

**IFFS INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
28 FEBRUARY – 2 MARCH 2018  
KAMPALA SERENA HOTEL  
KAMPALA, UGANDA**

**SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

**WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2018 - PRE-CONFERENCE COURSES**

<p><b>08:00 – 17:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 1</b> <b>(Full Day)</b> Ovarian Stimulation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Paul Devroey</b></p>	<p><b>08:00 – 17:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 2</b> <b>(Full Day)</b> How to Set-up IVF Laboratory</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Carin Huyser</b></p>	<p><b>08:00 – 17:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 3</b> <b>(Full Day)</b> Fertility Clinic Challenges: Psychosocial Counselling, Infertility Prevention, Reproductive Health Promotion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Jacky Boivin</b></p>	<p><b>08:00 – 12:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 4</b> <b>(Half Day)</b> Office Hysteroscopy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Gabriel de Candolle</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>13:00 – 17:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 6</b> <b>(Half Day)</b> IVF Data Software Training Workshop</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Ethan Wantman</b></p>	<p><b>08:00 – 12:00</b> <b>Pre-conference 5</b> <b>(Half Day)</b> Professional Writing for Publication and Presentation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>Joe Leigh Simpson</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>14:00 – 17:00</b> <b>Pre-Conference 7</b> <b>(Half Day)</b> Media and Reproductive Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizer:</b> <b>James Olobo-Lalobo</b></p>
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**THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2018**

<p><b>08:00 – 09:30 Scientific Session 1 - Scientific Basis of the Reproductive Revolution in sub Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities</b> <b>Session Chairs: Tina Buchholz; Nicolaus Mazuguni</b></p> <p>08:00 Establishing the Need (<b>Thabo Matsaseng, WHO Headquarters</b>) 08:20 Fertility and Maternal Health (<b>Joe Leigh Simpson, United States</b>) 08:40 The Scientific Basis of the Reproductive Revolution in sub Saharan Africa (<b>James Olobo-Lalobo, Uganda</b>) 09:00 Panel Discussion</p>
<b>09:15 – 09:45 Mid-morning Break</b>
<p><b>09:45 – 11:30 Presidential Session</b> <b>Session Chair: Hon. Sarah Opendi</b></p> <p>10:00 Ugandan Fertility Society (UFS) (<b>Robert Busingye, Uganda</b>) 10:05 African Fertility Society (AFS) (<b>Oladapo Ashiru, Nigeria</b>) 10:10 International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) (<b>Richard Kennedy, United Kingdom</b>) 10:15 World Health Organization (WHO) (<b>Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam, WHO Uganda</b>) 10:30 Minister of Health of Uganda Address (<b>Minister of Health Hon Dr. Jane Aceng, Uganda</b>) 10:35 President of Uganda Address (<b>HE President Yoweri Museveni, Uganda</b>)</p>
<p><b>11:30 Merck Symposium: Partnering Towards Better ART Outcomes for Africa</b></p> <p><b>Thomas D’Hooghe, VP &amp; Head, Global Medical Affairs – Fertility, Merck Serono, Global HQ, Germany</b> <b>Essam Abdallah, Medical Director – Fertility, Merck Serono, Middle East and Africa</b></p>
<b>13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break</b>

<p><b>14:00 – 14:30 Keynote Lecture</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Faye Iketubosin; Richard Kennedy</b></p> <p>14:00 WHO, NSA's and Corporate Cooperation (<b>Ian Askew, WHO Headquarters</b>)</p>
<p><b>14:30 – 16:05 Scientific Session 2 - Blood Borne Infections and Reproductive Care</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Oladapo Ashiru; Koigi Kamau</b></p> <p>14:30 Reproductive Options for Couples Affected by BBVs (<b>Sheryl Vanderpoel, Switzerland</b>)  14:50 STD Prevention – Reducing the Global Infertility Burden (<b>Leopold Ouedraogo, WHO African Region</b>)  15:10 Semen Preparation Techniques (<b>Carin Huyser, South Africa</b>)  15:30 Clinical Safety, Lab Management, and Cryostorage (<b>Verena Nordhoff, Germany</b>)  15:50 Panel Discussion</p>
<p><b>16:05 – 16:30 Mid-Afternoon Break</b></p>
<p><b>16:30 – 17:45 Scientific Session 3 - Environmental Concerns in Reproductive Health</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Gabriel de Candolle; Edem K. Hiadzi</b></p> <p>16:30 Endocrine Disruptors and Reproduction (<b>Jorma Toppari, Finland</b>)  16:50 Male Infertility and Environmental Factors (<b>Antti Perheentupa, Finland</b>)  17:10 Managing Environmental Exposure in Practice (<b>Oladapo Ashiru, Nigeria</b>)  17:30 Panel Discussion</p>

**FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2018**

<p><b>08:00 – 10:05 Plenary Session 1 - Improving Access – Implementation</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Basil Tarlatzis; Ibrahim Wada</b></p> <p>08:00 Simplified Culture Systems for IVF (<b>Willem Ombelet, Belgium</b>)  08:25 INVOcell a Vaginal IVF Incubator: An In-body &amp; By-pass System (<b>Kevin Doody, USA</b>)  08:50 The Place of ART in Africa (<b>Gamal Serour, Egypt</b>)  09:15 The Role of Non-medical Health Workers in Fertility Care (<b>Francesca Steyn, United Kingdom</b>)  09:40 Implementation Lessons from Maternal Health (<b>Richard Lilford, United Kingdom</b>)</p>
<p><b>10:05 – 10:30 Mid-morning Break</b></p>
<p><b>10:30 – 12:30 Plenary Session 2 - Family Building in Africa - Opportunities and Challenges</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Moise Fiadjoe; Sheryl van der Poel</b></p> <p>10:30 Quality of Life in Infertility (<b>Jacky Boivin, United Kingdom</b>)  11:00 Third Party Reproduction: Legal and Ethical Challenges (<b>James Olobo-Lalobo, Uganda</b>)  11:30 Regulation and the Right to Family (<b>Richard Kennedy, United Kingdom</b>)  12:00 Presenting the Results of Infertility Treatment (<b>Alan DeCherney, United States</b>)</p>
<p><b>12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:40 Scientific Session 4 - Strengthening Clinical Management and Research through Data Collection</b>  <b>Session Chairs: Rudolph Agadeba; Antti Perheentupa</b></p> <p>14:00 Strengthening the Reporting of IVF Data Registry through Software (<b>Kevin Doody, USA</b>)  14:20 Quality of National ART Registry: Challenges and Remedies (<b>James Olobo-Lalobo, Uganda</b>)  14:40 National, Regional, and Global Registries (<b>Silke Dyer, South Africa</b>)  15:00 Birth Defects Following ART (<b>Joe Leigh Simpson, United States</b>)  15:20 Panel Discussion</p>

15:40 – 16:10 Mid-afternoon Break

16:10 – 17:50 Scientific Session 5 - Improving Outcomes of Infertility Care in Low-to-Middle Income Countries (LMICs)

Session Chairs: Alan De Cherney; Edward Sali

- 16:10 Optimizing Ovarian Stimulation (*Basil Tarlatzis, Greece*)
- 16:30 Quality Control in the Laboratory (*Verena Nordhoff, Germany*)
- 16:50 Surgery to Improve Fertility (*Gabriel de Candolle, Switzerland*)
- 17:10 Genetic Factors influencing Reproductive Health (*Tina Buchholz, Germany*)
- 17:30 Panel Discussion

17:50 – 18:00 Closing Remarks

