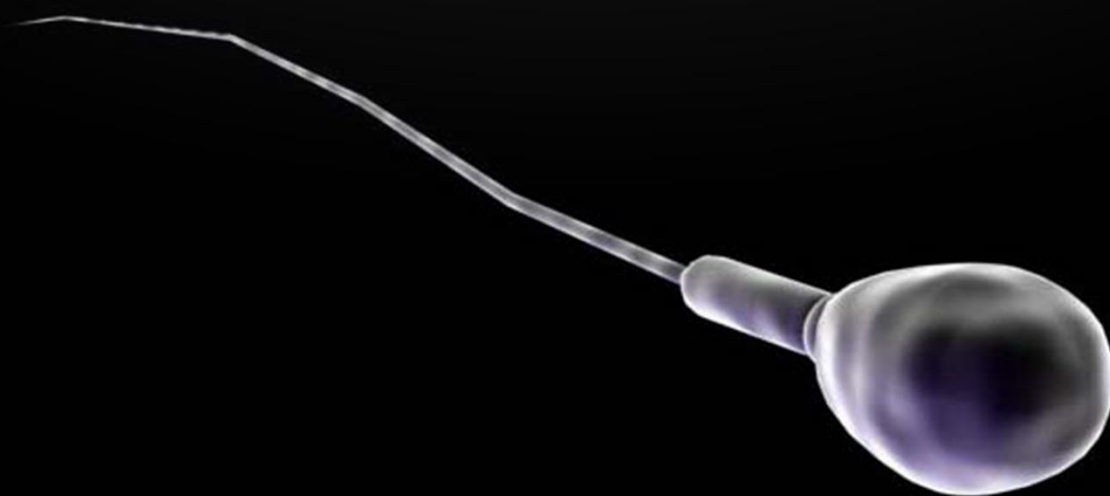


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Day 1: Session 1: Assisted Conception

09:00 – 9:45	Exhibitions open	Registration and Refreshments
9:45 – 10:30	Introduction by the Chair Organizing responsible international gamete use	<i>Dr. Pim Janssens</i> , Rijnstate, Arnhem, Netherlands
10:30 – 11:00	Oocyte vitrification in infertility management: changes in our practice	<i>Dr Pierre Boyer</i> , Hôpital Saint Joseph, Marseille, France
11:00 – 11:30	Poster Review and Exhibitions Refreshments provided	
11:30 – 12:00	Microfluidics for male fertility	<i>Dr. Reza Nosrati</i> , Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto, Canada
12:00 – 12:30	Reproduction without sex. What does technology have to offer?	<i>Professor Joyce Harper</i> , University College London, London, United Kingdom
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break with Exhibitions Poster viewing	
13:30 – 14:00	The obese patient and Assisted Conception	<i>Tarek El-Toukhy</i> , MBBCh MSc MD MRCOG, Consultant Gynaecologist and sub-specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Assisted Conception Unit and PGD Centre, London, UK
14:00 – 14:50	Question Time: 1. Should everybody be given a chance to reproduce using ART, at any age and time? What are reasonable selection criteria for treatment? 2. Should ART be genetically more safe than natural conception, and if so, why?	
14:50 – 15:20	Last Poster Review and Exhibitions Refreshments provided	
Session 2: Reproductive Physiology		
15:20 – 16:00	Introduction by the Chair Interaction of vaginal microbiota with the pregnant host	<i>Dr David A MacIntyre</i> , Imperial College, Hammersmith Hospital Campus, London, UK
16:00 – 16:30	The role of kisspeptins in regulating the mammalian reproductive axis	<i>Professor William Colledge</i> , University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
16:30 – 17:00	Prenatal stress, anxiety and depression and the development of the fetus and the child	<i>Professor Vivette Glover</i> , Imperial College London, The Hammersmith Hospital, London, United Kingdom
17:00	Chairman's Summing Up	Close of Session

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Day 2: Reproductive Health – Mother and Child

09:00 – 09:45	Exhibitions open	Registration and Refreshments
09:45 – 10:00	Introduction by the Chairs	<i>Dr Kinga Polanska and Dr Maria Kyrgiou</i>
10:00 – 10:20	Impact of phthalate exposure on pregnancy outcomes, children's health and neurodevelopment	<i>Dr Kinga Polanska</i> , Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Department of Environmental Epidemiology, Lodz, Poland
10:20 – 10:40	Environmental toxicant exposure induced dysregulation of ovarian function	<i>Dr. Hayley Furlong</i> , McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada
10:40 – 11:00	Sperm non-coding RNAs can program embryo and offspring development	<i>Dr Tod Fullston</i> , University of Adelaide, Discipline of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The Robinson Research Institute, Adelaide, Australia
11:00 – 11:30	Poster Review and Exhibitions	Refreshments provided
11:30 – 11:50	HIV Mother to Child Transmission - Where are we in 2016?	<i>Dr Aseel Hegazi</i> , St Georges University Hospital, London, United Kingdom
11:50 – 12:10	Pregnancy termination for fetal abnormality: Do coping strategies predict perinatal grief and posttraumatic growth?	<i>Dr Caroline Lafarge</i> , University of West London, School of Psychology, Social Care & Human Sciences, Brentford, United Kingdom
12:10 – 12:25	Oral Presentation THE ROLE OF VEGF POLYMORPHISMS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREECLAMPSIA AMONG FILIPINO WOMEN	<i>Dr. Melissa Amosco</i> , National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, National Science Complex, College of Science, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines
12:25 – 13:45	Lunch Break with Exhibitions	Poster viewing
13:45 – 14:05	Location, location, location: spatial programming of gonadotrophin hormone receptor signalling	<i>Dr Aylin Hanyaloglu</i> , Imperial College London, Hammersmith Campus, London, United Kingdom
14:05 – 14:25	Metformin - friend or foe of the Polycystic Ovary?	<i>Dr Suman Rice</i> , IMBE/Cell Biology and Genetics Research Centre, St George's University of London, London, United Kingdom
14:25 – 14:45	The impact of cervical pre-invasive disease and its treatment on reproduction	<i>Dr Maria Kyrgiou</i> , IRDB - Department of Surgery and Cancer, Imperial College London, West London Gynaecological Cancer Centre, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea-Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom
14:45 – 15:15	Last Poster Review and Exhibitions	Refreshments provided
15:15 – 15:45	Endometriosis and adolescence	<i>Dr. Francesca Rizzello</i> , Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy
15:45 – 16:05	Endometrial biopsy in assisted reproduction	<i>Dr. Lukasz Polanski</i> , The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom
16:05 – 16:25	Endometrial window of implantation marked by a cellular organelle – a non-invasive approach	<i>Dr. U. Thomas Meier</i> , Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, United States
16:25 – 17:00	Question Time	
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9:45 – 10:30	Introduction by the Chair Role of beta defensins in sperm function	<i>Professor Julia Dorin</i> , University of Edinburgh, Queen's Medical Research Institute, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
10:30 – 11:00	Glycosylation of seminal plasma proteins and its impact on male fertility	<i>Dr Mirosława Ferens-Sieczkowska</i> , Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Wrocław Medical University, Wrocław, Poland
11:00 – 11:30	Poster Review and Exhibitions Refreshments provided	
11:30 – 12:00	Analysis of biochemical markers of human seminal plasma in the context of the diagnosis of male infertility	<i>Dr. Ewa Kratz</i> , Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Wrocław Medical University, Wrocław, Poland
12:00 – 12:30	Men and their fertility	<i>Professor Sheena Lewis</i> , Centre for Public Health, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
12:30 – 13:00	Seminal plasma proteins, a double edged sword	<i>Professor Puttaswamy Manjunath</i> , Department of Medicine, University of Montreal, Canada
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break with Exhibitions Poster viewing	
14:00 – 14:30	DPY19L2-dependent globozoospermia: from molecular pathology to clinical management	<i>Dr Christophe Arnoult</i> , PhD, VMD, senior scientist at CNRS Team "Genetic, Epigenetic and Therapies of Infertility", Institut Albert Bonniot, INSERM, France
14:30 – 15:00	Profiling signaling proteins in human spermatozoa: biomarker identification for sperm quality evaluation	<i>Professor, Margarida Fardilha</i> , University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal
15:00 – 15:30	Question Time	
15:30 – 16:00	Last Poster Review and Exhibitions Refreshments provided	
16:00 – 16:30	PGD for aneuploidy	<i>Darren K Griffin</i> , Professor of Genetics School of Biosciences, University of Kent Canterbury, UK
16:30 – 17:00	Are environmental endocrine-disrupting chemicals threatening male fertility? The direct impact of selected organochlorine compounds in sperm function	<i>Dr. Renata S. Tavares</i> , Biology of Reproduction and Stem Cell Research Group, Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC), University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal
17:00	Chairman's Summing Up	Close of Session

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Christophe Arnoult, PhD, VMD, senior scientist at CNRS Team "Genetic, Epigenetic and Therapies of Infertility", Institut Albert Bonniot, INSERM, France

Christophe Arnoult is a research Director at The National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), working at the University of Grenoble-Alpes in France. He has dedicated his research activities to the studies of sperm physiology, infertility due to sperm deficiencies and drugs discovery to treat infertility. He is leading a research team at the institute Albert Bonniot (Grenoble Fr) focusing on new actor of the sperm biogenesis, gene discovery of infertile men and women and new technologies to improve medically assisted procreation.

Melissa Amosco, National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, National Science Complex, College of Science, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

The author is a clinical associate professor of the University of the Philippines, College of Medicine, considered the premier university of the country, and the Philippine General Hospital, the national university hospital. She is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist affiliated with other private medical institutions. She has done researches on varied topics related to obstetrics and gynecology including general obstetrics, ultrasound imaging, pelvic inflammatory diseases and gynecologic oncology. She is currently a doctorate student in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the same university and is involved with researches on hypertension, including preeclampsia, considered a priority area for local health research.

Pierre Boyer, Hôpital Saint Joseph, Marseille, France

Dr Boyer launched his career in Baudelocque University Hospital Paris in 1983 and 12 years later, he created the infertility centre at Saint Joseph Hospital (Marseille). He has always taken care of avoiding multiple pregnancies by proposing day 5 single embryo transfer using co-culture system and subsequently using single step medium. Dr Boyer recently devoted his energy to the legalization of oocyte vitrification in France. After publication of the new Bioethics laws in 2011, he was the first reproductive biologist in France to propose change in professional practices by promoting oocyte vitrification in the context of infertility management.

William Colledge, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Prof Colledge is Professor of Reproductive Physiology at Cambridge University. He obtained his BSc and PhD from Imperial College, University of London. After a post-doctoral position in Ottawa, Canada, he joined the laboratory of the Nobel Laureate Prof Sir Martin Evans in Cambridge. Prof Colledge is an expert in the manipulation of mouse embryonic stem cells and the generation of transgenic mice. His laboratory played a significant role in the seminal discovery that kisspeptin/GPR54 are key regulators of the hypothalamic pituitary gonadal axis. His current research is focussed on understanding the neuroendocrine regulation of mammalian reproduction.

Julia Dorin, University of Edinburgh, Queen's Medical Research Institute, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

Prof. Julia Dorin studied her PhD at MRC HGU in Edinburgh with Veronica van Heyningen working on genes dysregulated in cystic fibrosis individuals. She then stayed as a postdoc with David Porteous using gene targeting initially in somatic cells and then ES cells. Following her time as a Royal Society of Edinburgh Caledonian Fellow, she became a PI at the MRC HGU where her group has made a series of high profile mutant mice revealing gene function. Her strong interest in innate immunity has led to the creation of a series of transgenics that have expanded the recognised functional repertoire of beta defensins. In 2015 she moved across Edinburgh to be at the University of Edinburgh MRC Centre for Inflammation Research.

Tarek El-Toukhy, MBBCh MSc MD MRCOG, Consultant Gynaecologist and sub-specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Assisted Conception Unit and PGD Centre, London, UK

Mr El-Toukhy qualified in 1991. He completed a Masters degree and an MD degree in Gynaecology. He is a member of the RCOG, British Fertility Society and The European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE). He completed the RCOG-accredited subspecialty training in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery at Guy's and St. Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, where he was appointed as a consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery and Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD).

Mr El-Toukhy is an international expert in the treatment of infertility with assisted conception technology. He is a known figure in the field of recurrent implantation failure and has published and lectured widely on the topic both nationally and internationally. He is also a scientific editor for the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He is renowned among his patients for his dedication and for offering a truly personalised fertility treatment care that has a high success rate and patient satisfaction. He sees his patients personally seven days a week. His special interests are assisted conception, recurrent implantation failure, hysteroscopic surgery and prevention of OHSS.

Margarida Fardilha, University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal

Assistant Professor at the Health Department of the University of Aveiro where she directs the Biomedical Sciences Bachelor. At the same time Margarida Fardilha coordinates the Signal Transduction Lab at iBiMED, at University of Aveiro. She has a Bachelor in Biochemistry (University of Porto) and the PhD in Biology (University of Aveiro). Margarida Fardilha research is focused on the modulation of Protein Phosphatase 1 complexes in sperm motility and prostate cancer.

Mirosława Ferens-Sieczkowska, Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Wrocław Medical University, Wrocław, Poland

Dr Mirosława Ferens-Sieczkowska is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Medical University of Wrocław, Poland. She graduated with honors from the Science Division, University of Wrocław, and received her PhD in Biochemistry from the same University. During her work in the Institute of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Wrocław she investigated the biochemistry of plant lectins, the carbohydrate binding proteins. Currently her research is focused in the field of glycobiology and glycopathology, protein-carbohydrate interactions and the impact of altered and impaired glycosylation on disease etiology.

Tod Fullston, University of Adelaide, Discipline of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The Robinson Research Institute, Adelaide, Australia

Dr Tod Fullston is the 2016 Robinson Research Institute's Career Development Fellow from Prof Michelle Lane's Gamete and Embryo Biology Group based at the School of Medicine and the Robinson Research Institute at the University of Adelaide. His key focus as a molecular biologist is investigating the epigenetic basis of paternal programming. This research has contributed to extending the DOHaD principle to include the pre-conception health of the father.

Hayley Furlong, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

Dr. Hayley Furlong is a graduate of National University of Ireland, Maynooth (BSc. Biotechnology) and the Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland (PhD Molecular Radiobiology) and is currently participating in postdoctoral training with Dr. Warren Foster at McMaster University, Ontario, Canada. Research interests include investigating the effects of environmental toxicants on human reproductive function.

Darren K Griffin, Professor of Genetics, School of Biosciences, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

Darren Griffin is a Graduate of the University of Manchester (BSc and DSc) and UCL (PhD). He is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, of the Royal Society of Biology and The Royal Society of

Arts, Manufacture and Commerce. He performed the original PGD cases using FISH and was a significant contributor to the development of Karyomapping, a universal test for chromosomal and monogenic PGD. He is Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies of Reproduction (CISoR).

Vivette Glover, Imperial College London, The Hammersmith Hospital, London, United Kingdom
Vivette Glover is Professor of Perinatal Psychobiology at Imperial College London. Her first degree was in Biochemistry at Oxford University, and she did her PhD in neurochemistry at University College London. Her research focusses on the effects of the emotional state of the mother, both on the developing fetus and longer term on the child. Her group are also studying the biological mechanisms that may underlie such fetal programming. She has published over 450 papers and been awarded the Marcé Society Medal. She is currently an advisor to the Early Intervention Foundation, the NSPCC, the Maternal Mental Health Alliance and is the biometric lead on the Big Lottery Better Start program.

Aylin Hanyaloglu, Imperial College London, Hammersmith Campus, London, United Kingdom
Dr. Hanyaloglu's research over the past 18 years has concerned the biochemical, cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) signalling in diverse systems with implications in infertility, miscarriage, pre-term labour, obesity, cancer and diabetes. Dr. Hanyaloglu completed her PhD in Molecular Endocrinology in 2001 at the University of Western Australia followed by Postdoctoral training at the University of California, San Francisco. She joined Imperial College London in 2007 as Head of the GPCR Signalling Group.

Aseel Hegazi, St Georges University Hospital, London, United Kingdom
Dr Aseel Hegazi is a Consultant in HIV and Sexual Health at St Georges University Hospital in London.

Joyce Harper, University College London, London, United Kingdom
Joyce Harper is Professor of Human Genetics and Embryology at University College London. She has been working in the fields of IVF and reproductive genetics since 1987. Her research includes preimplantation genetic diagnosis, factors affecting preimplantation development, comparison of in vivo and in vitro development, vitrification, differences in culture media, embryo selection methods, DNA damage, aneuploidy in sperm and ethical issues surrounding IVF and reproductive genetics including gamete donation and surrogacy. She is Director of Education in the Institute for Women's Health and directs two MSc programmes; Prenatal Genetics and Fetal Medicine Reproductive Science and Womens' Health.

Pim Janssens, Rijnstate, Arnhem, Netherlands
Pim M.W. Janssens is a senior clinical chemist. He studied biochemistry in Amsterdam, obtained a PhD in science (molecular cell biology), and went on to train as a clinical chemist. He is specialized in inborn errors of metabolism. He was laboratory director of the Department of Clinical Chemistry and Haematology & Semen Bank at Rijnstate Hospital, Arnhem (NL), for 6 years, with an interest in exploring the professional, organizational and ethical aspects of gamete donation. Pim has been the chairman of the Dutch Society of Semen Banks for 15 years, and has published more than 100 articles on topics related to gamete donation, laboratory organization, test ordering management, and risk assessment and management.

Ewa Kratz, Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Wrocław Medical University, Wrocław, Poland
Ewa Maria Kratz is a doctor of medical science and she work as a scientist and academic teacher (assistant professor) at the Department of Chemistry and Immunochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, Wrocław Medical University, Poland. Her research interests focuses on: 1) the analysis of glycoproteins expression and their profile and degree of glycosylation in human body fluids in

various diseases, particularly in the seminal plasma of infertile/lowered fertility men; 2) expression of metalloproteinases and their tissue inhibitors present in human seminal plasma as parameters associated with male fertility; 3) variability of oxidative stress parameters in human seminal plasma in the context of male fertility.

Maria Kyrgiou, IRDB - Department of Surgery and Cancer, Imperial College London, West London Gynaecological Cancer Centre, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea-Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust, London, United Kingdom

Dr Maria Kyrgiou is an Academic Gynaecologic Oncologist working at Imperial College London. Her main clinical interest is in gynaecologic oncology, advanced minimal access surgery and cervical pathology. The main focus of her academic interests has been cervical cancer prevention and translational research in gynaecological cancers, in particular cervical and endometrial cancer. She has investigated the role of treatment of cervical cancer and precancer in reproductive outcomes and the clinical use of HPV biomarkers in personalising the management of women with abnormal findings at screening. She has an interest in the role of obesity and metabolic disorders in endometrial tumorigenesis. She is a member of the BSCCP and the IFPC research committee.

Caroline Lafarge, University of West London, School of Psychology, Social Care & Human Sciences, Brentford, United Kingdom

Caroline's background is in Health Psychology and her research focuses on maternal and reproductive health, in particular women's experience of coping with pregnancy termination for fetal abnormality. Caroline also collaborates on various research projects, some international, covering: the practices of prenatal diagnosis, women's experience of prenatal diagnosis, women's access to different methods of termination and women's experiences of care when undergoing pregnancy termination for fetal abnormality. Caroline is a member of the British Psychological Society and of the NHS England Clinical Reference Group for Complex Obstetrics

Sheena Lewis, Centre for Public Health, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

Professor Sheena Lewis holds a personal Chair in Reproductive Medicine in Queens University, Belfast, UK. Her team's research has been focused on male infertility and in particular sperm DNA damage testing to identify causes of and treatments for male infertility Professor Lewis is past Chair of the Andrology special interest group of ESHRE, Chair of the British Andrology Society, a past member of the executive committee of the British Fertility Society and a founder member and past Vice Chair of the Irish Fertility Society. She has published over 100 full papers and book chapters and numerous reviews. She also has a strong commitment to public engagement with research and regularly communicates her group's latest research findings through international TV, radio and online interviews.

David A MacIntyre, Imperial College, Hammersmith Hospital Campus, London, UK

Dr David MacIntyre's research investigates the role of inflammation in the onset of term and preterm labour. He is particularly interested in understanding the implications of vaginal microbiota in pregnancy outcomes. This is achieved using both classical biochemistry methods as well as systems approaches whereby data acquired from various -omic platforms are integrated and modelled to permit investigation of maternal host-vaginal microbiota interactions. It is hoped that will lead to improved diagnostic and predictive tools that will assist in patient stratification and ultimately, improved pregnancy outcomes.

Puttaswamy Manjunath, Department of Medicine, University of Montreal, Canada

Prof. Manjunath (Ph.D in Biochemistry, Mysore University, India, 1980) after a postdoctoral training in Reproductive Biology, in Clinical Research Institute of Montreal was appointed as Assistant

Professor in 1984 at the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal. Since 1996, he is a full Professor at the same department. He was the Director of Nephrology-Metabolism Group (1996-2003) at the Maisonneuve Hospital Research Center. He is also a member of Québec Reproduction Network. He has published over 90 peer-reviewed articles and given lectures in several international congresses. He has trained 40 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He is a Reviewing Editor of *Biology of Reproduction* and Associate Editor of *Molecular Reproduction and Development*.

U. Thomas Meier, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, United States

Dr. Meier is Professor of Anatomy and Structural Biology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Having received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Basel, Switzerland, he trained as a Cell Biologist in the laboratory of Nobel Laureate Günter Blobel at the Rockefeller University in New York. In addition to the main interest in structure and function of small nucleolar ribonucleoproteins (snoRNPs), his laboratory started unraveling the mysteries of the human-specific nucleolar channel system (NCS) that appears transiently in the nuclei of endometrial epithelial cells during the window of implantation.

Reza Nosrati, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto, Canada

Reza Nosrati is a research associate in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the University of Toronto, working under the supervision of Prof. David Sinton. He received a B.Sc. from Amirkabir University of Technology (2007) and M.Sc. from University of Tehran (2010) in Iran and Ph.D. from University of Toronto (2016) in Canada. Dr. Nosrati's research involves application of small scale fluid mechanics (microfluidics) to better understand sperm swimming in the interest of infertility and human health. His research is particularly focused on three aspects of male infertility: sperm locomotion, semen analysis, and sperm selection.

Kinga Polanska, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Department of Environmental Epidemiology, Lodz, Poland

Kinga Polanska, PhD, is an epidemiologist in the Department of Environmental Epidemiology of the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine (Lodz, Poland). Her research interests are focused on the impact of a variety of environmental exposures during pregnancy and after delivery on pregnancy outcomes, children's health and their neurodevelopment. Since 2007 she has been the main coordinator of the Polish Mother and Child Cohort Study (www.repropl.com). She is the author or co-author of 75 publications in international peer-reviewed journals and has been involved in a number of national and international projects including REPRO_PL, PNRF, ECNIS, IMPASHS, RICHE and HEALS.

Suman Rice, IMBE/Cell Biology and Genetics Research Centre, St George's University of London, London, United Kingdom

Dr Suman Rice is Senior Lecturer in Reproductive Physiology at St George's University of London (SGUL), UK. Suman graduated with a BSc (Physiology) from Kings College London. After a 7-year career break, she joined Imperial College London as a post-doctoral researcher, where she developed her interest in PCOS and folliculogenesis. Suman was awarded a faculty position at SGUL in 2007. She is currently investigating the control of human preantral follicle growth. She has published a series of papers examining the interaction of metformin with the ovarian endocrine signalling pathways. Dr Rice received the International Award for Publishing Excellence in JCEM, 2012.

Renata S. Tavares, Biology of Reproduction and Stem Cell Research Group, Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC), University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal

Dr Renata Tavares has a PhD in Cellular Biology by the University of Coimbra, Portugal. Her career has been focused on the impact of environmental endocrine disruptors on male reproductive health, but she has also participated in many other research projects. Recently she has worked as a research fellow in the Center for Neuroscience and Cell Biology (CNC, University of Coimbra) studying the role of Diabetes mellitus-associated hyperglycemia on male fertility and at the newly Institute of Biomedicine (University of Aveiro, Portugal) where she was interested in the role of Alzheimer's precursor protein in human spermatozoa. She has interacted with more than 40 national and international collaborators resulting in several publications in peer-reviewed journals of the field. She is currently the Study Director of an in vitro study for the pharmaceutical Innothera at CNC.

ABOUT THIS EVENT

Discussion Sessions

The discussion sessions are an opportunity for informal questions and answers. This is an ideal opportunity to get advice and opinion from experts in this area. This session is not for questions about specific talks, which can be asked after the speakers session, but for discussing either general topics or specific issues.

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1. Before the session you can *submit your question to Euroscicon staff* at the registration desk,
2. Before and during the session you can *submit a question or comments, by email*, which will be provided on the day of the event
3. During the session you can *put your hand up* and join in

Session breaks

All breaks and registrations will take place in the exhibition area where there will be lunch and refreshments.

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Lunch

We have a number of dishes that are gluten free

We have a range of vegetarian dishes which are separated from the meat and fish dishes

We have a number of dishes that are dairy free

Please note that all food has been prepared in an environment where nuts may be present.

Missing Speakers

It is unfortunate that occasionally a speaker cannot attend, most usually due to not getting visas granted, unforeseen personal events or illness. Whilst we do everything possible to ensure that our speakers are present at the event we apologise in advance if you were at a session where a speaker could not attend. We always try to keep our agendas as up to date as possible, however if a speaker cancels the night before an event or on the day, there is little we can do to rectify this.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR EVENTS

Is the delegate list available?

Yes this is available to everyone who attends the event and our sponsors.

It is available in real time. To access the list please just log into your registration details or use the QR code on right of the agenda card which is provided on the day of the event.

You will not be included in this list if you have opted out and you can do this by logging into your registration details. This list will not be sold or ever give out to third parties.

Can I have the speakers slides?

We cannot give out the slides from our speaker's presentations as they are deleted immediately after each event. If you require a particular set of slides please approach the speaker. We will however have a meeting report and you will be emailed when this report is published.

Can I have a notepad?

Notepads and pens are provided in the delegate bags and at the registration desk

How can I keep up to date with Euroscicon Events?

To keep updated on our events and other Life Science News, please sign up for our newsletter at www.lifescienceevents.com

I don't want my photograph on any Euroscicon promotional material

Please let our tech person know

Is there WIFI?

Yes, please ask registration for log in details

Can I have a CPD/ CME certificate?

CPD certificates will be available in the exhibition hall after lunch.

Please remember that EuroSciCon is a small independent company with no subsidies from society memberships or academic rates for venues. We try to be as reasonably priced as possible and our delegate rates are substantially lower than comparable commercial meeting organisation.

Personal belongings

Please take care of all your personal belonging as Euroscicon cannot be held responsible if an item goes missing from the lecture theatre or the exhibition hall.

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