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Welcome

We are very proud to announce that following the immense success of our first two conferences in London and Istanbul, “The Third International Conference on Science and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction and Stem Cell Research” will be held at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin, Germany, on November 1–2, 2007.

In a beautiful atmosphere of the Gendarmenmarkt near “Unter den Linden” and “Brandenburger Tor”, we will discuss the medical, moral, legal and social implications of new reproductive technologies and embryonic stem cell research. Among the many topics to be addressed are tissue engineering, therapeutic cloning, emergency contraception, egg donation, egg sharing, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, the welfare of children, conflicts between science and religion, and public policy making in secular societies.

We look forward to “The Third International Conference on Science and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction and Stem Cell Research” and we would be delighted to welcome you at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. H.-R. Tinneberg
President of the German Society for Reproductive Medicine

Prof. Dr. R. G. Edwards
Editor-in-Chief of Reproductive BioMedicine Online

Prof. Dr. G. Benagiano
Dean at the University “la Sapienza”, Rome
# Thursday, November 1, 2007

## Opening Session

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## Session 1

### The regulatory landscape of Germany, Part 1

Chair: Franz Geisthövel & Wolfgang van den Daele

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<td>Germany’s Guidelines for Assisted Reproduction – In splendid isolation?</td>
<td>Eberhard Nieschlag</td>
<td>University of Münster, Germany</td>
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<td>Strict law has its advantages</td>
<td>Klaus Diedrich</td>
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Session 2

The regulatory landscape of Germany, Part 2

Chair: Tina Buchholz & Reinhard Merkel

11:20 – 11:40  
Polar body biopsy – a viable alternative to PGD?  
Hans van der Ven  
University of Bonn, Germany

11:40 – 12:00  
Natural law, preimplantation embryos and human dignity  
Eberhard Schockenhoff  
University of Freiburg, Germany

12:00 – 12:20  
An adequate interpretation of the Embryo Protection Act  
Franz Geisthövel  
University of Freiburg, Germany

12:20 – 12:50  
Discussion

12:50 – 14:30  
Lunch Break
## Session 3

### Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering

Chair: Robert G. Edwards & Dieter Birnbacher

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<td>Alex Mauron</td>
<td>University of Geneva, Switzerland</td>
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<td><em>From stem cells to germ cells</em></td>
<td>Wolfgang Engel</td>
<td>University of Göttingen, Germany</td>
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<td><em>Embryonic stem cell research and the argument from complicity</em></td>
<td>Dieter Birnbacher</td>
<td>University of Düsseldorf, Germany</td>
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<td>Paolo de Coppi</td>
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<td>Marek Zygmunt</td>
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<td><em>Stem cells harvested from the adult human brain</em></td>
<td>Mercy Varghese</td>
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**Session 4**

**Emergency contraception**

Chair: Thomas Rabe & Timothy F. Murphy

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<td>Helena von Hertzen</td>
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<td>David T. Baird</td>
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<td>Francesco D’Agostino</td>
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“The welfare of children conceived through ARTs”
Chair: Laura M. Purdy & John Harris

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<td>Irmgard Nippert</td>
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<td>Wolfgang van den Daele</td>
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<td><strong>The welfare of children conceived after egg donation</strong></td>
<td>Susan Golombok</td>
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Reproduction, Religion and the Law
Chair: Eberhard Schockenhoff & Jonathan Glover

14:30 – 14:50  The Limits of Reproductive Freedom
Maurizio Mori
University of Turin, Italy

14:50 – 15:10  The origins of human sexuality: Procreation or recreation?
Giuseppe Benagiano
University of Rome, Italy,

15:10 – 15:30  Ethics and religion: Disentangling morality from theology
Edgar Dahl
University of Giessen, Germany

15:30 – 15:50  Liberal democracies and the separation of state and church
John Harris
University of Manchester, UK

15:50 – 16:20  Discussion

16:20 – 16:30  Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony for Professor Robert G. Edwards

16:30 – 17:00  New ethical issues in an expanding science
Robert G. Edwards
University of Cambridge, UK

17:00  Farewell
Information

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