



**Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society
CFAS 2019 Annual Meeting Preliminary Agenda**

Wednesday September 18th, 2019

7:30 a m – 5:00 p m	Registration for Preconference starts at 7:30 am
9:00 a m – 12:00 p m	Board Meeting
12:00 p m – 4:00 p m	Board and Advisory Meeting
12:00 p m – 5:00 p m	PRECONFERENCE BASIC SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM
10:00 a m – 5:00 p m	PRECONFERENCE NURSING SYMPOSIUM
8:00 a m – 12:00 p m	PRECONFERENCE HANDS-ON SYMPOSIUM Workshop

Thursday September 19th, 2019 – Special Interest Group Sessions & Exhibitor Setup

5:00 a m – 11:00 a m	Stronco Design Move-In	
11:00 a m – 6:00 p m	Exhibitor Move-In	
7:30 a m – 4:00 p m	Registration	
8:00 a m – 9:30 a m	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> IVF Directors Meeting 7:30am to 12:00noon </div> <div style="background-color: #00bfff; padding: 10px; margin-left: 20px;"> ART Professionals' Morning </div> </div>	
10:00 a m – 11:30 a m		
11:30 a m – 12:30 p m		Science Lite
12:30 p m – 1:30 p m		Free Time

Thursday September 19th, 2019

7:30 a m – 4:00 p m	Registration
1:30 p m – 2:30 p m	<p>Opening Ceremonies Keynote Address: Reproductive Medicine for Endangered Species Thomas Hildebrandt</p>
2:30 p m – 3:05 p m	<p>Symposium I “IT TAKES A VILLAGE”</p> <p>Lecture 1 Global Access to Infertility Treatment: Building Reproductive Networks – Experience from Africa Speaker: Silke Dyer</p>
3:05 p m – 3:35 p m	<p>Health Break</p>
3:35 p m – 4:10 p m	<p>Lecture 2 Lecture on Interdisciplinary Team Optimization, Communication, Personalized Care, Customer Service, and Administration Speaker: Rob Kiltz</p>
4:10 p m – 4:45 p m	<p>Lecture 3 Integrating Researchers into a Busy Fertility Center to Produce Impactful Research Speaker: Richard Scott</p>
4:45 p m – 5:30 p m	CARTR Report
5:00 p m – 6:30 p m	Poster Session (1.5 hours)

Friday September 20th, 2019

7:30 a.m – 4:00 p.m	Registration			
8:00 a.m – 8:45 a.m	Exhibits Open	Van Campenhout Symposium II New Technologies Science		Roundtable Discussions: Topics TBA Law and Ethics: 'The New Regulations under s. 12 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act. Where do we go from here?' with Dr. Amir Attaran Counsellors: 'Single by Chance, Mothers by Choice: Issues and Challenges' with Dr. Rosanna Hertz
8:45 a.m – 9:20 a.m		The Personal Genome Project Canada: Discovery of Disease Susceptibility Genes Speaker: Stephen Scherer		
9:20 a.m – 9:55 a.m		Lecture 1 CRISPR Cas9 Genome Editing Speaker: Ben Davies		
9:55 a.m – 10:30 a.m		Lecture 2 New Insights on Clinical Aspects of PGT-A Speaker: Richard Scott		
10:30 a.m – 11:00 a.m	Health Break at the Exhibit			
11:00 a.m – 12:30 p.m	Oral Communication 1		Oral Communication 2	
12:30 p.m – 1:30 p.m	Lunch at the Exhibit			
1:30 p.m – 3:30 p.m	Concurrent Session A: Andrology	Concurrent Session B: Clinical	Concurrent Session C: Counselling, Ethics, and Law	Concurrent Session D: Reproductive Surgery and Imaging
1:30 p.m – 2:10 p.m	Robotic selection of sperm for IVF Speaker: Yu Sun	Luteal Phase Optimization Speaker: Human Fatemi	Is It Time to Reconsider the Ban on Non-Therapeutic Preimplantation Sex Selection? Speaker: Donrich Thaldar	Hysteroscopy and Infertility Speaker: Atillio Di Spiezio Sardo

2:10 pm – 2:50 pm	Effect of Cannabinoids on Sperm Speaker: Mauro Maccarrone	Fertility Preservation update Speaker: Richard Anderson	Sperm Donor Siblings and the Creation of New Kin Speaker: Rosanna Hertz	Joint Session on Advancing Endometriosis Diagnosis Through Ultrasound Speaker: Sony Singh and Vincent della Zazzera
2:50 pm – 3:30 pm	Male Infertility as a Window to Health Speaker: Michael Eisenberg	Low Responder Treatment Speaker: Owen Davis	Legal Principles and Seminal Legal Cases in Oocyte Donation Speaker: Susan Crockin	
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Health Break at the Exhibit			
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	State of the Art Lecture – Plenary Creating Embryos – Where Science May Lead Us in the Future Speaker: Gerald Schatten			
4:45 pm – 5:15 pm	Annual General Meeting – <i>Members Only</i>			
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Poster Session (1.5 hr)			
7:00 pm – 12:00 am	President's Dinner with Special Lecture: The Chemistry of Love Special Speaker: Dr. Joseph A. Schwartz (McGill University) Venue: Shaw Centre Trillium Room			

Saturday September 21st, 2019

7:30 a.m – 12:00 p.m	Registration			
8:00 a.m – 8:45 a.m	Exhibits Open	John Collins Symposium III Evolving from 4 Decades of Subjective Embryo Selection to Objective AI to Maximise Live Birth Rates Speaker: Simon Fishel		Roundtable Discussions: Topics TBA Roundtable Discussions: 9:00 – 10:30 am
8:45 a.m – 9:20 a.m		Lecture 1 Gene Expression Regulation in Animal Gametes and Early Embryos Speaker: Jonathan LaMarre		Law and Ethics: Posthumous gamete donation with Dr. Donrich Thaldar
9:20 a.m – 9:55 a.m		Lecture 2 The Incubator Function of the Uterus: Oxygen, Temperature and pH Dynamics in the Female Reproductive Tract Speaker: Ying Cheong		Counsellors: Counselling Issues Related to PGT-A and Mosaicism: Exploring the Emotional Impact and Complexities of Inconclusive Results with Dr. Julia Woodward
9:55 a.m – 10:30 a.m		Lecture 3 What Exactly is Endometrial Receptivity? Speaker: Bruce Arthur Lessey		
10:30 a.m – 11:00 a.m	Health Break at the Exhibit			
11:00 a.m – 12:30 p.m	Oral Communication 1 - Clinical		Oral Communication 2 - Basic Science	
12:30 p.m – 1:30 p.m	Lunch at the Exhibit			
1:30 p.m – 3:30 p.m	Concurrent Session A: IVF Laboratory	Concurrent Session B: Physicians/Nursing /Administration	Concurrent Session C: Basic Science	Concurrent Session D: Third-Party Reproduction
1:30 p.m – 2:10 p.m	Safety in the IVF lab Speaker: Rebecca Holmes	Professional Development and Competency Speaker: Zubin Austin	Y Chromosome Contribution to Spermatogenesis Speaker: Monica Ward (SSR exchange speaker)	Legal Aspects of Third-Party Reproduction in Canada – My Personal Experience Speaker: Doreen Brown

2:10 pm – 2:50 pm		Artificial Intelligence and Automation in the IVF lab Speaker: Cristina Hickman	Assume Not: Providing High Quality Care for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Individuals Speaker: Molly Moravek	Environmental Effects on Reproductive Health Speaker: Patricia Hunt	Counselling and Ethics Surrounding Women of Advanced Maternal Age Speaker: Julia Woodward
2:50 pm – 3:30 pm		Non-invasive PGT-A and PGT-M Speaker: Svetlana Madjunkov	The Role of Social Media and the Internet in Fertility Practice Speaker: Ron Harman King	Making Human Oocytes from Stem Cells Speaker: Evelyn Telfer	Bringing a Legal Challenge: Why the Prohibition on Paid Gamete Donation and Surrogacy is Probably Unconstitutional Speaker: Amir Attaran
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm		<p>Debate: 'Should we use only 'evidence based' therapies in our ART practice or should we ever offer the use of 'unproven' therapies when requested by patients, or as part of our practice"</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. William Buckett vs. Dr. Cliff Librach</p>			
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm		Awards/Closing Ceremony			

*Please note that this is a PRELIMINARY AGENDA. Times of events and lectures are subject to change.