

Nordic Fertility Innovation

Oslo, Norway

Agenda Day One

30 January 2026 Friday

11.30-12.20 Lunch

12.20 - 12.30 Welcome and introduction | Merck & Scientific Committee

Genetics in fertility

Moderators: Kersti Lundin and Hans Ivar Hanevik

12.30 - 12.55 Non-invasive PGT-A based on Time-lapse and Machine Learning analyses

Danilo Cimadomo, Rome | Italy

12.55 - 13.05 Discussion

13.05 - 13.30 Non-invasive PGT-A based on culture media analyses

Christina Magli, Bologna | Italy

13.30 - 13.40 Discussion

13.40 - 14.30 Implantation Failure: myth or reality

Debate: Baris Ata, Istanbul | Turkey & Paul Pirtea, Paris | France

14.30 - 14.45 Discussion

14.45 - 15.10 Break

Andrology

Moderators: Antti Perheentupa and Peter Humaidan

15.10 - 15.35 Spermageddon: fact or fiction?

Allan Pacey, Manchester | UK

15.35 - 15.45 Discussion

15.45 - 16.10 Modern management of unexplained infertility: what about the male?

Siladiya Bhattacharya, Aberdeen Scotland | UK

16.10 - 16.20 Discussion

16.20 - 16.45 Male infertility and long term health issues

Niels Jørgensen, Copenhagen | Denmark

16.45 - 16.55 Discussion

16.55 - 17.25 Break

Clinical Challenges in ART

Moderators: Katarina Haapaniemi Kouru and Peter Humaidan

17.25 - 17.50 AI for clinical decision making within IVF

Ariel Hourvitz, Be'er Ya'akov | Israel

17.50 - 18.00 Discussion

18.00 - 18.25 Embryo transfer: An evidence based or just empirical procedure

George Lainas, Athens | Greece

18.25 - 18.35 Discussion

18.35 - 19.00 Flexible timing of FET in natural cycle: Is it possible?

Samuel Dos Santos Ribeiro, Lisbon | Portugal

19.00 - 19.10 Discussion

19.30 Dinner & talk: The future of IVF clinics: understanding the winds of change

Stuart Lavery, London | UK

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31 January 2026 Saturday

New insights in embryology and the laboratory

Moderators: Kersti Lundin and Ron van Golde

09.00 - 9.25

Abnormally fertilized embryo's: should we utilize them?

Edith Coonen, Maastricht | the Netherlands

9.25 - 9.35

Discussion

9.35 - 10.00

Biopsy PGT-A - updated methodology and the need for validation

Dagan Wells, Oxford | UK

10.00 - 10.10

Discussion

10.10 - 10.35

In-vitro maturation

Michel de Vos, Brussels | Belgium

10.35 - 10.45

Discussion

10.45 - 11.10

Organoids: future in fertility research, reality or a mirage?

Erik de Vrij, Maastricht | the Netherlands

11.10 - 11.20

Discussion

11.20 - 11.40

Break

Lifestyle and environment

Moderators: Hans Ivar Hanevik and Egle Drejerené

11.40 - 11.55

Young investigator: Sexual intercourse frequency and fecundability in the Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort

Kristina Wikjord Dreiås, Porsgrunn | Norway

11.55 - 12:10

Young investigator: Impact of the vaginal microbiome composition on the success of medically assisted reproduction

Hana Shabana, Stockholm | Sweden

Questions

12.20 - 12.45

Environmental factors and fertility

Pauliina Damdimopoulou, Stockholm | Sweden

12.45 - 12.55

Discussion

12.55 - 13.00

Closing

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch to go