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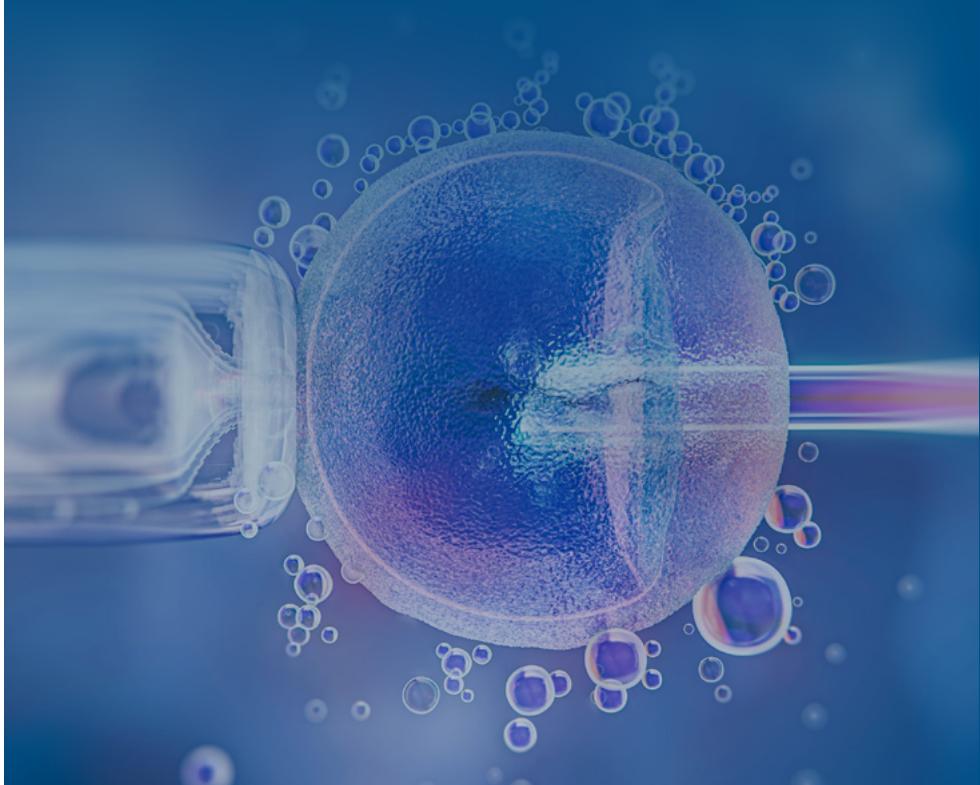
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Welcome Address

Dear colleagues and friends

Our 3rd International Congress signifies the bond that should be present in every day clinical decision among fertility specialists, embryologists, and geneticists.

The evolution of new laboratory techniques for culturing and monitoring the embryo development inquires greatly trained embryologists as well as highly motivated.

Similarly, the genetic fingerprint of each disease and disorder gradually becomes available, enhancing thus, the deselection of abnormal embryos, and protecting infertile couples from experiencing the burden of pregnancy failure and even pregnancy loss.

Therefore, we formed a team of international and domestic scientists, world known specialists in their field, asking them to deliver their evidence and opinion on how this synergy between us can work efficiently for the benefit of our patients.

Papanikolaou E.G.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2023

18:45-19:00

WELCOME ADDRESSES

N. Nitsas

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President of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Medicine

I. Bontis

Emeritus Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

19:00-20:15

SESSION I: BIRTH DEFICIT; THE HIDDEN ICEBERG THAT THREATENS TO SINK THE HELLENIC TITANIC

Chairs: **S. Kalantaridou, GR, E.G. Papanikolaou, GR**

Bridging the gap among us: should doctors discuss with embryologists and geneticists more often

R. Naidecki, GR

Which are the quality indexes that keep greek births so low?

B. Kotzamanis, GR

ReBIRTH Greece: an innovative proposal to enhance fertility and childbearing

E.G. Papanikolaou, GR

Discussion with the audience

20:15-20:30

Art IN A.R.T. (When science meets graphic art)

Test PAP: the life story of a pioneer doctor George N. Papanikolaou

P. Christoulias, GR



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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Genetics and reproduction in the era of Genomic Medicine:
challenges and opportunities

K. Stratakis, GR

21:00

Opening Ceremony

Welcome Reception



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09:00-09:15

KEYNOTE LECTURE

What measures has the Hellenic Government undertaken so far?
M.-A. Kefala, GR

09:15-10:30

SESSION II: SELECTING THE BEST OOCYTE, SPERM AND EMBRYO

Chairs: **C. Messini, GR, L. Karakoç Sökmensüer, TR,
A. Koutsouni, GR**

Selecting our culture media. One step or sequential
A. Katouna, GR

What is the role of oocyte morphology when considering preimplantation embryo development?

M. Simopoulou, GR

Artificial intelligence in assisting embryologists in embryo selection?
E. Nikitos, GR

Preimplantation care-European PGT data trends and development in PGT

E. Masoud Zamani, NL

Discussion



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10:30-11:45

SESSION III: IMPACT OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES ON OFFSPRING HEALTH

Chairs: **O. Kakani, GR, G.S. Anifantis, GR**

Male fertility preservation: a way of improving birth rates?
L. Evgeni, GR

Health of offspring after preimplantation genetic diagnosis.
Prospective data
T. Chartomatsidou, GR

Centromere specification in the developing mammalian embryo:
minimising fitness costs associated with parental epigenetic
asymmetries
A. Destouni, GR

Psychology status of the infertile couple
Ch. Karapanou, GR

Discussants: **T. Pastroma, GR, I. Panagiotidis, GR**

11:45-12:15

COFFEE BREAK

12:15-12:55

SESSION IV: SOCIAL EGG FREEZING: A GIFT TO OURSELVES

Chair: **N. Paradeisanou, GR**

My experience, Freezing my eggs
Patient A

Egg freezing, the answer when running out of time
F. Chouliara, GR



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12:55-13:45

SESSION V: REPRODUCTIVE CHALLENGES, WHAT NEXT IF WE FAIL REPEATEDLY

Chairs: **A. Daponte, GR, O. Zafeiratis, GR, M. Paschopoulos, GR, N. Prapas, GR**

Endometrial receptivity and microbiota

A. Salumets, EE

Endometriomas, when should be operated?

N. Vlachos, GR

Recurrent Pregnancy Loss - immunotherapy in cases of immunological defect

M. Litmanowicz, PL

Discussant: **N. Petrogiannis, GR**

13:45 -14:30

SESSION VI: ENCOUNTERING POOR RESPONSE AND POOR IMPLANTATION

Chairs: **C. Ioakeimidou, GR, S. Mpouchlariotou, GR, N. Markovic, SR**

Individualized luteal phase support-Fresh and FET cycles

S. Mümüçoğlu, TR

Advanced diagnostics for poor implanters

H. Fatemi, UAE (Zoom participation)

Individualizing ovarian stimulation

M. Grynberg, FR

Discussant: **E. Makrakis, GR**



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14:30-14:45

SPONSORED LECTURE

A new, fast and flexible PGT-A solution for any PGT laboratory
Oriol Casagran De La Cruz, ES

14:45-16:45

BREAK

16:45-17:15

BEST EMBRYOLOGIST RESEARCH AWARD

10min presentation of submitted research papers with an
embryologist as first author.

A committee of invited speakers will vote the best research paper
and a 500€ award will be granted to the winner.

17:15-18:15

SESSION VII: OBSTETRICAL OUTCOME OF IVF PREGNANCIES: WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?

Chairs: **A. Athanasiadis, GR, A. Mamopoulos, GR,
I. Kalogiannidis, GR, E. Asouchidou, GR, Th. Dagklis, GR**

Pregnancies after the age of 45. How safe it is?

I. Tsakiridis, GR

New proposal for number of embryos to be transferred

E. Timotheou, GR

Uterus transplantation: where are we?

A. Kaponis, GR

Poseidon criteria

C. Alaviggi, IT

Discussant: **E. Alexandris, GR, A. Gkekas, GR**



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18:15-18:35

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Thermal fertility tolerance: the impact of climate change on reproductive capacity

E. Fragouli, UK

18:35-19:50

SESSION VIII: PREIMPLANTATION GENETIC TESTING. IS THIS THE FUTURE FOR IVF

Chairs: **J. Traeger - Synodinos, GR, A. Chatzimeletiou, GR, I. Georgiou, GR, L. Pastore, IT**

PGT-A for all or for whom?

D. Christopikou, GR

Non-invasive PGT-A for prioritizing embryos?

C. Ianae - Ichikawa, ES

European overview of registries on PGT-A. Where do we stand at now?

F. Bronet Campos, ES

Good practice recommendations on chromosomal mosaicism

G. Kakourou, GR

Discussion

19:50-20:20

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Developmental and functional heterogeneity in follicles.

An ongoing battle against menopause

D. Laird, USA



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20:20-21:00

SESSION IX: TOWARDS A SINGLETON DELIVERY

Chairs: **I. Bontis, GR, S. Fidani, GR**

How PGD has evolved the last 20 years

W. Verpoest, BE

Closing Remarks

E.G. Papanikolaou, GR



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POST CONGRESS COURSES HANDS ON PRACTICE AT ASSISTING NATURE LAB FACILITIES

(Maximum participation 10 persons per course)

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| 10:00-14:00 | HANDS ON FOR EMBRYOLOGISTS
BIOPSYING, VITRIFYING AND THAWING D5 EMBRYOS
Instructors: E.Timotheou, GR, E. Nikitos, GR, I. Panagiotidis, GR |
| 10:00-14:00 | HANDS ON FOR GENETICISTS
WHOLE GENOME AMPLIFICATION (WGA), NGS ANALYSIS & GENETIC COUNSELING
Instructors: D. Christopikou, GR, M. Galiotou, GR, E. Siomou, GR |
| 10:00-14:00 | HANDS ON FOR FERTILITY SPECIALISTS (PROVIDED BY COOK)
EMBRYOTRANSFER TECHNIQUE ON UTERUS FANTOMS
Instructors: C. Ioakeimidou, GR, A. Gkekas, GR, S. Mpouchlariotou, GR, M. Depa, GR |
| 10:00-14:00 | HANDS ON FOR FERTILITY SPECIALISTS,
HYSTEROSCOPY ON 3D UTERUS FANTOMS
Instructors: G. Michos, GR, E. Babas, GR |

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Doctors	65,00 €
Biologists	40,00 €
Midwives	25,00 €
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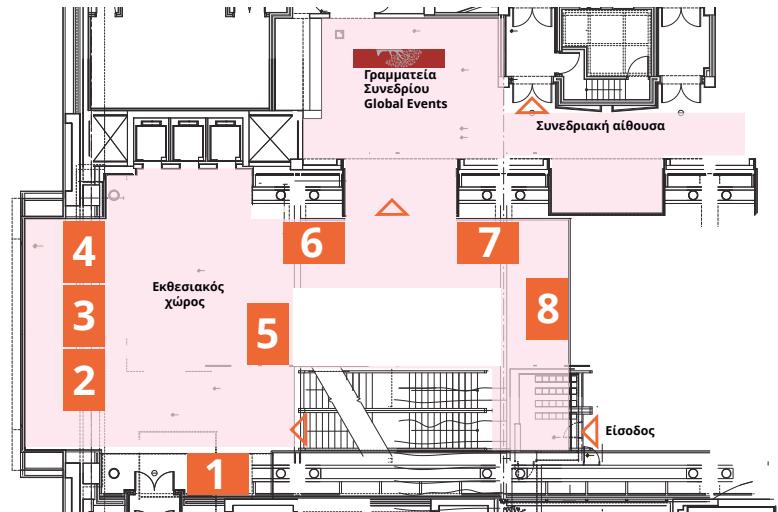
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