Fertility 2013

3-5 JANUARY 2013
ACC Liverpool

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www.fertility2013.org
Fertility 2013 is the 8th biennial conference of the UK Fertility Societies: the Association of Clinical Embryologists, British Fertility Society and the Society for Reproduction & Fertility.

The conference will offer an exciting, cutting edge programme of high profile, scientific international and UK speakers, with a wide range of concurrent sessions focussing on specialist areas in fertility and reproductive biology. The event will also feature over 200 poster presentations, a large trade exhibition and a packed social programme attracting over 400 experts in fertility, assisted conception, sexual health and reproductive biology.

Plenary sessions will address key issues including immunobiology of pregnancy and parturition, ways of eliminating risk, and issues surrounding regulation.

Individual Society updates will take place on each day where leading authorities will introduce and lead discussions on the latest developments in their fields including molecular markers of reproductive failure, the effects of the extracellular environment, sperm banking, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, PGD/PGS, sperm DNA fragmentation, stimulation, fertility in cancer patients, and many other topics.

Who will attend?
The event will be of interest to all fertility and reproductive experts including:
- Andrologists
- Clinical Embryologists
- Consultant Embryologists
- Consultants in Reproductive Medicine
- Counsellors
- Gynaecologists
- Reproductive Biologists
- Reproductive Nurses

Why should I attend?
- Improve your knowledge and skills by learning about essential clinical and scientific developments
- Meet, network and discuss ideas with over 400 other fertility and reproductive experts
- Enhance your CPD portfolio
- Visit the trade exhibition to obtain product samples, watch demonstrations and learn about new products and services
- Fantastic evening social programme offering excellent networking opportunities
- Low registration fees
- Opportunity to stay in Liverpool for the weekend and enjoy the city’s many attractions

Call for posters
Don’t miss the opportunity to present your work by poster presentation.
The conference committee are inviting submissions of papers that cover a wide variety of topics including cell signalling, assisted conception, clinical andrology, contraception, embryology, fertilization, infertility, nursing, oocytes, stem cells, ovarian follicles, pregnancy (including outcomes), psychosocial aspects, reproductive endocrinology, reproductive surgery, sperm, testis, uterus and many others.

Posters will need to be on display for the duration of the conference and the presenter will need to present the poster during dedicated poster sessions.

Deadline for submission: 9 September 2012
For further details or to submit an abstract please visit www.fertility2013.org
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<td>New insights into the immunology of post parturum uterine disease  Professor Martin Sheldon, Professor of Reproductive Immunology, Swansea University</td>
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<td>Practical aspects of using predictive time-lapse imaging to select embryos for transfer  Dr Joe Conaghan, Laboratory Director, Pacific Fertility Centre, USA</td>
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<td>Preconceptional effects on offspring development-effect of birthweight  Adam Watkins, Advanced Research Fellow, University of Nottingham</td>
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<td>Whats new in PGD/PGS  Stuart Lavery, Consultant Gynaecologist and Specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte’s &amp; Chelsea Hospitals, London</td>
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<td>When to stop treatment  Dr Gillian Lockwood, Medical Director, Midlands Fertility Services, Walsall</td>
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<td>Variables that control the success in your IVF Unit: are they ‘internationally’ different or the same?  Martine Nij, Scientific Advisor, The Geertgen Foundation - Fertility Treatment Centre, The Netherlands</td>
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<td>Impact of endocrine-disrupting compounds (EDCs) on female reproductive health  Paul Fowler, Professor of Translation Medical Sciences, University of Aberdeen</td>
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<td>Disruption of androgen receptor signalling in males by environmental chemicals  Professor Jorma Teppari, University of Turku, Finland</td>
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<td>Techniques and developments in surgical sperm retrieval  Kevin McBleny, Consultant Andrologist, Newcastle Upon Tyme NHS Foundation Trust</td>
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<td>Debate: is sperm DNA fragmentation assessment clinically useful?  Professor Sheena Lewis, Professor of Reproductive Medicine, Queens University Belfast and Professor Chris Barratt, Professor of Reproductive Medicine, University of Dundee</td>
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Nursing Update - Extending knowledge as we practice

The importance of tubal assessment and management
David Ogutu, Consultant Gynaecologist and Fertility Specialist, Herts and Essex Fertility Centre

Surgery in reproductive medicine
Catherine Hayden, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, The Leeds Centre for Reproductive Medicine

Management of recurrent miscarriage and pregnancy loss
Professor Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics, University of Warwick

19.30 Conference Dinner

Saturday 5 January

09.00 Registration, exhibition, refreshments and poster presentations

PLENARY SESSION – BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU!

09.30 The future of research and clinical regulation in fertility
Peter Thompson, Chief Executive, HFEA

09.55 Ethics, governance and regulation: who and what are they for?
Hugh Whittall, Director, Nuffield Council

10.20 Big Brother always was watching you – but now so is the rest of his family: An historical review of legislation controlling biomedical research
Tim Betts, Biomedical Consultant

10.45 Exhibition, refreshments and poster presentations

PLENARY SESSION

11.30 INUK update
Claire Lewis Jones, Chief Executive, Infertility Network UK

11.45 ANNE MCLAREN LECTURE
Regulation of human reproduction: private morality or public concern
Professor David Baird, Emeritus Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology, University of Edinburgh

12.45 Lunch, exhibition and poster presentations (final session)

14.00 - 15.30 UPDATE SESSION 3

ACE/BFS Update - Screening updates
NICE guidelines in relation to screening
David Hawkins, Consultant Physician, HIV/GUM, Chair LNC, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital

How the HFEA want us to interpret screening results
Debra Bloor, Head of Inspection, HFEA

Management of viral positive women
Dr Sylvia Bates, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

SRF Update - Fertility preservation for cancer sufferers/oncofertility
Spermatogonial stem cells: answer to male infertility? Dr Nina Kosack, University of Muenster, Germany

How do chemotherapeutic agents damage the ovary?
Dr Norah Spears, Reader in Developmental Biology, Centre for Integrative Physiology, University of Edinburgh

Orthotopic grafting of cryopreserved prepubertal testicular tissue: in search of a simple yet effective cryopreservation protocol
Professor Ellen Goossens, Vrije University, Brussels

Nursing Update - The effects of drugs
Interpreting ultrasound – what we see
Julie Smith, Senior Ultrasoundographer, The Leeds Centre for Reproductive Medicine

Pharmacology – effects of hormones
Dr Anna Carby, Fertility Specialist, IVF Hammersmith

SING – Website modules
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15.30-15.45 Closing remarks
Terms and conditions:

1. The organiser of the 8th Joint Biennial Fertility Conference on 3-5 January 2013 is Profile Productions Ltd, Northumberland House, Popes Lane, London W5 4NG.

2. Registrations can only be accepted on receipt of a completed registration form. Completion of this registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement.

3. Confirmation will be sent to you within 14 working days of receiving your booking.

4. Your place is not guaranteed until you have received confirmation from Profile Productions Ltd.

5. Profile Productions Ltd. cannot be held responsible should your registration form not be received.

6. If you have not heard from us 14 working days after sending your completed form, or 14 working days before the start date of the conference, it is your responsibility to contact us to ensure your place is booked.

7. All invoices should be paid within 21 days of the invoice date and MUST be paid prior to the conference. Failure to do so may result in your place being cancelled.

8. Any delegates registering within 28 days of the start of the conference MUST include valid credit card details on the registration form.

9. The delegate is responsible for ensuring payment to Profile Productions Ltd. has been made. Any delegates arriving at the conference without payment having been made will be asked to provide credit card details as a guarantee of payment; refusal to do so may result in entry to the conference being denied.

10. Registration fees include VAT @ 20%, refreshments, lunch and conference materials.

11. Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellations received on or prior to 1 December 2012 will be refunded subject to a £45 administration fee. Cancellations received after 1 December 2012 will not be refunded. However, substitute delegates will be accepted at any time.

12. Any delegate registered to attend who, for whatever reason, may not be able to attend the conference, is still liable for payment as per the cancellation policy in item 11.

By signing this form I confirm I have read and agree to the above terms and conditions.

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**Payment details**

**PLEASE NOTE DELEGATES REGISTERING WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE MUST INCLUDE CREDIT CARD DETAILS FOR PAYMENT**

- ☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to ‘Fertility Conference Ltd’ for £__________
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Social events

Wednesday 2 January

Five-a-side football tournament, 14.45
A five-a-side football tournament will take place on Wednesday afternoon followed by dinner at a nearby Indian restaurant. Coaches will transport delegates from the ACC to the tournament. Attendance is free of charge for delegates playing football. A limited number of tickets are available for delegates who wish to attend the curry only at £20.

Thursday 3 January

Exhibitor wine reception and attended poster session, 17.45
A welcome reception will take place in the exhibition on Thursday evening which will be an excellent opportunity for delegates to enjoy a glass of wine and meet and network with exhibitors and other delegates. This will also offer time for delegates to view poster presentations and meet the authors.

Comedy Night, 20.00
The comedy night will be held at The Supper Club on Blundell Street, a short walk from the ACC. The venue holds many music and comedy evenings. Delegates will enjoy an hilarious line-up of comedians, a complimentary drink on arrival and simple basket meal. Tickets are £20. Places are limited so early booking is advised.

Friday 4 January

Conference Dinner, 19.30
The conference dinner will take place at St Georges Hall, a magnificent and historic venue situated in the heart of Liverpool. The venue was built in the mid 1800’s and features a beautiful main banqueting hall with stunning chandeliers and stain glass windows. It is one of Liverpool’s main attractions, hosting a wide range of public and private events and will offer a fantastic setting for the dinner. The evening will incorporate a drinks reception, three course dinner with wine, music, dancing and awards. Tickets sell out every year so delegates are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £65.

Conference App

We are excited to launch the free conference Smartphone app that will allow you to access all the information you need to know about the event whilst on the move. It will feature full programme information, abstracts, posters, venue and travel information and exhibitor details. Download the app now by visiting the app store on your phone or tablet and search for Fertility 2013.

ACC Liverpool

The ACC Liverpool is a uniquely flexible venue. It houses the award-winning BT Convention Centre with facilities including a 1,350 seat auditorium, 18 breakout rooms and 7000m2 of exhibition space – plus the 11,000 capacity Echo Arena.

The venue sits at the heart of the city on Kings Waterfront, alongside the Grade I listed Albert Dock and adjacent to the World Heritage site at Pier Head. ACC Liverpool is also one of the most sustainable venues in Europe. Designed to reduce by CO2 emissions by half, the cutting-edge design includes a raft of green innovations, from sensor-controlled lighting and rooftop rainwater harvesting to riverside wind turbines.

For further information please visit www.accliverpool.com

Accommodation

Liverpool offers a wide range of accommodation to suit all budgets and requirements with two hotels onsite and over 2000 bedrooms within 15 minutes walk. Hotel reservations are being handled through our specialist accommodation agency, Reservation Highway who has negotiated special rates for the duration of the event.

View hotels and book online at www.reservation-highway.co.uk using access code “fer13” (all lowercase).

Getting to Liverpool

Liverpool is well served by rail, air and road networks. Trains run hourly from London Euston Station to Liverpool Lime Street taking just over two hours. Links to all other UK cities run into Liverpool Lime Street.

Liverpool John Lennon Airport offers links to most major European and international cities and takes approximately 20 minutes by car to reach the ACC.

Registration fees

Full conference registration includes:

- Attendance to conference sessions
- Refreshments and lunch
- Wine reception on Thursday 3 January
- Conference materials
- Joining instructions
- VAT @ 20%

Accommodation and social events are an additional cost.

The exhibition

The exhibition will be an integral part of the event featuring over 50 companies, providing delegates with the opportunity to explore and compare a vast array of products, services and suppliers.

Exhibition stands together will be located in Hall 2 along with poster presentations.

If you are interested in exhibiting at the event please call +44 (0)20 8832 7311 or email Jessica.smith@profileproductions.co.uk