

# **Brocher Summer Academy on “Ethical, Legal and Social Issues (ELSI) in Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)”**

**1 - 5 June 2015**

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The Brocher Summer Academy brings together distinguished professors from different disciplines and countries and highly promising researchers willing to acquire a strong background on a ELSI in ART. It gives the students a rare opportunity to meet personally and exchange ideas with many established international professors.

The sessions take place at the Brocher Centre in Geneva, Switzerland in an amazing and peaceful environment on the shore of the Lake of Geneva.

## **Scientific Committee**



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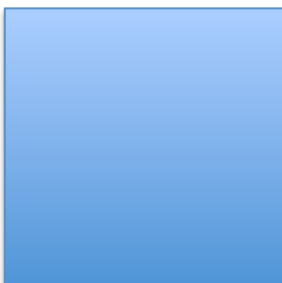
**Gamal Serour**

Director International Islamic Center For  
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**Basil Tarlatzis**

Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at papageorgiou  
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**Sheryl Van der Poel**

World Health Organization, Prof Dr, Scientist  
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## **Confirmed Speakers**



**Francoise Baylis**

Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy  
Canada



**Naomi Cahn**

Harold H. Greene Professor of Law  
at The George Washington University Law School  
USA



**Ian Cooke**

Chair of the Infertility Research Trust  
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**Betina Cuñado**

Lawyer, FLASCO Bioethics program  
Argentina



**Susan Golombok**

Director, Centre for Family Research at the  
University of Cambridge  
UK



**Anna Veiga**

director of the stem cell bank at the Centre of Regenerative Medicine in Barcelona Spain



**Sabine Michalowski**

Director of research (school of law) at the university of Essex UK



**Amrita Pande**

Lecturer at University of Cap Town South Africa



**Edgar Mocanu**

Senior Lecturer in Reproductive Medicine at Royal College of Surgeons Ireland



**Francoise Shenfield**

Clinical Lecturer in Infertility and Honorary Lecturer in Medical Ethics at UCL Medical School UK



**Ruth Macklin**

co-director of an NIH Fogarty International Center training program in research ethics USA

## General Structure

Three plenary conferences per day.

Mornings: two lectures. Afternoons: group work and one lecture

### DAY 1:

**Welcome and Introduction:** Florencia Luna

**Assisted Reproduction Technology**– The science: Introduction to medical state of the art: Impact in social life.

**A.** Dimension of the infertility problem (differences between developed and developing countries), **Sheryl Vanderpoel**

**B.** Challenges raised by new developments of ART, **Yvon Englert**

**Ethical problems and debates**– Donor related issues and debates. New kinship, legal or non-legal relationships

**C.** Homoparenting, self-storage for social reasons, self-storage for cancer patients, **Basil Tarlatzis**

### DAY 2:

**Ethical problems and debates (continuation from day 1)**

Donor related issues and debates. New kinship, legal or non-legal relationships

**D. Debate:** Secrecy and disclosure on the debate regarding information on donor gamete use to the offspring (policies and rationale), **Guido Pennings and Susan Golombok**

**E.** Donor gametes experience. Impact and relationship with recipients New Kinship? Influence of new ways of circulating information (internet, voluntary registries...) new families (solo and gay families), **Naomi Cahn (TBC)**

**F.** Gender perspective on ART, justice, commodification, exploitation, **Francoise Baylis**

### DAY 3:

**Social debates with effects on public policy and legislative regulations on reproduction** –. Effects on public policy and legislative regulations on reproduction: cross-border assisted reproductive care.

**G.** New surrogacy arrangements in developing countries. “It may be her eggs but it’s my sweat and blood”: The Paradox of Surrogacy in India, **Amrita Pande**

**H. Round Table:** Conscientious Objection to Treatment: patients, physicians and other health care providers have different ethical perception of various practice in ART as egg donation, sperm donation, embryo donation and surrogacy, severely ill persons, etc. Cases and answers of providers who are unwilling to provide the treatment they need based on conscientious objection, **Gamal Serour and Françoise Shunfield**

**I.** Unresolved problems and challenges (i.e. international arrangements, post-mortem uses of gametes...), **Ruth Macklin**

### DAY 4:

1. **Legal debates:** equity, rights and access.

**J. Round Table:** Embryo and gamete status: effects on public policy and legislative regulations on reproduction due to secular or religious influences, **Gamal Serour, Betina Cuñado and Amrita Pande**

**K.** Legal and ethical reflections on access to ART, **Sabine Michalowski**

**L.** Equity, justice and provision (public/private implementation), **Ruth Macklin or Samia Hurst - TBC**

### DAY 5:

2. **Economic and cost-effectiveness analysis, insurance policies implications, regulatory agencies:** harmonization, variability or disparity

**M.** Affordable care: Low cost IVF for developing countries, **Ian Cooke**

**N.** Economic and cost-effectiveness analysis, insurance policies implications, public and private implementation, **Edgar Mocanu**

**Satellite Meeting - to let the industry meets the practitioner (Schedule TBC)**

**Agenda of each day:**

9.15-9.30 Introduction. Goals of the Summer Academy  
(only the first day)

9.30 -10.10: Lecture

10.10-10.30: Questions and comments

10.30-11: Coffee Break

11- 11.40: Lecture

11.40-12: Questions and comments

12-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30: Group discussion and report on plenary.

15.30-16: Coffee Break

16- 16.40: Lecture

16.40-17: Questions and comments

17-17.30: Summing up of the day.

Last day: Same schedule until 16

16-17: Closing plenary session: Issues not debated.