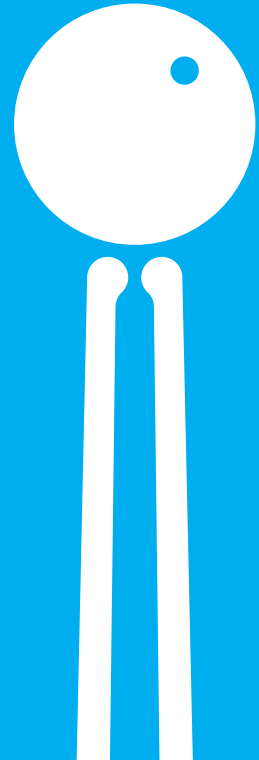
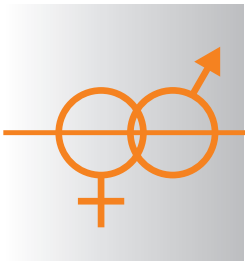


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Welcome

We are very proud to announce that following the immense success of our first two conferences in London and Istanbul, “The Third International Conference on Science and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction and Stem Cell Research” will be held at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin, Germany, on November 1–2, 2007.

In a beautiful atmosphere of the Gendarmenmarkt near “Unter den Linden” and “Brandenburger Tor”, we will discuss the medical, moral, legal and social implications of new reproductive technologies and embryonic stem cell research. Among the many topics to be addressed are tissue engineering, therapeutic cloning, emergency contraception, egg donation, egg sharing, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, the welfare of children, conflicts between science and religion, and public policy making in secular societies.

We look forward to “The Third International Conference on Science and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction and Stem Cell Research” and we would be delighted to welcome you at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

Sincerely Yours,



Prof. Dr. H.-R. Tinneberg
*President of the German Society
for Reproductive Medicine*



Prof. Dr. R. G. Edwards
*Editor-in-Chief of
Reproductive BioMedicine Online*



Prof. Dr. G. Benagiano
*Dean at the University
“la Sapienza”, Rome*

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Opening Session

9:00 – 9:10 *Welcome Address*

Hans-Rudolf Tinneberg
President of the German Society for Reproductive Medicine

9:10 – 9:20 *Welcome Address*

Horst Köhler
Federal President of Germany

Session 1

The regulatory landscape of Germany, Part 1

Chair: Franz Geisthövel & Wolfgang van den Daele

9:20 – 9:40 *The Embryo Protection Act of 1990 – Time for a repeal?*

Reinhard Merkel
University of Hamburg, Germany

9:40 – 10:00 *Germany's Guidelines for Assisted Reproduction – In splendid isolation?*

Eberhard Nieschlag
University of Münster, Germany

10:00 – 10:20 *Strict law has its advantages*

Klaus Diedrich
University of Lübeck, Germany

10:20 – 10:50 *Discussion*

10:50 – 11:20 *Coffee Break*

Session 2

The regulatory landscape of Germany, Part 2

Chair: Tina Buchholz & Reinhard Merkel

11:20 – 11:40	<i>Polar body biopsy – a viable alternative to PGD?</i>	Hans van der Ven University of Bonn, Germany
11:40 – 12:00	<i>Natural law, preimplantation embryos and human dignity</i>	Eberhard Schockenhoff University of Freiburg, Germany
12:00 – 12:20	<i>An adequate interpretation of the Embryo Protection Act</i>	Franz Geithövel University of Freiburg, Germany
12:20 – 12:50	<i>Discussion</i>	
12:50 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

Session 3

Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering

Chair: Robert G. Edwards & Dieter Birnbacher

14:30 – 14:50	<i>The potential of human embryonic stem cells</i>	Alex Mauron University of Geneva, Switzerland
14:50 – 15:10	<i>From stem cells to germ cells</i>	Wolfgang Engel University of Göttingen, Germany
15:10 – 15:30	<i>Embryonic stem cell research and the argument from complicity</i>	Dieter Birnbacher University of Düsseldorf, Germany
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Discussion</i>	
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:30 – 16:50	<i>The potential of stem cells derived from amniotic fluid</i>	Paolo de Coppi University of Padua, Italy
16:50 – 17:10	<i>The potential of stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood</i>	Marek Zygmunt University of Greifswald, Germany
17:10 – 17:30	<i>Stem cells harvested from the adult human brain</i>	Mercy Varghese Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
17:30 – 18:00	<i>Discussion</i>	

Friday, November 2, 2007

Session 4

Emergency contraception

Chair: Thomas Rabe & Timothy F. Murphy

8:30 – 8:50	<i>Emergency contraception: The state of the art</i>	Helena von Hertzen World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
8:50 – 9:10	<i>Emergency contraception: Mechanisms of action</i>	David T. Baird University of Edinburgh, UK
9:10 – 9:30	<i>Emergency contraception and abortion are morally equivalent</i>	Francesco D'Agostino University of Rome, Italy
9:30 – 9:50	<i>Emergency contraception and abortion are not morally equivalent</i>	Laura M. Purdy Wells College, New York, USA
9:50 – 10:20	<i>Discussion</i>	
10:20 – 10:50	<i>Coffee Break</i>	

Session 5

“The welfare of children conceived through ARTs”

Chair: Laura M. Purdy & John Harris

10:50 – 11:10	<i>Eugenics – what’s in a name?</i>	Irmgard Nippert University of Münster, Germany
11:10 – 11:30	<i>Choosing a child without a disability: A eugenic choice?</i>	Jonathan Glover King’s College, London, UK
11:30 – 11:50	<i>Choosing a child with a disability: A choice too far?</i>	Timothy F. Murphy University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
11:50 – 12:10	<i>Is there a slippery slope from PGD to a new eugenics?</i>	Wolfgang van den Daele University of Berlin, Germany
12:10 – 12:30	<i>The welfare of children conceived after egg donation</i>	Susan Golombok University of Cambridge, UK
12:30 – 13:00	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	

Session 6

Reproduction, Religion and the Law

Chair: Eberhard Schockenhoff & Jonathan Glover

14:30 – 14:50	<i>The Limits of Reproductive Freedom</i>	Maurizio Mori University of Turin, Italy
14:50 – 15:10	<i>The origins of human sexuality: Procreation or recreation?</i>	Giuseppe Benagiano University of Rome, Italy,
15:10 – 15:30	<i>Ethics and religion: Disentangling morality from theology</i>	Edgar Dahl University of Giessen, Germany
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Liberal democracies and the separation of state and church</i>	John Harris University of Manchester, UK
15:50 – 16:20	<i>Discussion</i>	
16:20 – 16:30	<i>Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony for Professor Robert G. Edwards</i>	
16:30 – 17:00	<i>New ethical issues in an expanding science</i>	Robert G. Edwards University of Cambridge, UK
17:00	<i>Farewell</i>	

Information

Venue

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