Welcome!
Message From Our President

Dear Presidents of Member Societies,

dear Society members and dear individual IFFS members,

Greetings from Dublin.

While I reconnect with you today, I am trying to remember the world as it stood 3 years ago. A “normal” planetary congregation where distances seemed to significantly contract and the energy significantly expand to bring together our professionals, nurses, embryologists, doctors. For well organized, hands on, workshops, at national, regional and international meetings. Events that everybody was excited about and planning to attend. Where we learned from each other, the science, the art of being human, the beauty of our work and the joy we can bring to our fellow humans, the joy of a family.

Despite believing otherwise, the planet appears a completely different place nowadays. Flights have become more expensive, airport queues a challenge, human interaction sharper. The comfort of your own home is ever appealing. Many have moved online for their activities. Permanently! We appear to be more isolated, “voluntarily” lonely, may be even more interested in “our business” rather than seeking the company of others. It seems far easier to work silently at your own projects than to connect with the larger global community. And it is this global community I wish to start with today. Make no mistake. Humans exist because they thrive TOGETHER.

Today is the time to progress bravely and reconnect, ask how your friends from afar, the ones you have not even met yet, how they are doing, ask yourself how the next generation is learning the skills necessary to progress our field, how the academics from another continent progress their careers and most of all how you, yes, you can bring your skills, humanity, care, teaching skills and life experience to others in need. There has never been a greater need to think, connect and be together. To use every opportunity to be present, yes in person, at our global activities. We need each other and this is the time to reach out.

And here are the opportunities. The WHO has just published an ever-important scientific manuscript: Infertility Prevalence Estimates. I am encouraging all of you to read this document found here: (https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/978920068315). Please disseminate the information to raise awareness of the ever-increasing infertility rates globally. To your students, to your colleagues, to your politicians, to your Minister of Health. Talk to your peers from afar so our efforts can finally benefit patients and the generations to come.

In 2023 what better opportunity to meet face to face then your Federation’s golden moment: The World Congress. Once again, I wish to extend an invite and look forward to your participation at the IFFS World Congress in Athens 10-13th of September 2023. Please let your members know, registration, programme and scientific abstract submissions are all detailed here: http://www.iffs2023.org. Or maybe encourage your trainees to submit an abstract and sponsor them to attend. They will always remember your gesture!

Last but not least, have you considered adding your name to the IFFS supporters?
The IFFS is a voluntary organisation promoting education in the field of infertility, for a variety of practitioners, nurses, scientist and doctors. A lifetime IFFS membership will bring the funds needed to promote our online educational platform, the IFFS Academy (https://www.iffsreproduction.org/education/iffs-academy) and reach the ones in need of fertility education, particularly the ones than cannot afford to travel. By supporting your Federation, you support your peers. Your name will join the legacy founders of the IFFS Academy.

Consider it and sing up here: https://www.iffsreproduction.org/society-membership/individual-membership/

There has never been more need for togetherness, I await meeting you all in Athens, dear friends.

With deepest respect,

Edgar Mocanu
Your IFFS President

2nd April 2023
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Our Leadership

The elected IFFS leadership includes world-renowned global reproduction and fertility specialists. IFFS leaders are responsible for creating and delivering some of the leading medical education content that supports care delivery and successful patient outcomes throughout the world.

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Japanese Society of Reproductive Medicine
Russian Association of Human Reproduction

Fertility Society of Australia
American Society of Reproductive Medicine
Turkish Society for Reproductive Medicine
Mexican Association of Reproductive Medi-
Our worldwide mission is to stimulate research, disseminate educational information, and promote the superior clinical care of patients in all aspects of reproductive and fertility medicine.
We welcome everyone to the year 2023 and the spring edition of the IFFS Newsletter 2023. The medium will continue to provide an opportunity for global connectivity, thereby providing a global village on Fertility and Reproductive Health.

The spring edition focused on mainly on the upcoming 2023 and 2025 world congress in Athens and Tokyo, respectively. We cordially invite member societies, fertility practitioners, embryologists, nurses, and other interested persons in reproductive health to attend.

We have in this edition an invitation to all National societies to collaborate with IFFS at their national societies’ meeting. By reinforcing national meetings’ academic and scientific content using its wide range of expertise available globally. Consequently, member societies are encouraged to ensure they involve the IFFS in their annual scientific conference.

It is the responsibility of Fertility practitioners in each Country to ensure the representation of their Country in the International Federation and ensure an excellent financial standing. Therefore, I look forward to hearing from you very soon and would be happy to see you join us at the exciting physical congress in Athens in September 2023 and in Tokyo in 2025.

Please stay in touch and stay connected. With best wishes.

Oladapo A. Ashiru
IFFS Secretary-General And Editor, IFFS e-Newsletter

JUNE IS WORLD INFERTILITY AWARENESS MONTH

The International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) as the global umbrella for world fertility societies is happy to celebrate the month of June as the Infertility Awareness month. We are launching a social media campaign and also publish below comments from some of the leaders of IFFS.

“Infertility is a medical condition. The fact that world population continues to grow is not a valid excuse to not offer medical care for all the infertile”

“All women and men desiring a family should have access to basic investigations, in a medical setting”

“Fertility education and contraceptive advice should be equally promoted and funded. Both serve a noble purpose, preserving the right of women and men to establish or not establish a family, when desired”
Dear President/Secretary General,

IFFS collaboration with National Societies’ Annual Conference

We are writing you as Secretary-General and Director of Global Educational Activities of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS), representing more than 50,000 physicians and reproduction medicine professionals worldwide.

IFFS believes that knowledge is the basis of improvement, which is why Education is the core of its mission. Through the years, IFFS has developed a wide range of educational activities aimed at different professional categories and levels of expertise, as the needs for Education greatly vary geographically.

In years past, IFFS has collaborated with some National Societies during their annual conference through invited plenary speakers, workshops, symposiums, full scientific sessions, and more. Such collaborations have been either at the request of the National associations or suggested by IFFS. In many cases, the National Association provides travel support and accommodation to the invited participants from IFFS. Such IFFS collaboration has a significant overall advantage and is of great value. Furthermore, it gives an international flavor to the meetings.

IFFS has now decided to fulfill this objective as an obligation to all its member societies. By reinforcing national meetings’ academic and scientific content using its wide range of expertise available globally. Consequently, member societies are encouraged to ensure they involve the IFFS in their annual scientific conference.

It would be a pleasure for IFFS to collaborate with your Society to offer its members customized educational activities according to the specific needs of your Country/Region.

The starting point of this collaboration might be an IFFS session on a topic of significant interest for your membership in your annual congress.

If you are interested in this opportunity, the Education Committee, the IFFS’ secretariat, and us stay at your disposal to discuss potential ideas and proposals for the sake of Education and professional development.

Therefore, we advise member societies to send to the secretariat the dates and scientific theme of their meetings for 2023. It would enable the IFFS executive to coordinate the conference organizers and yield to the specific requirements for each session.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Prof Oladapo A. Ashiru
Secretary-General, IFFS

Prof Luca Gianaroli
Director, Education Committee
Global Reproductive Health is the Official Journal of the International Federation of fertility societies.

We publish on any topic related to reproduction. We emphasize global content. Timeline from submission to publication. This is based on the hard work of our distinguished editorial board and publication staff. The journal is also enthusiastic contributor to the IFFS web page.

Although theoretically we are a journal with 4 issues per year; we post online immediately upon acceptance.

Our goal is to be listed on Pub Med, and I anticipate this to occur early in 2024. An effort is made to attend international meetings to identify the best articles and try to solicit them for Global Reproductive Health.

Listed below are samples of our articles:
- The association of obesity an embryo quality
- Does infertility lead to sexual dysfunction?
- Hysteroscopic findings in women with recurrent pregnancy loss
- Surrogacy at a private fertility center

In keeping with modern trends, we try to keep the articles at approximately 1500 words; with one graph, picture or other visuals that can be used to summarize the article. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

All papers should be submitted through GRH’s online submission site, www.editorialmanager.com/grh.

For additional instructions, please refer to the GRH Instructions for Authors.

For assistance with submissions, please contact our Managing Editor, Marianna Hagan, at marianna.hagan@wolterskluwer.com.
Dear IFFS Members and IFFS Society Members,

Also, from our side a warm welcome. We would like to introduce ourselves as the new management company of the IFFS as we have taken on the federation on January 1, 2023. We are Matt Riley, Director of Associations and Yannik Braemer, Association Manager, and are both working at International Conference Services Ltd. (ICS). Matt oversees the strategy of IFFS whereas Yannik is responsible for the day-to-day business including membership inquiries, finances, website, marketing, board meetings and more.

ICS is an internationally recognized, full-service Association Management Company (AMC) and Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) with more than 45 years of experience managing medical, academic, and scientific conferences and associations all over the world. The company employs more than 100 staff and 8 offices throughout North America, Europe, and Asia which goes hand in hand with overall global strategy of IFFS.

We are confident that our expertise, resources and flexibility will put the mission of IFFS into practice while continuing to advance reproductive and fertility medicine. One of our first goals is to contact all individual members as well as society members to not only introduce ourselves but to also work with them together on the future of IFFS. We look forward to strengthening the collaboration with each individual IFFS Member Society all around the globe and hope to meet everyone at in Copenhagen, Denmark at ESHRE 2023.

For the purpose of contact, the official IFFS email remains secretariat@iffsreproduction.org

Please feel free to contact us for any clarifications.

Best wishes,

Matt Riley
Director of Associations

Yannik Braemer
Association Manager
HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF IFFS

The membership of the Federation includes those Societies who have stated an interest in the clinical and research aspects of reproduction and fertility. The Society must have a constitution aligned to the IFFS Constitution and a minimum of 40 members.

Benefits For Your Society:
• Global recognition as an IFFS Member Society
• Badge graphic for display on your website
• Full voting rights in the General Assembly proportional to your membership
• Opportunities to co-organize educational programs at national and international level
• Access to IFFS leadership; first-line communication on initiatives and opportunities to collaborate
• An Online Educational Portal that can be accessed by your members
• Access to international IFFS members via community boards in your master account
• Belonging to a progressive global organization that supports individual societies work toward the greater good
• Possibility to contribute to the IFFS e-Letter with country specific relevant news

For Your Members
• Consideration for faculty participation at IFFS educational activities
• Free access to IFFS journal Global Reproductive Health
• Support for publishing in GRH
• Discounted individual IFFS membership (20%)

Dues
Calculated by number of society members.

PROCEDURE
1. Organize a meeting of Doctors, Obstetrician and Gynecologists, Embryologists, Reproductive Endocrinologists, Fertility Practitioners, Nurses, Counselors, and others with interest in the clinical and research aspects of reproduction and fertility to form a Society or an Association.
2. Prepare a Constitution for the organization, and register the Society/association with its constitution with your National Government.
3. Prepare a list (roster) of members.
4. Submit an application to IFFS online at https://www.iffsreproduction.org/society-membership/ with the following documents:
   a. A letter requesting membership
   b. A copy of your constitution
   c. A current member roster to be used for calculating votes in the General Assembly
5. Once submitted the Executive Council will immediately consider your membership, and once approved, you will receive a letter of acceptance as member of IFFS.
6. You will be expected to attend the General Assembly where your membership would be ratified.

For more details regarding memberships, Please visit:
1) Individual Memberships: https://www.iffsreproduction.org/society-membership/individual-membership/
2) Society Memberships: https://www.iffsreproduction.org/society-membership/
NEW ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

The IFFS is happy to introduce the following new member Societies.

We look forward to welcoming them and their members during the IFFS World Congress in Athens in September 2023.

European Fertility Society
https://www.europeanfertilitysociety.com

ASEBIR - ASOCIACIÓN PARA EL ESTUDIO DE LA BIOLOGÍA DE LA REPRODUCCIÓN
https://asebir.com

Serbian Society for Fertility Preservation & Oncofertility
https://www.onkfertilitetsrbija.rs/en/

Red Latinoamericana de Reproducción Asistida (REDLARA) - https://redlara.com/

NEW MEMBER SOCIETY

GAMBIA FERTILITY SOCIETY
PAST EVENTS

MARCH 2023

IFFS WEBINAR
Minimal or Normal Stimulation in ART Clinical Evidence

Where: 27th MARCH 2023
9:00 AM Central European Time (CET)
Where: ZOOM LINK IN DESCRIPTION

SPEAKERS:
Dr. Nicolaos Politou
Prof. Efstathios Tsakirides

For more information, please visit:
https://www.ifireproduction.org

APRIL 2023

IFFS WEBINAR
Minimal or Normal Stimulation in ART Clinical Evidence

Where: 24th APRIL 2023
9:00 AM Central European Time (CET)
Where: ZOOM LINK IN DESCRIPTION

SPEAKERS:
Kendy Cooke
Dennis Saran

For more information, please visit:
https://www.ifireproduction.org

IFFS REDLARA
PRE-CONGRESS COURSE
New Strategies in Ovarian Stimulation & Luteal Phase Support in Medically Assisted Reproduction (MAR)

When: 27th APRIL 2023
6:00 PM Colombian Time (CMT - 05:00)
Where: LINK IN DESCRIPTION

Dr. Marcos Horton

- Triggers options in current MAR
- Use of progesterone or progesterones in luteal phase supplementation in stimulated cycles
SAVE THE DATE!
Assisted Reproductive Technology Workshop

International Federation of Fertility Societies Presents

This workshop will be a highly interactive meeting between international experts in the field of ART from IFFS, as well as local clinicians and embryologists. The format is aimed at encouraging discussion and providing a safe space for sharing experiences and for finding actionable means to improve current practices in the field, in light of the most updated clinical and scientific evidence.

- **MANAGEMENT OF INFERTILITY**
  - which covers the epidemiology and first line management of infertility

- **ASSISTED CONCEPTION**
  - which includes short talks and discussions around legal aspects of fertility treatment, strategies for planning treatment, special situations in ART, and quality control/quality assurance.

Importantly, the workshop includes dedicated parallel sessions for targeted work with clinicians, embryologists, and fertility nurses; it also incorporates a clinical laboratory interface, where crucial aspects of IVF treatment will be discussed in depth, such as choice of method for insemination, cryopreservation, embryo replacement, etc.

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:**
clinicians, embryologists, and fertility nurses working in assisted reproduction.

We expect attendees from Costa Rica and neighboring countries.

facebook: @iffsfertility

instagram: @iffsreproduction

VISIT: https://www.iffsreproduction.org
THE OFFICIAL SITE FOR IFFS WORLD CONGRESS 2023 is https://www.iffs2023.org

While on the congress website, under the General Information tab you may find:

1) Useful info about:
   a) The Venue
   b) Athens

2) Info for Visa https://www.erasmus.gr/microsites/1255/visa-invitation-letter
Key dates and deadlines

15 October 2022
Abstract Submission Opening

30 April 2023
Abstract Submission Deadline

30 May 2023
Abstract Authors Notification

30 June 2023
Early Registration Deadline

Exhibition and Sponsorship Opportunities

Do not miss the chance of presenting your products and services to a global target of health professionals specialized in the field of reproduction.

Scan the QR code for direct access to the IFFS Congress website to view all congress information

Or visit
www.iffs2023.org

We look forward to welcoming you in Athens!
Save the Date

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2023 IFFS
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September 10-13, 2023
Athens - Greece

Please Visit our website for more details:
https://www.iffs2023.org