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Friday, 20 September 2024

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 10:30 Opening: Building the case for reproductive choice: what does choice really mean?
Chairs: TBA

- Welcoming word of the president – Nausikaä Martens (Belgium)
- What does choice really mean? - Bela Ganatra (Switzerland)
- Response from FIAPAC - Deborah Bateson (Australia)
- Musical entertainment by Eistear (Belgium)

10:30 - 11:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing
Exhibit area

11:30 - 12:30 Plenary Session 1: Making the case for abortion rights
Chairs: TBA

- Legal case - Fien De Meyer (Belgium)
- Humanitarian case - Catrin Schulte-Hillen (Switzerland)
- Political/policy case - Alanna Galati (United States)
- Medical case - Catriona Melville (Australia)
- Economic justice - Ernestina Coast (United Kingdom)

- Panel discussion with speakers and participants - moderator Ann Furedi (United Kingdom)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch, exhibition and poster presentations

Exhibit area

12:45 – 13:45 Sponsored Lunch session - Nordic Pharma

- Efficacy of Very Early Medical Abortion Before Confirmed Intra-Uterine Pregnancy (VEMA). Results From a Large Multinational Randomized Controlled Trial” - Kristina Gemzell – Danielsson (Sweden)
- “Impact of Mifepristone Dose on Pain During Early Medical Abortion. Results From the French Multicentre DOMY Trial” - Aubert Agostini (France)

14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent sessions 1 - 4

CS 1 - Free communications

Chairs: TBA

CS 2 - Supporting effective contraception choices

Chairs: TBA

- How to deal with disinformation about hormonal contraception - Christian Fiala (Austria)
- Tools for effective contraception counseling - Sarah Hulsmans (Belgium)
- Effective use of 'natural methods' - Kristina Gemzell – Danielsson (Sweden)

CS 3 - ANCIC / REVHO sponsored session

Changes in abortion care and abortion laws in France

- Surgical abortion provided by midwives in France - Delphine Giraud (France) and Thizbé Bazin (France)
- The Enshrinement of Abortion in the French Constitution: A Vote for His (Her) Story? - Diane Roman (FR)
- Surgical abortion under local anesthesia outside hospitals: 8 years after the French law - Laurence Wittke (France)

CS 4 – Diversity in Legal and practical Approaches to abortion in the world

Chairs: Bojana Pinter (Slovenia) & Cristian Furau (Romania)

Panel Discussion with:

- Ana Mitrović Jovanović (Serbia)
- Antonina Lewandowska (Poland)
- Angel Foster (Canada)
- Isabel Stabile (Malta)

- Gabie Raven (Netherlands, Germany)

Essentials in abortion care 1: Pre/post-abortion care

Chairs: TBA

- Basics of a pre-abortion consultation and respectful care - Jayne Kavanagh (United Kingdom)
- Consultation via telemedicine and screening for medication abortion without ultrasound - Elizabeth Raymond (United States)
- Post-abortion care and contraception - Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom)
- Q&A

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

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16:00 - 17:30 Plenary Session 2: Reproductive choices in a digital world

Chairs: TBA

- Overview – Margit Endler (Sweden)
- Legal aspects, regulation, reimbursement
- Implementation of digital solutions for SRHR TBD
- AI: The role of artificial intelligence in sexual and reproductive health and rights

18:00 – 19:30 General Assembly of FIAPAC (members only)

Saturday, 21 September 2024

09:00 - 10:30 Plenary Session 3: Blurring the lines between contraception and abortion

Chairs: TBA

- Introduction - Deborah Bateson (Australia)
- Observational trials, what are they showing in Moldova & challenges of the once-a-week pill - Rebecca Gomperts (the Netherlands)
- Mifi10 as EC, what do we know? - Lester Chinery (Switzerland)
- Menstrual Regulation Bangladesh - Nathalie Kapp (United Kingdom)
- What women want? - Clare Murphy (United Kingdom)

10:30 - 11:00 Refreshments, exhibition and poster presentations

Exhibit area

11:00 - 12:30 Concurrent sessions 5 - 7

CS 5 - Free communications (x 7)

Chairs: TBA

CS 6 – Pain management

Chairs: TBA

- Pain management with IUD insertion - Anne Verougstraete (Belgium)
- Conscious sedation - Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom)
- Abortion doula - Zachi Brewster (Italy/ United Kingdom)
- Digital sedation - Liese Boudry (Belgium)
- Q&A

CS 7 – Updates on VEMA

Chairs: TBA

- Karin Brandell (Sweden)
- Very early abortion with uterine aspiration: pros/cons and patient access implications - Maureen Baldwin (USA)

Essentials in abortion care 2: Medical abortion

Chairs: TBA

- Historical perspective - mifepristone - Andre Ulman (France)
- Medical abortion up to 12 weeks - John Reynolds Wright (United Kingdom)
- Medical abortion after 12 weeks' gestation - Ninni Mannenberg (Sweden)
- Q&A

Debate session 1: Is there a need for legal time limits?

Chairs: Gily Coene (Belgium)

- Introduction - Freddy Mortier (Belgium)
- Exchanges of opinions with and between participants

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch, exhibition and poster viewing

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12:30 -13:30 Lunch session - “How far is too far?” Creating an evidence base for the safe provision of abortion among people living far from emergency services.

Wendy Norman (Canada), Laura Schummers, Sarah Munro, Amanda Cleeve, John Reynolds-Wright (United Kingdom), Danielle Mazza (Australia), Sharon Cameron (United Kingdom) and Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson (Sweden)

13:30 – 14:00 Lunch session - European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (ESC)

14:00 - 15:30 Concurrent sessions 8 - 10

CS 8 - Free communications (x 7)

Chairs: TBA

CS 9 - Abortion beyond 1st trimester

Chairs: TBA

- Outpatient 2nd and 3rd-trimester abortion methods - Matthew Reeves (United States)
- 2nd tri abortion in humanitarian sessions - Maura Daly (The Netherlands)
- Later abortion initiative D&E after 24 weeks curriculum – Monica Dragoman (United States) / Susan Yanow (United States)
- RCOG update on fetal awareness - Maria Fitzgerald (United Kingdom)
- Q&A

CS 10 - USA past Roe vs Wade

Chairs: TBA

- Elizabeth Sully (United States)

Essentials in abortion care 3: Surgical abortion

- Historical perspective - vacuum aspiration - Bojana Pinter (Slovenia)
- Vacuum aspiration and pain management with surgical abortion - Christian Fiala (Austria)
- Dilatation and evacuation - Ed Dorman (United Kingdom)
- Q&A

Debate session 2: Abortion for psychiatric reasons

Chairs: TBA

- Introduction and presentation of case studies - Laurence Weets (Belgium)
- Exchanges with and between participants - moderator: Gily Coene (Belgium)

15:30 - 16:00 Refreshments, exhibition

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16:00 - 17:30 Plenary session 4: Providing inclusive abortion care

Chairs: Kirsten Black (Australia) & Gily Coene (Belgium)

- Inclusive care for LGBTQI people - John Renyolds Wright (United Kingdom)
- Care for women from diverse cultural backgrounds - Fabienne Richard (Belgium)
- Person-centered care for abortion - Michael Nevill (United Kingdom)
- Inclusive abortion care in restricted contexts - Joyce Sakala (Zambia)

17:30 - 18:00 Prizes & Closing remarks

- Closing Remarks - Petra De Sutter (Belgium) Deputy Prime Minister from Belgium

18:00 Reception

Exhibit area

Sunday, 22 September 2024

09:00 – 12:00 **Post-conference session - Francophone session**

Retour en français sur une sélection d'interventions du congrès ainsi que les moments forts.
Présentations et échanges