



**2nd POSEIDON and APHRODITE
International Conference:
Merging Galaxies**

**15 - 16 May 2026
Marrakesh, Morocco**

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Overview

The Scientific Programme of the 2nd POSEIDON and APHRODITE International Conference will bring together international experts with extensive clinical and research experience, who will be part of the distinguished faculty sharing their expertise and the latest advances in reproductive medicine. Spanning two days, the programme offers focused, evidence-based learning that highlights evolving concepts, innovative practices, and emerging research in both female and male infertility. The first day focuses on refining the POSEIDON criteria for women with low ovarian response and introducing the APHRODITE framework for the structured classification of male infertility, featuring lectures on precision stimulation, gonadotropin therapy, and endocrine mechanisms, along with interactive discussions and research updates. The second day integrates both frameworks, emphasizing personalized reproductive care through male-female stratification, case-based learning, and exploration of AI-driven approaches to optimize outcomes in assisted reproduction.

Learning Objectives

After participating in this Conference attendees will be able to:

- Apply the POSEIDON criteria to optimize management of low-prognosis women in ART and tailor stimulation protocols.
- Explain the APHRODITE framework for structured classification and treatment of male infertility.
- Integrate male and female stratification systems (POSEIDON and APHRODITE) to improve outcomes in low-prognosis couples.
- Evaluate current evidence and new strategies, including duo stimulation, gonadotropin use, and precision stimulation.
- Explore innovative approaches, such as AI-based tools, for personalized reproductive medicine.

Target Audience

- Reproductive endocrinologists and infertility specialists involved in assisted reproductive technologies (ART).
- Andrologists, urologists, and embryologists interested in male infertility evaluation and treatment.
- Gynecologists and fertility clinicians managing low-prognosis patients.
- Clinical researchers and scientists working in reproductive medicine and endocrinology.
- Fertility nurses, laboratory professionals, and trainees seeking to apply evidence-based, personalized reproductive care.

Accreditation

This program will be submitted for CME accreditation to EACCME® (European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education).

Dates

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Venue

Radisson Blu Hotel, Marrakech Carre Eden
166-176, Av. Mohammed V, Marrakesh 40000,
Marrakesh, Morocco

www.radissonhotels.com

Onsite Registration Fees

STANDARD FEE – € 400,00

Onsite Registration Fees include

- CME Certificates - Certificate of attendance
- Access to all scientific sessions
- Welcome letter, conference kit, name badge, scientific programme (QR Code)
- Coffee breaks - Lunch breaks

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Scientific Programme

Friday, 15 May 2026

Western European Summer Time (WEST)

09.00 Med.E.A. Medical Education Academy welcome
Robert Fischer, Germany

09.10 Local welcome
Omar Sefrioui, Morocco

09.20 Introduction to the conference
Sesh K. Sunkara, UK

SESSION I: Decade of POSEIDON

Chairs: Chairs: Carlo Alviggi, Italy; Neena Malhotra, India

09.30 L1 Integration of POSEIDON into clinical practice
Robert Fischer, Germany

09.50 L2 POSEIDON: what have we learned, and should it be refined?
Sesh K. Sunkara, UK

10.10 L3 Clinical clues to avoid unexpected response in POSEIDON patients
Alyssa Hochberg, Israel

10.30 Open discussion with the audience
Faculty and Chairs

10.50 Coffee break

SESSION II: Moving into the future

Chairs: Robert Fischer, Germany; Omar Sefrioui, Morocco

11.20 L4 Tailor stimulation with POSEIDON?
Carlo Alviggi, Italy

11.40 L5 Duo stimulations: which POSEIDON groups?
Filippo M. Ubaldi, Italy

12.00 L6 Real-world evidence for gonadotrophins
Biljana Popovic Todorovic, Serbia

12.20 Open discussion with audience
Faculty and chairs

13.00 Lunch

SESSION III: Understanding the APHRODITE criteria Redefining male infertility through structured classification

Chairs: Chris Barratt, UK; Robert Fischer, Germany

14.00 L7 She's not the only patient: how male treatment can improve ART outcomes
Alberto Ferlin, Italy

14.20 L8 The physiological basis of the APHRODITE framework: endocrine mechanisms of impaired spermatogenesis and rationale for patients stratification
Daniele Santi, Italy

14.40 L9 Classifying male infertility – in-depth review of APHRODITE groups, how the criteria work and what they offer to clinicians and researchers
Sandro C. Esteves, Brazil

15.00 Open discussion with audience
Faculty and chairs

15.30 Coffee break

15.50 L10 Gonadotropin therapy in clinical practice: evidence-based applications in male infertility management
Christopher Barratt, UK

16.10 Research update: a prospective study on APHRODITE group 3
Alberto Ferlin, Italy

16.30 Open discussion with audience
Faculty and Chairs

16.50 Day 1 Closing remarks
Robert Fischer, Germany

17.00 End of the first day

Scientific Programme

Saturday, 16 May 2026

Western European Summer Time (WEST)

SESSION IV: Integrating male and female stratification Personalized reproductive care through the POSEIDON and APHRODITE duet

Chairs: Chairs: Carlo Alviggi, Italy; Sesh K. Sunkara, UK

09.00 Opening remarks

Robert Fischer, Germany

09.10 L11 Male infertility in 2026: Evolving challenges, emerging solutions

Chris Barratt, UK

09.30 Q&A

09.40 L12 APHRODITE and POSEIDON – a new duet for low-prognosis couples: bridging male and female factors in reproductive medicine

Sandro C. Esteves, Brazil

10.00 Q&A

10.10 'How I Do It': Clinical pathways for managing low-prognosis couples: Structured case presentations applying both POSEIDON and APHRODITE criteria

- Case 1: POSEIDON group 1 + APHRODITE group 1 - Presenter: S. Esteves, Brazil

- Case 2: POSEIDON group 2 + APHRODITE group 2 (OAT) - Presenter: C. Alviggi, Italy

- Case 3: POSEIDON group 2 + APHRODITE group 3 (NOA) - Presenter: Christos Venetis, Greece

Moderator: Sesh K. Sunkara

Panelists: Carlo Alviggi; Chris Barratt; Sandro C. Esteves; Alberto Ferlin; Alyssa Hochberg;
Christos Venetis

11.10 Coffee break

11.30 'How I do it': clinical pathways for managing low-prognosis couples

- Case 4: POSEIDON group 3 + APHRODITE group 2 (OAT) - Presenter: S. K. Sunkara, UK

- Case 5: POSEIDON group 3 + APHRODITE group 3 (NOA) - Presenter: S. Esteves, Brazil

Moderator: Robert Fischer

Panelists: Carlo Alviggi; Alyssa Hochberg; Daniele Santi; Filippo M. Ubaldi

12.30 L13 Integrating POSEIDON and APHRODITE with AI for optimized reproductive care: the new frontier?

Christos Venetis, Greece

12.50 Q&A

13.00 Final discussion and closing remarks

Carlo Alviggi, Italy; Sandro C. Esteves, Brazil; Sesh K. Sunkara, UK

13.10 End of the conference and lunch

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