



Best Practices of ASRM and ESHRE

a joint meeting between the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and
the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology

**Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
1 to 3 March 2012**

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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the first joint meeting organized by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology titled “Best Practices of ASRM and ESHRE - Where we are and where we are going”.

This meeting will take place from the 1st to the 3rd March 2012 in Cortina d’Ampezzo, a world-famous ski resort in Italy.

This meeting inaugurates a project set up by our two societies, who agreed to organize a meeting each year, alternating European and American venues in order to encourage attendance from both continents. Work, of course, will not be the only feature of “Best Practices of ASRM and ESHRE”: these meetings will also provide participants with the opportunity to socialize with colleagues and to enjoy a variety of leisure activities offered by the selected venues.

“Best Practices of ASRM and ESHRE” is a three-day meeting intended to assess the evidence for both established and emerging approaches to the science and art of reproductive health care. 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. Learners will discuss advances in a broad array of areas in reproductive medicine, biology and surgery with the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of patient care and improving outcomes in reproductive health. The workshop is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of both practitioners and scientists. Educational objectives and learning events in the meeting are intentionally broadly designed to include both male and female reproductive health and science including infertility, reproductive endocrinology, reproductive organ surgery, menopause, contraception, paediatric and adolescent gynaecology, mental health, embryology and andrology.

This meeting provides you with the unique opportunity to conjugate attendance to a high quality meeting and the pleasure of a skiing holiday in one of the best ski resorts in Europe.

Its slopes, 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.

Luca Gianaroli
Chairman of ESHRE

Rogerio Lobo
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. “Best of ASRM and ESHRE” is a three-day meeting intended to assess the evidence for both established and emerging approaches to the science and art of reproductive health care. 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. Learners will discuss advances in a broad array of areas in reproductive medicine, biology and surgery with the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of patient care and improving outcomes in reproductive health. The meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of both practitioners and scientists. Educational objectives and learning events in the meeting are intentionally broadly designed to include both male and female reproductive health and science including infertility, reproductive endocrinology, reproductive organ surgery, menopause, contraception, pediatric and adolescent gynaecology, mental health, embryology and andrology.

In order to ensure the greatest educational opportunities for introspection and discussion, substantial time for interaction among participants and presenters is scheduled. The program will stimulate open discussion and vigorous exchange of ideas in a vibrant multicultural atmosphere.

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 how all members of the health care team interact for the optimal care of the patient with reproductive illness.
- Identify new strategies for enhancement and preservation of fertility.
- Summarize the evidence comparing ovarian stimulation with natural cycle IVF

Time	Thursday, 1 March	Friday, 2 March	Saturday, 3 March
14.30 – 15.00	The information brought by the sperm into the oocyte <i>C. Barratt (United Kingdom)</i>	The impact of oocyte quality on embryo development <i>M. C. Magli (Italy)</i>	Culture media supplementation and culture conditions <i>A. Sunde (Norway)</i>
15.00 – 15.30	Fertilization and unexplained failure <i>C. Combelles (USA)</i>	Environmental toxins and their impact on fertility <i>R. Z. Sokol (USA)</i>	Epidemiology of Reproduction <i>Kurt Barnhart (USA)</i>
15.30 – 16.20	Should a single embryo be transferred to all women undergoing IVF? <i>K. Lundin (Sweden)</i> <i>G. D. Adamson (USA)</i>	POR: stimulation and oocyte quality <i>A. P. Ferraretti (Italy)</i> <i>G. L. Schattman (USA)</i>	Preimplantation Genetic Testing: Current Technology and Global Experience - When should it be done and by what technique(s) <i>J. Geraedts (the Netherlands)</i> <i>N. Treff (USA)</i>
16.20 – 16.50	Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: Diagnosis, Approaches to Therapy and implications for the IVF laboratory <i>B. Tarlatzis (Greece)</i>	PCO with hyperandrogenism is really PCOS? <i>R. Legro (USA)</i>	Efficacy of New Surgical Techniques <i>S. Gordts (Belgium)</i>
16.50 – 17.10	Coffee Break		
17.10 – 18.00	Oocyte Cryopreservation: standard or experimental practice? <i>E. Van den Abbeel (Belgium)</i> <i>G. L. Schattman (USA)</i>	Menopause Does progestogen therapy increase breast cancer risk? <i>P. G. Crosignani (Italy)</i> The “timing” hypothesis revisited. <i>R. Lobo (USA)</i>	Natural cycle, mild stimulation and conventional stimulation <i>B. Fauser (the Netherlands)</i> <i>R. Reindollar (USA)</i>
18.00 – 19.00	Intrauterine Insemination versus “Fast-track” IVF: Best Practices for Unexplained Infertility <i>F. van der Veen (the Netherlands)</i> <i>R. Reindollar (USA)</i>	Who is the most important for a successful outcome in ART? The clinician or the embryologist? <i>L. Rienzi (Italy)</i> <i>G. L. Schattman (USA)</i>	Day-3 Vs Day-5 Embryo transfer <i>A. Veiga (Spain)</i> <i>C. Racowsky (USA)</i>
19.00 – 19.30	Perinatal outcome and ART techniques <i>K. Barnhart (USA)</i>	Repeated implantation failure <i>A. Makrigiannakis (Greece)</i>	Innovation in the medical treatment of Endometriosis. <i>G. D. Adamson (USA)</i>

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Via Marangoni, 1
Cortina d'Ampezzo
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Hotel accommodation The following agency has been appointed to ensure hotel accommodations:

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32043 Cortina d'Ampezzo (BL)
Italy
Tel: +39 0436 868061
Fax: +39 0436 868063
E-mail: adhoc@dolomiti.org

Updated information on hotel accommodations 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 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. A 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 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 nearby railway station Mestre – Venezia.

During particular periods of the year, there is direct bus service connecting Mestre-Venezia and Cortina.

More information on travel and special transportation arrangement 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 that you 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:
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| 1 March 2012 | from 10 am to 7.30 pm |
| 2 March 2012 | from 10 am to 7.30 pm |
| 3 March 2012 | from 10 am to 7.30 pm |
- 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 web-site at <http://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 2012)

- ESHRE/ASRM members = 250 Euro
- Non-members = 350 Euro

Late fees (after 1 January 2012)

- ESHRE/ASRM members = 300 Euro
- Non-members = 400 Euro

Onsite fees (after 10 February 2012)

- ESHRE/ASRM members = 400 Euro
- 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 2012) only apply when registration AND payment are received BEFORE 1 January 2012. When registrations AND payments are received AFTER 1 January 2012 or AFTER 10 February 2012, then the corresponding late fees will automatically apply.

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

1. 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.

2. 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!

Cancellation policy

A full refund (less 100 Euro administration fee) will be granted to participants unable to attend, provided written notice is received at the ESHRE Central Office on or before 1 January 2012. ESHRE regrets that it will be unable to consider requests received after this date. The date of the receipt of the written request for cancellation by the ESHRE Central Office will be considered as the date of cancellation. Please note that refunds will be issued only after the end of the meeting.



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