

Basak BALABAN (2010)

Basak Balaban obtained her Bachelor's degree on 1993 from the University of Ankara, Turkey, working in the faculty of Biological Sciences. Following her clinical embryology training at the Ankara Sevgi Hospital-Turkey in between the years 1994-1996, she was certificated for the laboratory based procedural applications of IVF (In-vitro fertilization) at The Schoysman Infertility Management Foundation (SIMAF), Brussels, Belgium. She had also been certificated in 1996 by the Health Ministry of Turkey, for being the responsible embryologist of an IVF laboratory.

She founded the IVF (In-vitro fertilization) laboratory in the German Hospital, Istanbul, Assisted Reproduction Unit in 1996 as the head of the IVF laboratory.

She became the chief embryologist in the American Hospital of Istanbul, Assisted Reproduction Unit at the end of 1996 and founded the IVF laboratory there also. She is still the principal embryologist in this laboratory that performs over 1000 IVF/ICSI (ICSI- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection) and PGD (preimplantation genetical diagnosis) cycles per year.

Her major interest areas are in-vitro sperm/oocyte maturation, in-vitro culture techniques, cryopreservation, and blastocyst culture. She has published extensively in these fields.

She's a member of ESHRE (European Society of Reproductive Medicine) since 1996, and a member of ALPHA; Society of Scientists in Reproductive Medicine since 1999. She became an executive committee member of the ALPHA in 2005. As the congress president, she organized the biennial ALPHA meeting in 2008 that was held in Istanbul, Turkey with more than 500 international participants. She became the president of the ALPHA society in 2008. She had been elected to the National Representatives Committee of ESHRE in 2008.

