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→ Thursday, April 7th, 2022 08:30 (CET TIME)

1st International Hybrid Workshop Hot topics in Reproductive Biology

President: Ashok Agarwal (Cleveland, USA)

RATIONALE

With the development of assisted reproductive technology (ART) about forty years ago, the treatment burden for male and unexplained infertility has fallen squarely on women. Balancing this burden requires revitalizing and investing in basic and clinical research on male infertility - to both improve treatment options and enable natural conception.

In recent years, we have seen a renaissance amongst the practitioners and researchers trying to understand myriads of problems leading to male infertility. The goal of organizing this webinar is to open a scientific dialogue to broaden our understanding of internal machinery and functions of male gametes and advances in treatment of many cases of male infertility which were untreatable in the past.

We hope that this educational initiative will contribute in a small way to the development of new therapies based on directly treating men for male infertility, which may enable less invasive treatments and even natural conception.

SCIENTIFIC CHAIRMAN: Prof. Ashok Agarwal ORGANIZATIVE CHAIRMAN: Prof. Giovanni M. Colpi





PROGRAMME

08:30 Opening of Webinar and Introduction *A. Agarwal (Cleveland)*

KEYNOTE LECTURE

08:40 | Male Oxidative Stress Infertility (MOSI): A Hope for Patients with Idiopathic Male Infertility *A. Agarwal (Cleveland)*

FIRST SESSION

Chairman: E. Vogiatzi (Maroussi/Athens)

- **09:15** Semen analysis does not predict male fertility: the need for sperm functional tests *M. Sabbaghian (Tehran)*
- **09:30** | Sperm chromatin integrity and its impact on embryo quality and ART outcome *E. Evgeni (Athens)*
- **09:45** How to select healthy sperm for ICSI in samples with high DFI *N. Garrido (Valencia)*
- 10:00 Question and Answer Moderator: R. Saleh (Sohag) Co-Moderators: M. Gül (Konya), D. Durairajanayagam (Sungai Buloh)

SECOND SESSION

Chairman: L. Parmegiani (Bologna)

- **10:50** | Time Lapse embryo monitoring: does it add to standard IVF/ICSI? *A. Argyriou (Athens)*
- **11:05** | Sperm epigenome and embryo quality *M.G. Alves (Porto)*
- **11:20** | ICSI for non-male factor infertility: time to reappraise IVF? *S. Palini (Cattolica)*
- **11:35** Oocytes qualitative evaluation and IVF/ICSI outcome *M.G. Minasi (Rome, Milan)*
- **11:50** Question and Answer Moderators: *H. Sallam (Alexandria), S. Jindal (Meerut/Delhi)*
- 12:30 | Conclusion





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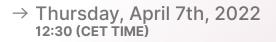
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Reproductive Gynaecology Meeting

Presidents: Marina Bellavia (Lugano) and Dominique de Ziegler (Paris)

RATIONALE

In recent years, reproductive medicine has undergone profound changes in the application and integration of the latest discoveries. The purpose of our Congress is to know what innovations can be applied immediately in our clinical practice, and what the near future holds.

Participants should have answers to questions such as: are there new tests to safeguard the child's health? are there new tests to improve spontaneous or PMA pregnancy rates? are there new therapies or diagnostic tools in the management of female and male infertility? All these points will be evaluated with renowned speakers for the best clinical practice.

SCIENTIFIC CHAIRMAN: Dr. Marina Bellavia





PROGRAMME

12:30 Buffet Lunch

13:15 Welcome to the Audience and Introduction A. Came (Augsburg), A. Carbone (Valencia), A. Barlocco (Lugano), M. Bellavia (Lugano)

FIRST SESSION

Chairman: E. Taddei (Lugano), A. Santi (Locarno)

- **13:30** Adenomyosis: medical or surgical treatment? *P. Santulli (Paris)*
- **14:00** Infertility and endometriosis: a new indication for ART *D. de Ziegler (Paris)*

SECOND SESSION

Chairmen: L. Quintero (Valencia), M. Morris (Geneva)

- 14:30 Repeated implantation failures *P. Pirtea (Suresnes/Paris)*
- **15:00** Diagnosis and treatment of chronic endometritis *E. Cicinelli (Bari)*
- **15:30** PGT: Past, Present and Future Successes and disappointments D. Sakkas (Boston)
- 16:00 Coffee break

THIRD SESSION

Chairmen: A. Ambrosetti (Geneva), A. Raggi (Olten)

- **16:30** | Hypothalamic amenorrhea & PCOS in the adolescent: clinical pearls for diagnosis, counseling and management *A. Biason-Lauber (Fribourg)*
- **17:00** Obstetrical and long term risks of ART *A. Bisgaard-Pinborg (Copenhagen)*

KEYNOTE LECTURE

- **17:30** The Role of Microbiota in fertility: from the new evidence to practice *C. Kitic (Brisbane)*
- **18:00** Scienza e Arte del Desiderio: Composizione della Nostra Umanità (Presentation in Italian with translation in English) *F. Bianchi-Demicheli & T. Dieuleveut (pianist) (Geneva)*
- **19:00** End of the meeting





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Thursday, April 7th, 2022 20:30 (CET TIME)

Gala Dinner Hotel Splendide Royal, Lugano

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→ Friday, April 8th, 2022 08:15 (CET TIME)

3rd International Workshop **The Andrologist in the IVF Center**

Presidents: Giovanni M. Colpi (Lugano) and Ettore Caroppo (Bari)

RATIONALE

In many IVF Centres, an adequate (or even any) andrological assessment of the male partner of infertile couples is seldom obtained, the assumption being that only the male gamete, and not the human subject, counts to achieve oocyte fertilisation and pregnancy, regardless of the man's health condition. "The reproductive ability of couples with severe male factor infertility may be significantly impaired without an appropriate medical or surgical management of the severe spermatogenic dysfunction; on the other hand, couples are referred to donor sperm IUI or IVF when the male partner is azoospermic, without attempting to individuate the cause and the possible medical or surgical treatment of such a condition.

Such questionable way of managing infertile couple may expose the couples to increased risk of treatment failure; in addition, since male infertility has been proposed as an independent risk factor for poor health status and early mortality, if infertile men are evaluated early in life, there is an opportunity for health assessment, counselling, and disease prevention.

Clinical training in male infertility is most commonly part of andrology training; however some urologists or endocrinologists may have little experience in the counselling and management of infertile men. The purpose of the present Workshop is, thanks to the contribution of internationally renowned Experts in the field, to provide the audience with a comprehensive and evidence-based update on the diagnosis and treatment of male infertility.

SCIENTIFIC CHAIRMAN: Prof. Giovanni M. Colpi





PROGRAMME

08:15 | Registration

08:30 Welcome to the Audience and Introduction A. Came (Augsburg), A. Carbone (Valencia), A. Barlocco (Lugano), G.M. Colpi (Lugano), E. Caroppo (Bari)

FIRST KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chairman: G.M. Colpi (Lugano)

08:50 | Is Andrology the Key in Solving Infertility Problem? *A. Giwercman (Malmö)*

FIRST SESSION

Chairmen: E. Caroppo (Bari), M. Sabbaghian (Tehran)

- **09:25** Leukocytospermia and/or Bacteriospermia in male infertility: what to do in the IVF Center *R.T. Henkel (London)*
- **09:50** | Sperm DNA fragmentation: reliability of assays, evidence and actual implications for clinicians *M. Muratori (Florence)*
- **10:15** Genetic tests: present evidence and new perspectives in understanding male infertility *C. Krausz (Florence)*
- **10:40** Questions and Answers
- 11:10 Coffee Break

SECOND SESSION

Chairmen: A. Giwercman (Malmö), A. Gallina (Lugano)

- **11:35** The male factor in ART: beyond fertilisation *H. Tournaye (Brussels)*
- **12:00** Different medical treatments of the infertile male: indications, limitations and results *M. Maggi (Florence)*
- **12:25** Varicocele in male infertility: controversies and evidence *S. Minhas (London)*
- 12:50 Questions and Answers
- 13:20 | Light Lunch

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SECOND KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chairman: M. Maggi (Florence)

14:10 | Male Fecundity, Life Style and Environment *N. Jørgensen (Copenhagen)*

THIRD SESSION

Chairman: T. Turunc (Ankara)

- **14:45** | Testis vs. Ejaculate sperm for ICSI in case of untreatable high sperm DFI: a controversy" *M. Arafa (Doha, Cairo)*
- **15:10** | Testis histology: a must during surgery for male infertility? *G. Dohle (Rotterdam)*
- **15:35** Questions and Answers
- **15:50** Coffee break

FOURTH SESSION

Chairmen: G.M. Colpi (Lugano), E. Caroppo (Bari)

- **16:10** MicroTESE versus TESE in Non-Obstructive Azoospermia S.C. Esteves (Campinas – Aarhus)
- **16:35** Klinefelter Syndrome management of NOA, and ICSI outcomes in cases with positive retrieval *E. Bakırcioğlu (Istanbul)*
- **17:00** | Repeated microscopic sperm extraction: why, pros, cons, and outcomes *M. Balaban (Istanbul)*
- 17:25 Questions and Answers
- 17:55 | Conclusions and ECM
- 18:30 | End of the Workshop





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