

## **Lisa COWAN (2010)**

Lisa Cowan (MSc.), is the Laboratory Director for the Victoria Fertility Centre, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Lisa received her Master of Science degree in Clinical Embryology from the University of Leeds, UK and has been involved with the development and delivery of assisted reproductive technologies since 1992. Her main research interests involve investigating predictors of embryo multinucleation and mechanisms related to continued development and cell death.

Lisa is a long-standing member of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS), American Society of Reproductive Medicine, European Society of Reproductive Embryology, and Alpha – Scientists in reproductive medicine.

She held the position of Allied Health Director for the CFAS (2005-2007) and CFAS ART Laboratory Special Interest group, Chairperson (2008). Lisa organized an ESHRE Basic Semen Analysis Course held in Montreal 2005, the first to be held in Canada. She is an active member of the CFAS IVF Improvement Committee (2005 - current), whose mandate is to evaluate National Canadian IVF data identifying areas for improvement in an effort to offer professional support to assist programs to meet National standards.

Lisa has also served as a member of various expert working groups related to the development of IVF standards, optimizing opportunities for fertility preservation, and strategies for reducing multiple pregnancies.

Lisa became an executive member of Alpha 2005- current. She continues to be an active executive member and a recent co-organizer of the Alpha/ESHRE embryo grading consensus meeting, Istanbul 2010.