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**47 International  
Dexeus Congress**

Reproductive Medicine  
meets the world

# SPEAKERS

- Diana Alecsandru.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, IVI Madrid
- Başak Balaban.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, American Hospital Istanbul
- Elvan Boke.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, CRG Barcelona
- Pauliina Damdimopoulou.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Karolinska Institutet
- Attilio Di Spiezio.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Naples Federico II
- Thomas Ebner.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Linz, Austria
- Sandro Esteves.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, ANDROFERT Brazil
- Grigoris Grimbizis.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Joyce Harper.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, UCL
- Tuong Ho.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, IVFMD My Duc Hospital
- Jackson Kirkman-Brown.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Birmingham
- Antonio La Marca.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- Antonios Makrigiannakis.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Crete
- Pedro Melo.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Oxford
- Marcos Meseguer.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, IVIRMA Valencia
- Kypros Nicolaidis.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, King's College Hospital Fetal Medicine Centre
- Samuel Ojosnegros.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC)
- Raoul Orvieto.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Sheba Medical Center
- Anja Pinborg.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Copenhagen & Rigshospitalet
- Nicolas Plachta.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Pennsylvania
- Nikolaos Polyzos.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Dexeus Mujer – Dexeus University Hospital
- Mina Popovic.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Eugin Group
- Denny Sakkas.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Boston IVF / IVIRMA North America
- Ege Can Şerefoğlu.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Biruni University
- Carlos Simón.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Valencia; Baylor College of Medicine; Harvard BIDMC
- Alexandros Sotiriadis.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Claudia Spits.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Henriette Svarre Nielsen.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, University of Copenhagen & Hvidovre Hospital
- Alberto Vaiarelli.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, GeneraLife – Genera Rome
- Paola Viganò.** Gynecology and Obstetrics, Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Policlinico Milano



## APRIL 23rd

10.30 – 10.45

Opening Ceremony

10.45 – 12.00

**SESSION 1: Reproductive medicine meets... Andrology**

**Chair:** *Dinka Baldani and Piotr Sokol*

– Male fertility under the microscope:  
why sperm DNA fragmentation matters

*Jackson Kirkman-Brown*

– Sexual health and reproductive outcomes.  
Time to rethink the connection

*Ege Can Şerefoğlu*

– Who benefits from hormonal therapy in male infertility:  
targeted use based on clinical profiles

*Sandro Esteves*

– Discussion

12.00 – 13.00

**SESSION 2: Clinic meets the lab: When eggs are few...**

**Chair:** *Gemma Arroyo*

– Which path to take in the lab – IVF or ICSI?

*Denny Sakkas*

– Stick with one or chase two stimulation cycles?

*Alberto Vaiarelli*

13.00 – 14.00

LUNCH BREAK

14.00 – 15.15

**SESSION 3: Reproductive medicine meets... Immunology**

**Chair:** *Marta Devesa*

– Can we hack the immune system to boost implantation?

*Antonios Makrigiannakis*

– When implantation fails can HLA and KIR testing help?

*Diana Alecsandru*

– Exploring endometrial microbiome.

Does it hold the secret to implantation success?

*Carlos Simón*

– Discussion

15.15 – 16.15

**SESSION 4: Clinic meets the lab: When eggs don't fertilize...**

**Chair:** *Borut Kovacic*

– Go gentle with ovarian stimulation

*Pedro Melo*

– Activate them artificially!

*Thomas Ebner*

16.15 – 16.45

COFFEE BREAK

16.45 – 17.45

**Industry-Sponsored Session**

17.45 – 18.15

**SESSION 5: Reproductive medicine meets... The FUTURE**

**Chair:** *TBC*

– Long live the oocyte

*Elvan Boke*

18.15 – 19.30

WELCOME RECEPTION (Exhibition Area)

## **APRIL 24th**

09.00 – 10.15

**SESSION 6: Reproductive medicine meets... Genetics**

**Chair:** *Gabriela Palacios and Stéphane Viville*

– Endo Inherited. Tracing the genetic threads of endometriosis

*Paola Viganò*

– Is mitochondrial genome different in newborns from ART?

*Claudia Spits*

– Germline mutation rate in humans and its impact on ART

*Stylianos Antonarakis*

– Discussion

10.15 – 11.15

**Industry-Sponsored Session**

11.15 – 11.45

COFFEE BREAK

11.45 – 13.00

**SESSION 7: Reproductive medicine meets... Fetal medicine**

**Chairs:** *Katy De Paco and Pilar Prats*

– From Lab to Life: congenital malformations in ART Children

*Anja Pinborg*

– Fetal growth in ART pregnancies

*Alexandros Sotiriadis*

– ART Pregnancies under pressure. The preeclampsia challenge

*Nikolaos Polyzos*

– Discussion

13.00 – 14.30

**Fundación Dexeus award & Keynote Lecture**

*Kypros Nicolaidis*

14.30 – 15.30

LUNCH BREAK

15.30 – 16.30

**SESSION 8: Clinic meets the lab: Low oocyte maturation rate...**

**Chair:** *Valeria Donno and Juan José Espinós*

– Dual trigger is the answer

*Raoul Orvieto*

– Rescue in vitro maturation is the answer

*Başak Balaban*

16.30 – 17.00

COFFEE BREAK

17.00 – 18.00

**SESSION 9: Reproductive medicine meets... The FUTURE**

**Chair:** *Montserrat Boada*

– Watching Life Begin...

Live imaging of early embryo development – *Nicolas Plachta*

Live imaging of embryo implantation – *Samuel Ojonegros*

## APRIL 25th

09.00 – 10.15

**SESSION 10: Reproductive medicine meets... Surgery**

**Chair:** *Pere Barri and Anis Feki*

– Beat adenomyosis, boost ART outcomes

*Attilio Di Spiezio*

– Intramural fibroids & ART: Remove, control, or carry on?

*Antonio La Marca*

– Partial septum & arcuate uterus: fix it or forget it?

*Grigoris Grimbizis*

– Cutting-edge or unnecessary? Robotic surgery before ART

*Gaby Moawad*

– Discussion

10.15 – 11.30

**SESSION 11: Reproductive medicine meets...**

**Technology & environment**

**Chair:** *Michael Chapman and Mónica Parriego*

– Smart embryos: How AI decodes developmental chromosomal and implantation competence

*Marcos Meseguer*

– Environmental chemicals. Is human fertility under attack?

*Pauliina Damdimopoulou*

– Diet and Lifestyle. Can everyday choices shape fertility outcomes?

*Joyce Harper*

– Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 COFFEE BREAK

12.00 – 13.00 **SESSION 12: Clinic meets the lab: Recurrent pregnancy loss**

**Chair:** *Karen Sermon*

– Cell-Free DNA testing in pregnancy loss.  
Can it provide the answers we need?

*Henriette Svarre Nielsen*

– Embryo factors in RPL: What PGT-A can and cannot tell us  
*Mina Popovic*

13.00 – 13.30 **SESSION 13: Reproductive medicine meets... The FUTURE**

– Goodbye ovarian stimulation.... Welcome IVM

*Tuong Ho*

13.30 – 13.45 Closing remarkst