



# 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEETING “THE FUTURE OF A.R.T.”

Milan, Italy  
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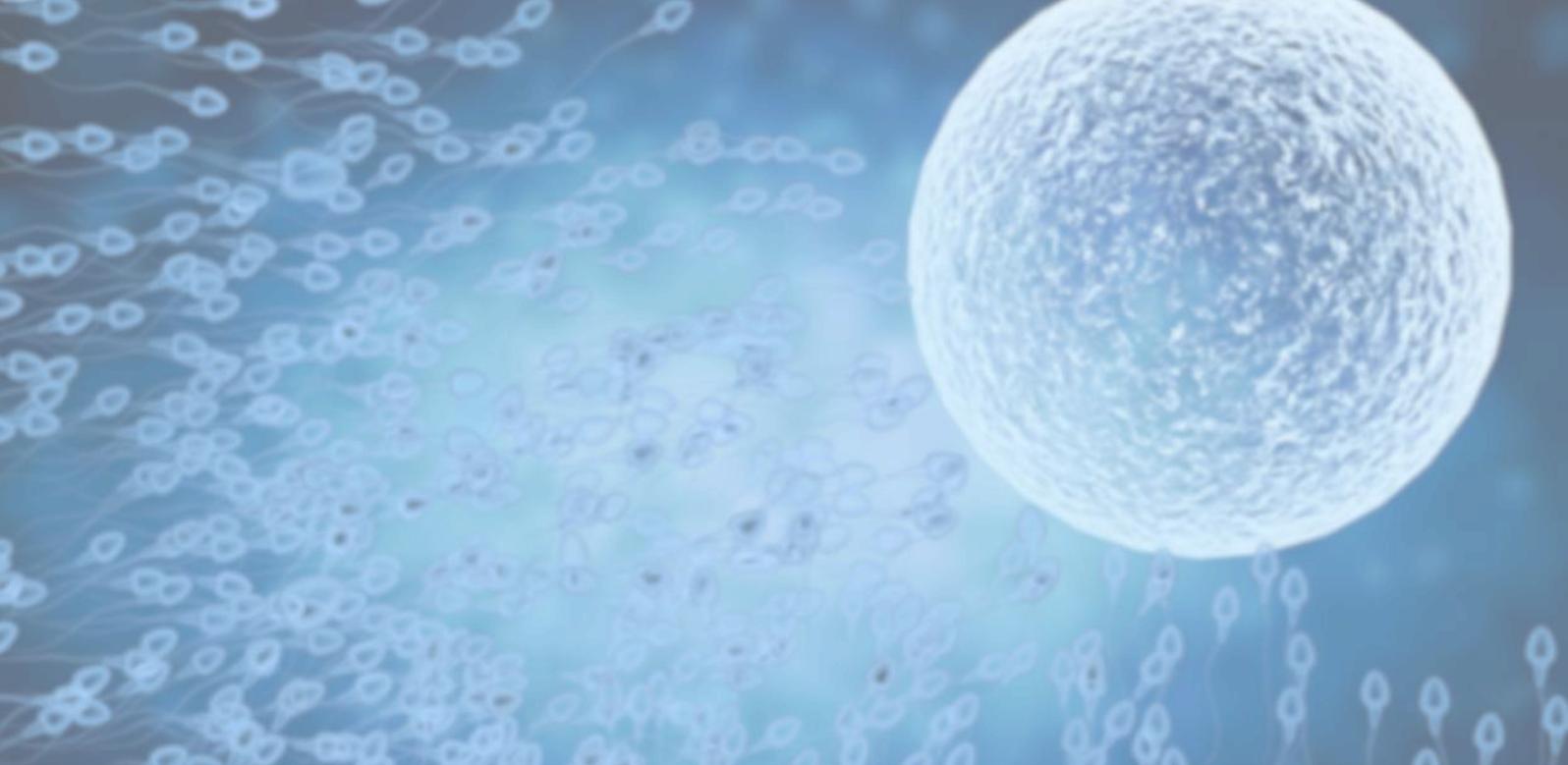
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# RATIONALE

Infertility is a concerning global health issue that affects one in six couples of reproductive age worldwide. Management of infertility is made possible by the interplay between reproductive gynaecologists, andrologists and embryologists, who, ideally, should work together as a team, since optimal patient care is accomplished through the work of a cohesive IVF team. The present meeting, which follows the one held in Lugano in 2022, is intended to offer some hot topics to the attention of such experts gathered together. The attendants won't be, therefore, surprised to find gynaecological, andrological and embryological topics mixed in the same scientific session, in an apparently illogical sequence: it's all deliberate to foster a fruitful interaction between healthcare providers who come from different training programs, but who share the same goal: helping infertile couples to have children.

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# PROGRAMME

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

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- 08:30**      *Registration*
- 09:10**      *Welcome to the Audience and Introduction*  
**Andrea Barlocco, Gruppo NextClinics; Giovanni M. Colpi, NextFertilityProCrea**
- 09:20**      *Greetings Ordine dei Medici Chirurghi e degli Odontoiatri della Provincia di Milano*  
**Roberto Carlo ROSSI, President**

### FIRST SESSION

Chairmen: **E. Caroppo, Bari; N. Vulliemoz, Lausanne**

- 09:30**      Genetic Causes of Sperm Flagella Defects: Who to Test and How to Manage?  
**V. Nordhoff, Münster**
- 09:55**      Sperm DNA Fragmentation: Which Test ? Why should We Care about it?  
**M. Muratori, Florence**
- 10:20**      Cryopreservation of very few Testicular or Ejaculated Sperms: is it an Effective Technique?  
**A. Berkovitz, Tel Aviv**
- 10:45**      *Questions & Answers*
- 11:00**      *Coffee break*

### SECOND SESSION (Global Andrology Forum)

Chairmen: **K. Aydos, Ankara; M. Sabbaghian, Tehran**

- 11:20**      Welcome to GAF Session  
**G.-M. Pinggera, Innsbruck**
- 11:25**      Sperm DNA Fragmentation: Impact on IVF/ICSI and Neonatal Outcome  
**N. Garrido, Valencia**
- 11:50**      Could Varicocele Repair Improve the Outcome of Subsequent M.A.R. cycles?  
**A. Kadioğlu, Istanbul**
- 12:15**      Indications to Sperm Retrievals in Non-Azoospermic Patients  
**G.-M. Pinggera, Innsbruck**
- 12:40**      Testicular Sperm retrieval for ICSI in NOA Patients: Frozen or Fresh  
**G.M. Colpi, Lugano**
- 13:05**      What are the Real Chances for a Klinefelter Patient to become Biological Father?  
**M.E. Bakircioğlu, Istanbul**
- 13:30**      *Questions & Answers*
- 13:50**      *Lunch*

## FIRST KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Chairman: **P.E. Levi Setti, Milan**

**14:50** Environmental Exposure and Increasing Prevalence of Premature Ovarian Insufficiency and Ovarian Aging  
**S. Kalantaridou, Athens**

## THIRD SESSION

Chairmen: **A. Ambrosetti, Geneva; W. Ciampaglia, Bologna**

**15:25** The Past, the Present and the Pipeline of Uterus Malformations. Do We Talk the Same Language?  
**L. Di Luzio, Lugano**

**15:50** What's New in Luteal Phase Support in artificial FET Cycles?  
**C. Maignien, Paris**

**16:15** Management of Poor or no Blastocyst Development  
**X. Pollet Villard, Saran**

**16:40** *Questions & Answers*

## FOURTH SESSION Controversies in the use of PGT (60')

Chairmen: **G. D'Amato, Bari – R. Sciorio, Lausanne**

**17:10** Could PGT Add to the Management of Infertile couples? Updated Evidence  
**R. Orvieto, Tel HaShomer**

Discussants: **L. Parmegiani, Bologna – L. Quintero, Valencia – P. Viganò, Milan**

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## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

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### FIFTH SESSION

Chairmen: **A. Santi, Locarno; E. Somigliana, Milan**

- 08:45** Infertility without an Apparent Cause: a Dysfunction Matter  
**M. Bossi, Lugano**
- 09:10** Endometriosis and Adenomyosis: impact on Implantation  
**L. Henry, Liege**
- 09:35** Consensus Statement from the July 1, 2022 Lugano Workshop on Recurrent Implantation Failure  
**P. Pirtea, Suresnes/Paris**
- 10:00** *Questions & Answers*

### SECOND KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Chairman: **D. de Ziegler, Paris**

- 10:20** Poor Responders: an Old Challenge  
**P.E. Levi Setti, Milan**

### THIRD KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Chairman: **D. Goulis, Thessaloniki**

- 11:00** Should Every Male of Infertile Couple Undergo Andrological Evaluation prior to M.A.R.?  
**A. Giwercman, Malmö**
- 11:30** *Coffee Break*

### SIXTH SESSION (Global Andrology Forum)

Chairmen: **G.M. Colpi, Lugano; M.E. Bakircioğlu, Istanbul**

- 11:50** Selection and Handling of Testicular Sperm for ICSI: which Sperm should be used and why?  
**K. Aydos, Ankara**
- 12:15** ICSI in Patients with Teratospermia : A broken Dogma?  
**M. Sabbaghian, Tehran**
- 12:40** *Questions & Answers*
- 13:05** *Lunch*

## FOURTH KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Chairman: **A. Kadioğlu, Istanbul**

- 14:15** Global Survey on Sperm DNA Fragmentation: Highlights and Expert Recommendations  
**A. Rambhatla, Detroit**

## SEVENTH SESSION

Chairmen: **E. Caroppo, Bari; P. Piomboni, Siena**

- 14:50** Management of NOA Patient before Surgery  
**D. Goulis, Thessaloniki**
- 15:15** Nutraceuticals before IVF/ICSI: are they useful?  
**M. Dattilo, Lugano**
- 15:40** Potential Risk of Epigenetic Modification in Children Conceived following A.R.T.  
**R. Sciorio, Lausanne**
- 16:05** Desire for a Child: the Couple faced with Needs, Conflicts and Fears  
**M.C. Florini, Bologna**
- 16:30** Controlled Ovarian Stimulation programming after Norethindrone Acetate administration at the Recurrence of Menses  
**G. D'Amato, Bari**
- 16:45** *Questions & Answers*

## FIFTH KEY-NOTE LECTURE

Chairman: **M. Bellavia, Lugano**

- 17:10** The Last Frontier in Reproductive Medicine  
**D. de Ziegler, Paris**
- 17:40** *Conclusions and CME*

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- **Closest train station:** Milano Porta Garibaldi. It's 4.8KM from the hotel.
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