

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT/CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: NEW REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE EUROPEAN FERTILITY MARKET

19-20 November 2015,

VENUE: SPAIN, Santander

INTRODUCTION

Since the first successfully carried out IVF treatment in the 1970s, various new reproductive technologies have been developed and applied for fertility treatment. These reproductive innovations and the diversity in national regulation on reproductive technologies have created a European fertility market, raising several questions, in terms of medicine, law, ethics, policy and economics, dealing with:

- What are current and future options of new reproductive technologies?
- Is it safe; what are the long term health effects of artificial reproductive technologies on women and children?
- Who has access: infertile, lesbian/gay/trans couples, women undergoing chemotherapy, women who want to delay childbearing, and/or couples who want to use PGD to screen against disability or for sex; and what are the main barriers?
- Are fertility treatment options covered by social health insurance or other means of public funding, raising the question of equal access to reproductive technologies?
- Egg or sperm donation: restricting the use of pre-embryos, compensation or not, and anonymisation of the donor?
- Surrogacy contracts; Is there a market for outsourcing pregnancy?
- What is the interface between medically assisted reproduction and genetics, including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) and preimplantation genetic screening (PGS)?
- Ethical challenges of Direct-to-Consumer genetic testing and reproduction; human embryonic stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells
- Feminist ethics and reproductive technologies: Contemporary issues
- What are the risks for liability in the context of new reproductive technologies?
- Diversity in national regulation on reproductive technologies gives rise to border crossing 'reproductive tourism'; Is there a need to harmonise the European or international market of reproductive technologies, and if so, how?
- What is the economic impact of new reproductive technologies?

During a 2 days conference, academics and professionals will meet, discussing the main and latest developments in new reproductive technologies, from different perspectives.

Confirmed Keynote speaker:

Dr. Joyce Harper

Professor in Human Genetics and Embryology

Institute for Women's Health

University College London

Call for Abstracts

The conference has a multidisciplinary approach inviting academics, professionals, students and other interested persons to participate and submit an abstract for presentation, addressing the above mentioned issues. The Conference main objective is to explore different perspectives on new reproductive technologies and exchanging ideas.

Those who wish to present should send an abstract (max. 300 words) of their proposed presentation to the Conference organisers **before 1 October 2015**. A short bibliography may be attached on additional pages. The abstracts will be subjected to a peer review process by the Conference's Scientific Committee. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis (each submission will be reviewed within a short period from its reception). Those who are selected are expected to present their paper at the Conference to take place on 19-20 November at the University of Cantabria, Santander. They will be given 15 minutes to present, plus 10 minutes for questions.

A separate session for young researchers is included.

An optional parallel session (Spanish language) will be considered by the organisers.

Location: University of Cantabria, SANTANDER, SPAIN

Date: 19-20 November 2015

Conference fee: €100,-

Fee waiver on request

Publication: Conference book

Conference participants will receive a Book of Abstracts. Submitted papers will be considered for publication in the Conference book, to be published afterwards.

Organisers

Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands) & GRIDES/FMV- University of Cantabria (Spain)

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