

Cortina d'Ampezzo – Italy
27 February to 1 March 2014

THE BEST OF ASRM AND ESHRE





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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Friends,

Following the great success of the previous editions, we are pleased to announce you that the third meeting **“The Best of ASRM and ESHRE”**, organized jointly by the two Societies we represent, will take place from 27 February to 1 March 2014 in Cortina d’Ampezzo, a world-famous ski resort in Italy.

This meeting will follow in the footsteps of the ones held in 2012 and 2013, combining extremely interesting scientific sessions and a variety of leisure activities in order to encourage scientific exchange as well as social interaction among colleagues from Europe and America.

This year’s edition of “The best of ASRM and ESHRE” will aim to assess the evidence for both established and emerging approaches to the science and art of reproductive healthcare. Great importance will be given to debates and back to back sessions, in order to promote discussions among faculty members and with the audience. Faculty from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology will compare and contrast global procedures and technologies for diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disorders, as well as presenting the most innovative techniques in the fields of Reproductive Medicine and Biology. Topics discussed will include infertility, reproductive endocrinology, reproductive surgery, menopause, contraception, reproductive genetics, embryology and andrology.

As usual, great importance will be given to the level of presentations, which will ensure that the meeting complies with the highest standards of scientific quality.

This meeting provides you with the unique opportunity to conjugate attendance to a high quality scientific congress and the pleasure of a skiing holiday in one of the best ski resorts in Europe. Its skiing facilities, its breathtaking landscapes and its atmosphere make Cortina the ideal setting for a unique event like this one.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Cortina.

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Chairman of ESHRE

Linda C. Giudice
President of ASRM





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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Practitioners in reproductive medicine are challenged by the rapid pace of development of new medical and surgical therapies for reproductive disorders in men and women. For this reason, the meeting “The Best of ASRM and ESHRE” aims to provide updated and evidence-based information about new developments in Reproductive Medicine to clinicians, embryologists and other professionals working in this field, in order to ensure the best standard of care to patients all over the world.

This three-day meeting is intended to assess the evidence for both established and emerging approaches to the science and art of reproductive health care. Topics were carefully chosen taking into consideration also educational needs emerged during the previous editions of “The best of ASRM and ESHRE” and they cover a variety of areas in reproductive medicine and biology. Faculty from the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine will compare and contrast global procedures and technologies for diagnosis and treatment of reproductive disorders. Great importance will be given to debates and back-to-back sessions, in order to encourage discussion among faculty members as well as interaction with the audience. This will provide a unique educational opportunity for open discussion and vigorous exchange of ideas among professionals coming from all over the world.

Aims The programme is composed of:

Lectures
Back-to-back sessions, during which different topics and practices will be analyzed from the “American” point of view and from the “European” point of view
Debates, during which two experts will discuss controversial issues, illustrating different point of views and supporting different theories and approaches
Cutting-edge lectures, aiming to illustrate innovations and new findings in reproductive medicine and embryology

- Learning objectives** At the conclusion of the meeting, participants should be able to:
- Describe how the modern assessment and treatment of clinical male and female reproductive dysfunction includes genetic, proteomic, metabolomic, and evidence-based approaches in addition to traditional medical and surgical concepts
 - Discuss new developments in reproductive surgery
 - Define criteria for the management of special categories of patients
 - Investigate the causes of repeated miscarriages and implantation failure
 - Identify new strategies for enhancement and preservation of fertility
 - Summarize the evidence regarding the correct management of ectopic pregnancies

Time	DAY 1: 27 th February	DAY 2: 28 th February	DAY 3: 1 st March
14.15 - 14.30	Welcome and Introduction		
14.30 - 15.00	Preconception genetic counselling. What do we want to know?	Best way to treat fibroids and preserve fertility	Paternal aging and health of the offspring
15.00 - 15.30	Male fertility preservation	MRgFUS European Perspective	Update on Medical Treatment of Endometriosis
15.30 - 16.20	Repeated miscarriages - Female contribution - Male contribution	Implantation failure: Embryocentric vs Uterocentric	Ectopic Pregnancy: - The US perspective - The European perspective - can we wait?
16.20 - 16.50	Update in office reproductive surgery	Health risk for infertile men	There is a place for IUI in the treatment of unexplained infertility?
16.50 - 17.10	Coffee break		
17.10 - 18.00	Vitrification of oocytes and embryos. The ethics of male and female sociale freezing	Fetal DNA: testing the mother - The US perspective - The European perspicitve	How old is too old for ART?
18.00 - 19.00	Uterine transplantation or surrogacy?	Treatment of elevated TSH in infertile women	Patients with Turner syndrome should/should not be denied the chance for pregnancy by donor oocytes - Pro - Con
19.00 - 19.30	Are we ready to freeze all?	Mitochondrial DNA: source of information or source of confusion?	Special considerations dealing with obese infertile patients
19.30 - 19.45			Closing remarks

- Lectures
- Debates
- Back-to-back-sessions
- Cutting-edge-lectures



GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue
Alexander Hall
Via Marangoni, 1
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Hotel accomodation
The following agency has been appointed to ensure hotel accommodation:

Adhoc Viaggi
Via XXIX Maggio, 24
Località Pezié 104/B – Cortina d'Ampezzo (BL)
Italy
Tel. +49 0436 868061
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E-mail: adhoc@dolomiti.org

Updated information on hotel accommodation will be available on the ESHRE website (www.eshre.eu)

About Cortina d'Ampezzo
Located in the heart of the Dolomites, at the foot of imposing peaks such as the Tofane and the Cristallo ranges, the Ampezzo Valley has long been considered one of the most well-known tourist destinations in the world.

The beautiful natural environment, wisely and carefully preserved, is a constant attraction for those who climb the mountain to escape from stressful city life and also for those who consider the mountain a paradise for winter and summer sports.

During the winter months, Cortina becomes the capital of winter sports. Never ending source of new and enjoyable experiences, the valley of Ampezzo offers a number of possibilities for those who love to practice alpine and cross country skiing, snowboard, ice skating or, simply, to enjoy a walk along the beautiful snow filled paths.

Cortina d'Ampezzo has nearly 7 000 inhabitants and it is located at 1224 m above sea level. Some of the surrounding peaks are higher than 3000 m. Geographically it is included in the Belluno province and it is 72 km from the town of Belluno. It is located between Veneto and Trentino Alto Adige regions, the border between the two regions is at Cimabanche Pass (1530 m), at 13 km from Cortina.

More information about Cortina can be found on the "Cortina Turismo" website:
www.cortina.dolomiti.org

- How far is Cortina?
- 162 km from Venice
 - 432 km from Milan
 - 692 km from Rome
 - 165 km from Innsbruck
 - 1.320 km from Calais
 - 44 km from the Austrian border
 - 72 km from A27-Belluno motorway
 - 87 km from A22-Bressanone motorway

- How to get there?
- By Plane
- The nearest airports are in Treviso, Venezia, Verona, and Innsbruck in Austria.
 - The Venezia Airport offers a regular bus service to the near railway station Mestre-Venezia.
 - During particular periods of the year, there is a direct bus service connecting Mestre-Venezia and Cortina.

More information on travel and special transportation arrangements will also be available on the ESHRE website (*www.eshre.eu*).

- By car
- From the South of Italy: Cortina d’Ampezzo can be reached through the A27 motorway, from Mestre to Pian di Vedoja (Belluno), with the connection to Strada Statale (A-road) 51 d’Alemagna.
 - From the North of Italy: from Brennero, Cortina can be reached through A22 motorway, Bressanone exit. Follow Strada Statale (A-road) in the direction of Dobbiaco.
 - From the West of Italy: from A4 motorway (Torino to Venezia), then taking A27 from Mestre to Pian di Vedoja (Belluno), with the connection to Strada Statale (A-road) 51 d’Alemagna.

By train

The nearest railway station is in Calalzo di Cadore, 35 kilometres from Cortina. The main railway line is the Venezia S. Lucia - Calalzo di Cadore. From the railway station there is a regular bus service connection to Cortina.

There are also trains to and from Milano (through the Mestre or Padova stations), Roma (through the Mestre or Padova stations) and the main European Cities (through Venezia and Milano).

Passport and visa requirements

Participants coming from EU nations and citizens of USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, do not need visas to enter Italy. Most non-EU citizens (and participants from other countries) will need a visa and, sometimes, either a declaration or a permit of stay to formalize their visit in Italy.

As visa regulations are continuously evolving, we strongly recommend you to consult the official website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp*) for updated and detailed information for foreigners regarding entrance visas for Italy and permits of stay. Information is offered in English and other languages.

The application for a visa must be done at the Italian Consulate or Embassy in your country of origin or where you have permanent residence, at least 3 months prior to the congress.

Currency

The currency in Italy is the Euro (€). All Congress fees and rates are charged in Euro. No other currency will be accepted during the Congress.

Credit cards

Most hotels, restaurants and shops in Cortina d’Ampezzo accept major credit cards.

Electricity

Electric appliances in Italy work with 220 volts, CA. 50 Hz and plugs conform to the European system of round pins with two holes.

Registration desk opening hours

The registration desk will be open at the following hours:

27 February 2014	10.00 - 19.30
28 February 2014	10.00 - 19.30
1 March 2014	10.00 - 19.30

Language

English is the official language of the meeting. There will be no simultaneous translation.

Insurance, liability

ESHRE does not accept liability for individual medical, travel or personal insurance, and participants are strongly advised to take out their own personal insurance policies in their country of origin. Participation in leisure activities, excursions, tours etc. is at personal risk.



REGISTRATION FEES

Please note that individual registrations can be made ONLY on-line via the ESHRE website at www.eshre.eu.

The registration fee for the "Best of ASRM and ESHRE" meeting includes:

- admission to all scientific sessions
- lunch and coffee breaks
- final programme
- a certificate of attendance

Early fees (before 1 January 2014):

1. ESHRE/ASRM members = 250 Euro
2. Non-members = 350 Euro

Late fees (after 1 January 2014):

1. ESHRE/ASRM members = 300 Euro
2. Non-members = 400 Euro

Onsite fees (after 10 February 2014):

1. ESHRE/ASRM members = 400 Euro
2. Non-members = 500 Euro

Registrations can only be validated and confirmed when accompanied by payment. The date of payment will be considered as the date of registration. Early fees (i.e. before 1 January 2014) only apply when registration AND payment are received BEFORE 1 January 2014. When registrations AND payments are received AFTER 1 January 2014 or AFTER 10 February 2014, then the corresponding late fees will automatically apply.

Payment in EURO should be made in advance by one of the following means:

- **Bank to bank transfer to ESHRE in Euro**
DEXIA Bank, Pachecolaan 44, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
International account number (IBAN): BE61 5522 5209 0217 - BIC: GKCCBEBB
National (Belgian) account number: 552-2520902-17

Clearly mention name and/or registration number with the bank transfer. Remittance should be free of charge to the recipient.

- **Registration fees may be paid by credit card**
Print your name exactly as it appears on the credit card, indicate type of card (American Express, Eurocard/Mastercard or Visa), credit card number and expiration date.

Personal cheques and bank drafts cannot be accepted!



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