

BUILDING THE CASE FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE

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International Federation of Abortion and
Contraception Professionals

20 - 21 September 2024
Brussels, Belgium

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REGISTRATION DESK

Please ensure that you bring identification (credit card, passport or ID card, etc) to obtain your registration pack.

- > Friday, 20 September, 08:30 - 17:00
- > Saturday, 21 September, 08:30 - 17:00

BADGES

Conference badges should be always worn by all participants during the conference and while visiting the exhibition area.

No badge, no entry.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

A certificate of attendance will be delivered together with your badge upon arrival.

LUNCH

Lunch will be provided for all participants on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Paid-up members are invited to attend the General Assembly in Great Hall on Friday 20 September, 18:00 - 19:30.

LANGUAGE

The congress language is English.

SLIDES SPEAKERS

Speakers are kindly invited to submit their slides, at the latest during the coffee break before their presentation, to the technician in the meeting room where the presentation takes place. The technician will help transfer the presentation to the computer.

WIFI

Wireless internet is available.

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SOCIAL PROGRAM

CONFERENCE DINNER:

Friday 20 September 2024 – 20:00

Pilar

Address: Triomflaan, VUB (Entrance 6)
(Building Y) 1050 Brussel

FAREWELL DRINK:

Saturday 21 September 2024 – 18:00

In the exhibit area.

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Boulder Abortion Clinic
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Boulder Abortion Clinic

For almost 50 years, Boulder Abortion Clinic has provided the highest quality abortion services in a confidential, kind, and dignified setting. Director Dr. Warren Hern and his group of trained physicians perform the safest possible terminations at all stages of pregnancy but specialize in later-term pregnancies.

We have extensive experience working with those who have been diagnosed with catastrophic fetal anomalies or genetic disorders of the fetus or have an emerging health concern for the patient that would cause death or suffering if the pregnancy were to continue to term. Located in Colorado, there is no mandated limit for care nor is there a specific reason needed to access abortion care at any point in a pregnancy.

Cemag Care

Founded in 2016 by André Ulmann, CEMAG Care is an innovative and committed pharmaceutical laboratory dedicated to women's health.

With our strong experience and expertise, we operate in several therapeutic areas such as contraception, menstrual health, abortion care, and overall quality of life.

Our daily purpose is to give women control over their own bodies at every stage of their life.

For this to happen, we intend to address specific and often neglected needs to provide safe, appropriate and respectful solutions that enhance women's care experience and quality of life.

DKT WomanCare Global

DKT WomanCare Global is the manufacturer of the IPAS Manual Vacuum Aspiration technology, used for uterine evacuation that is distributed globally across more than 100 countries.

DKT WomanCare Global serves the public and private sectors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of DKT International that works closely with leading manufacturers to expand access, availability, and affordability of family planning and safe abortion products.

Our uterine evacuation products are WHO recommended and designed to meet international safety standards, ensuring reliability and efficacy. We also provide comprehensive training and support to healthcare teams providing the knowledge and skills necessary to perform safe procedures.

Mona Lisa N.V.

The safe contraception method - The alternative to hormonal contraception
It is our mission to offer women an alternative to hormonal contraception and to inform

them about the copper IUD and its hormone-free effect.

The company's objective is to offer a diversified and high-quality product portfolio for every woman of childbearing age. Mona Lisa's product portfolio includes all common, established forms of copper IUDs on the market.

All Mona Lisa IUDs comply with the required international standards. You will find more product information on our homepage www.monalisa.eu.

MSI Reproductive Choices

MSI UK is a registered global charity and a UK Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulated provider of NHS-funded abortion, contraception, and vasectomy services in England. In addition to being an NHS service provider, we also advocate and campaign for reproductive rights.

Our goal is to empower individuals to take control of their reproductive health, and we do this by offering information about the services we provide through over 70 clinics across England. MSI UK is part of a global charity, MSI Reproductive Choices, which works in more than 37 countries across the world.

Natural Cycles

Founded in 2013 by Dr. Elina Berglund Scherwitzl and Dr. Raoul Scherwitzl, Natural Cycles is a leading women's digital health company that developed the world's first birth control app.

As a medical device, the NC° app is cleared by the FDA in the United States and certified to be used as a contraceptive in the UK, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and South Korea. The NC° app is powered by an algorithm that uses body temperature to determine each user's daily fertility status. Users can manually take their body temperature with a thermometer or sync overnight temperature trend data from an Oura Ring or Apple Watch

when they wake up. For more information, visit naturalcycles.com.

Nordic Pharma

NORDIC PHARMA is a mid-sized, privately owned international pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of specialty products to address unmet medical needs.

NORDIC PHARMA's expertise relies on the development and sales of its own products, but also on partner products acquired at various stages of development. Today, NORDIC PHARMA has a range of highly specialized proprietary and in-licensed products in the following therapeutic areas: Women's Health, Rheumatology, Ophthalmology and Critical care.

Kessel Medintim

Over 35 years of experience in contraception and sexual healthcare.

Since 1987 we have helped people to live their sexuality in a self-determined and healthy way. We offer safe, hormone-free contraception, as well as promoting the desire to have children. We enable women and men to restore their sexual function, giving them a quality of life until old age.

Each of our products includes our personal passion and our heart and soul. We know our products quite well and cooperate with qualified distributors in more than 50 countries. The production takes place almost exclusively in Germany and Europe.

Titus Healthcare

Titus Health Care is committed to making a difference for women by introducing new gynecological products. To achieve optimal contraceptive care, we invest in (accredited) education and training programs for healthcare professionals. Recently, we have expanded these initiatives to Belgium, reaching both primary and secondary care providers.

We aim to support healthcare professionals by offering a range of additional services, including medical updates, a replacement system for our Flexi-T copper IUDs, and various demonstration materials to assist with contraceptive counseling. Moreover, we are passionately involved in projects and organizations that, like Titus Health Care, strive to enhance the quality of women's healthcare.

The European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (ESC)

The European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (ESC) was founded on December 26, 1988, in Paris, France, as a non-profit organization

Our mission is to be a leading professional society working collaboratively in Europe and beyond to champion evidence-based education and research in sexual and reproductive health and rights including facilitating people's informed decisions in choosing and using contraception.

REVHO

REVHO (French network of abortion providers providing medical abortion) is a regional health network whose main objective is to make abortion in Ile-de-France accessible to women who want it, whatever the method and place care. Its field of intervention extends to contraception and the implementation of surgical abortion in primary health care centers.

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E-mail: contact@revho.fr, websites:
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Scientific Program

Friday, 20 September 2024

08:30 - 09:30 **Registration**

09:30 - 10:30 **Opening: Building the case for reproductive choice: what does choice really mean?**
Aula QA

Chairs: Nausikaä Martens (Belgium) & Deborah Bateson (Australia)

- 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**
Aula QA

Chair: Ann Furedi (United Kingdom)

- The Global Policy Landscape - Alanna Galati (United States of America)
- The Economic justice - Ernestina Coast (United Kingdom)
- The Medical case - Catriona Melville (Australia)
- The Humanitarian case - Lucy O'Connell (South Africa)
- The Legal case - Fien De Meyer (Belgium)
- Panel discussion with speakers and participants - moderator Ann Furedi (United Kingdom)
- Close and question - Ann Furedi (United Kingdom)

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

12:45 – 13:45 **Sponsored Lunch session by Nordic Pharma**
Aula QA

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

Aula QA **CS 1 - Free communications**

Chairs: Françoise Dedrie (Belgium) & Raiïna Brethouwer (The Netherlands)

- FC01 - Abortion access for underserved groups: a national program to support health care professional practice - Martha Paynter (Canada)
- FC02 - The Repro Uncensored coalition: Fighting digital suppression of abortion information - Venny Ala-Siurua (Canada)
- FC03 - Contraceptive use and subsequent pregnancies 12 months following post-abortion placement of intrauterine devices: Secondary outcomes from

- a randomized controlled trial of placement within 48 hours vs. interval placement at 2-4 weeks after complete abortion. - Niklas Envall (Sweden)
- FC04 - Effectiveness of a 24-hour compared to a 48-hour interval between mifepristone and misoprostol in abortion at 9 to 20 gestational weeks: an international randomized controlled non-inferiority trial - Margit Endler (Sweden)
- FC05 - Long-term impact of unintended pregnancies carried to term on mothers and children - Wieke Beumer (The Netherlands)
- FC06 - Evaluating clinician vs. non-clinician screening models for no-test medical abortion: impact on ultrasound use, safety and waiting-time-to-treatment - Hannah McCulloch (United Kingdom)
- FC07 - Origin of “Conscientious Objection” in Health Care: How Care Denials Became Enshrined into Law Because of Abortion – Joyce Arthur (Canada)

Aula QB

CS 2 - Supporting effective contraception choices

Chair: Nausikaä Martens (Belgium)

- 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)
- supported by Natural Cycles**

Aula QC

CS 3 – Updates on VEMA

Chair: Susanne Sjöström (Sweden) & Alicia Baier (Germany)

- Risks and outcome of treatment depending on baseline - Karin Brandell (Sweden)
- Very early abortion with uterine aspiration: pros/cons and patient access implications - Maureen Baldwin (United States of America)
- IPANEMA: Ibuprofen for PAiN during Early Medical Abortion – a FIAPAC/Exelgyn funded study - John Reynolds-Wright (UK)

Aula QD

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 (The Netherlands, Germany)

D.0.05

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

Chair: Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom) & Mirella Parachini (Italy)

- 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 of America)
- Post-abortion care and contraception - Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom)
- Q&A

15:30 – 16:00

Refreshments, exhibition and poster viewing

Exhibit area

16:00 - 17:30

Plenary Session 2: Reproductive choices in a digital world

Aula QA

Chairs: Margit Endler (Sweden) & Susanne Sjöström (Sweden)

- Positioning SRHR in a new digital world - Margit Endler (Sweden)
- The Legal Landscape of Telemedical Abortion - Rebecca Gomperts (The Netherlands)
- Risks and Rewards of AI for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights - Lindsay Balfour (United Kingdom)

Video Doctors for Choice

18:00 – 19:30

General Assembly of FIAPAC (members only)

Aula QA

Saturday, 21 September 2024

08:30 - 09:00

Welcome, coffee, and registrations

09:00 - 10:30

Plenary Session 3: Blurring the lines between contraception and abortion

Aula QA

Chair: Deborah Bateson (Australia)

- Setting the scene: What the science tells us - Kristina Gemzell – Danielsson (Sweden)
- 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 - Petra Procter (Switzerland)
- How do we understand the practice of menstrual regulation: Examples around the Globe - Angela Dawson (Australia)
- Navigating the Complexities as a Community - Kelly Cleland (United States of America)
- 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

Aula QA

CS 5 - Free communications

Chairs: Margit Endler (Sweden) & Gillian Gibson (New Zealand)

- FC08 - Whether a shout or a whisper: Abortion storytelling as a catalyst for social change in Germany, Sweden, and the United States - Frederika Schulte (Germany)
- FC09 - General Practitioner Experiences of Implementing Community Medical Abortion Model in Ireland - Mary Favier (Ireland)
- FC10 - The behavioral health repercussions of accessing abortions in a post-Roe world: a cross-sectional study - Rachel Paquette (United States of America)
- FC11 - Examining Progress and Obstacles in Enhancing Safe Abortion Services in Nepal: An Analytical Assessment of Evidence from 2002 to 2022 - Mahesh Puri (Nepal)
- FC12 - Safety and accuracy of dating unwanted pregnancies and detecting ectopic pregnancy without using ultrasonography - Janina Kaislasuo (Finland)
- FC13 - Inspiring the next generation of abortion care providers and future abortion champions - Jayne Kavanagh (United Kingdom)
- FC14 - Out of control! – how self-managed abortion and feminist organizing are challenging power structures - Lucía Berro Pizarossa (Uruguay)

Aula QB

CS 6 – Pain management

Chair: Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom) & Raina Brethouwer (The Netherlands)

- 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

Aula QC

CS 7 - ANCIC / REVHO

Changes in abortion care and abortion laws in France

Chairs: Emmanuelle Lhomme (France) & Philippe Faucher (France)

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

- Aula QD** **Essentials in abortion care 2: Medical abortion**
Chair: Helena Kopp Kallner (Sweden)
- Historical perspective - mifepristone - André Ulmann (France)
 - Medical abortion up to 12 weeks - John Reynolds-Wright (United Kingdom)
 - Medical abortion after 12 weeks' gestation - Ninni Manneberg (Sweden)
 - Q&A
- D.0.05** **Debate session 1: Is there a need for legal time limits?**
Chairs: Ann Furedi (United Kingdom) & Gily Coene (Belgium)
- Introduction - Freddy Mortier (Belgium)
 - Exchanges of opinions with and between audience
- 12:30 - 14:00** **Lunch, exhibition and poster viewing**
Exhibit area
- 12:30 -13:30** **Lunch session - "How far is too far?" Creating an evidence base for the**
Aula QA **safe provision of abortion among people living far from emergency services.**
Chair: Kristina Gemzell-Danielsson (Sweden)
- Speakers: Wendy Norman (Canada), Danielle Mazza (Australia), John Reynolds - Wright (United Kingdom)
- 13:30 – 14:00** **Joint Lunch session – European Society of Contraception and**
Aula QB **Reproductive Health (ESC) & FIAPAC**
Chairs: Bojana Pinter (Slovenia) & Nausikaä Martens (Belgium)
- Contraception counseling: when, how, and what - Cristian Furau (Romania)
- 14:00 - 15:30** **Concurrent sessions 8 - 10**
- Aula QA** **CS 8 - Free communications (x 7)**
Chairs: Choon-Kang Walther (Switzerland) & Jana Maeffer (Germany)
- FC15 - #IamJustyna – the pan-European and global mobilization to protect providers and supporters of self-managed from criminalization. - Justyna Wydrzynska
 - FC16 - The Story of a Small NGO meeting Colossal Needs - Natalie Psaila Stabile (Malta)
 - FC17 - What do Maltese doctors think about abortion? - Andrea Dibben (Malta)
 - FC18 - Advance Provision of Abortion Pills in Poland - Hazal Atay (France)
 - FC19 - The impact of intimate partner violence on post-abortion mental health: observations from an abortion accompaniment service - Jordi Baroja Benlliure (Spain)
 - FC20 - Barriers preventing gynecologists from performing abortions in Germany - Rona Torenz (Germany)
 - FC21 - Intrauterine device placement within 48 hours vs interval placement at 2-4 weeks after second trimester medical abortion: a randomized controlled trial - Niklas Envall (Sweden)

- Aula QB** **CS 9 - Abortion beyond 1st trimester**
Chairs: Matthew Reeves (United States of America) & Patricia Lohr (United Kingdom)
- Later abortion initiative D&E after 24 weeks curriculum – Monica Dragoman (United States of America) - Susan Yanow (United States of America)
 - 2nd tri abortion in humanitarian sessions - Maura Daly (The Netherlands)
 - RCOG update on fetal awareness - Maria Fitzgerald (United Kingdom)
 - Outpatient 2nd and 3rd-trimester abortion methods - Matthew Reeves (United States of America)
 - Q&A
- Aula QC** **CS 10 - USA past Roe vs Wade**
Chairs: Ann Furedi (United Kingdom)
- Abortion in the United States after the fall of Roe - Elizabeth Sully (United States of America)
 - Breaking research with Ulipristal and the reaction in the US - Beverly Winikoff (United States of America)
- Aula QD** **Essentials in abortion care 3: Surgical abortion**
Chairs: Bojana Pinter (Slovenia)
- Historical perspective - vacuum aspiration - Bojana Pinter (Slovenia)
 - Vacuum Aspiration and Comprehensive Pain Management in Surgical Abortion - Christian Fiala (Austria)
 - Dilatation and evacuation - Ed Dorman (United Kingdom)
 - Q&A
- D.0.05** **Debate session 2: Abortion for psychiatric reasons**
Chairs: Nausikaä Martens (Belgium) & Gily Coene (Belgium)
- Introduction and presentation of case studies - Laurence Weets (Belgium)
 - Exchanges with and between audience - moderator: Gily Coene (Belgium)
- 15:30 - 16:00** **Refreshments, exhibition**
Exhibit area
- 16:00 - 17:30** **Plenary session 4: Providing inclusive abortion care**
Aula QA Chairs: Kirsten Black (Australia) & Gily Coene (Belgium)
- Person-centred abortion care: global evidence - Angela Dawson (Australia)
 - Inclusive care for LGBTQI people - John Reynolds-Wright (United Kingdom)
 - Approaches to inclusive abortion care for migrants who may have experienced Trauma - Fabienne Richard (Belgium)
 - Clinical Excellence - Michael Nevill (United Kingdom)
 - Post-Abortion Care in Restricted Contexts - Joyce Sakala (Zambia)

17:30 - 18:00

Aula QA

Prizes & Closing remarks

Chairs: Nausikaä Martens (Belgium) & Deborah Bateson (Australia)

- Introduction
- Free Communication and Poster Awards
- Pro-choice Life Achievement Award - Jean-Jaques Amy (Belgium) and Anne Verougstraete (Belgium) Introduced by Dirk Devroey (Belgium)
- Closing Remarks - Petra De Sutter (Belgium) Deputy Prime Minister from Belgium

18:00

Exhibit area

Reception

Sunday, 22 September 2024

09:00 – 12:00

Post-conference session - Francophone session

Venue: Centre d'Action Laïque

Room: Willy Peers

Chair: Nathalie Trignol-Viguiet

Speakers: Béatrice Toussaint, Fatiha Manouach, Lori Savignac-Krikorian, Noémie Lévêque

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

08:30

Accueil

09:00 - 10:30

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

Pain management

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:00

Abortion beyond 1st trimester

Inspiring the next generation of abortion care providers and future abortion champions

Out of control! – how self-managed abortion and feminist organizing are challenging power structures

Friday 20 September

12:45 – 13:45 **Sponsored lunch session**
Aula QA **Providers' Perspective in Early Medical Abortion**



Chair: Aubert Agostini (France)

- VEMA (Very Early Medical Abortion) - Results from the First Large Randomized Controlled Trial - Kristina Gemzell – Danielsson (Sweden)
- Rhesus Prophylaxis (Anti-D) in Early Abortion - Where is the Evidence? - Christian Fiala (Austria)

BIOGRAPHIES MAIN PROGRAM SPEAKERS

BALDWIN MAUREEN

Dr. Baldwin is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon, USA. She is a specialist in Complex Family Planning and director of an Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic with an interest in safety and efficiency in the management of early pregnancy.

BALFOUR LINDSAY

Dr. Lindsay Balfour is a research professor at Coventry University, where she explores the relationship between violence, bodies, and data in the feminine technologies industry. Her most recent book is the edited collection, *FemTech: Intersectional Interventions in Women's Digital Health* (2023). Her current projects include "Preventing digital gender-based violence in the UK and Spain"; and "Co-Building Inter-Agency digital health applications for Sexual and Reproductive Health for Girls and Women on the Move". Lindsay works closely with partners in policy, advocacy, design, and healthcare to promote a safe and inclusive digital health ecosystem.

BATESON DEBORAH

Deborah Bateson is a Professor of Practice at the University of Sydney and Cancer Council NSW. She has worked in the area of sexual and reproductive health as a clinician, researcher, educator, and advocate for over 25 years and previously held positions as Medical Director of Family Planning Australia and Global Medical Director of MSI International. Deborah is an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Vice President of the International Federation of Contraception and Abortion Professionals (FIAPAC).

BOUDRY LIESE

Dr. Liese Boudry graduated in 2016 in Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. After completing her basic training, she started a fellowship in Reproductive Medicine at the University Hospital in Brussels, which she completed in 2020. She is currently working at Brussels IVF as a staff member and performs both clinical and scientific work. Her primary areas of expertise include reproductive endocrinology and gynecological ultrasound. Furthermore, she is actively involved in an innovative research project on primary hysteroscopic management of first-trimester pregnancy loss.

BREWSTER ZACHI

In true millennial style, Zachi Brewster (she/her) is a multi-hyphenated professional, expertly juggling a range of roles across various organizations with a focus on Reproductive Justice, LGBTQ+ inclusion, and social justice narrative change. Whichever hat she is wearing on any given day, all of her work aligns with her goal of building futures based on care, justice, and community.

Zachi has been an Abortion Doula for the past 8 years and founded, Dopo, an abortion support and education community 4 years ago. Through Dopo, she continues to provide 121 and group abortion support and leads workshops and training online and in-person for individuals, groups, and organizations. She is a member of the BPAS Research and Ethics Committee.

Zachi is a Londoner, living between the UK and Italy with her partner and their 6-month-old twins.

COAST ERNESTINA

Ernestina Coast is a Professor of Health and International Development in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research is multidisciplinary and positioned at an intersection of social science approaches including health, gender, and development. As a social scientist, her research uses mixed methods (quantitative and qualitative) to understand the inter-relationships between social context and health-related behaviors and outcomes, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health.

DAWSON ANGELA

Professor Angela Dawson is a public health social scientist with expertise in maternal and reproductive health service delivery to priority populations in Australia and low and lower-middle-income countries. Angela leads the reproductive theme in the Women and Children's Health Collaborative at the UTS Research Institute, INSIGHT, which she established in 2023 that seeks multidisciplinary solutions to complex issues in health focusing on marginalized populations. She has undertaken research into the delivery of reproductive health services in humanitarian emergencies, the management and referral of women who have experienced domestic violence, and access to abortion and emergency contraception in Australia and internationally. She is the recipient of the national Sax Prize for research impact.

Angela was an NHMRC Translational research fellow examining approaches to counseling women with female genital mutilation (FGM) at the point of care. She currently leads an NHMRC Ideas grant examining the health of refugees over generations and is an investigator on a project to build the capacity of pharmacists in Fiji to support women seeking emergency contraception.

Angela is an establishing member of the Asia-Pacific Consortium for Emergency Contraception, the former co-chair of the Australasian Sexual and Reproductive Health Alliance (ASRHA), a Fellow of the Public Health Association of Australia, and a member of the Interagency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crisis. Angela is a special advisor to the National Women's Health Advisory Council chaired by the Assistant Minister of Health and Aged Care, the Hon. Ged Kearny.

DE MEYER FIEN

Fien De Meyer finalized a PhD at the Law Faculty of the University of Antwerp, exploring international and national legal regulations of abortion beyond the first trimester of pregnancy. She was a research assistant to the Belgian Committee that evaluated the country's abortion law and practice in 2022-2023 at the request of the government. In addition to her passion for reproductive rights, her broader research interests lie in the area of human rights, gender, conflict studies, and bioethics.

DE SUTTER PETRA

Petra De Sutter was sworn in on the 1st of October 2020 as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Enterprises, Public Administration, Telecommunication, and Postal Services under Prime Minister Alexander De Croo. After a long career as a gynaecologist and fertility expert, she entered politics in 2014, as a member of the Flemish Green party Groen, motivated by the desire to combat the use of harmful substances in everyday environments. In the Belgian Senate and the Council of Europe, De Sutter championed women's sexual and reproductive health and rights, and tackled bio-ethical questions, including surrogacy and commercial egg donation. She is committed to a socially equitable Europe, and to improving the rights and protections of refugees and the LGBTI community. In 2019, De Sutter was elected to the European Parliament as the leading candidate for her party Groen. She was a member of the Committee on the Environment and Public Health, and the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, and was the first Green Chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. As Minister responsible for Public Enterprises, Public Administration, Telecommunication, and Postal Services De Sutter focused on the challenges of digitalization and sustainability. As Deputy Prime Minister, De Sutter was also responsible for the green agenda within wider government policy. Thanks to her expertise and integrity, she is respected and trusted across party lines.

DORMAN EDGAR

Ed Dorman is a consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, working in London. He has been a provider and trainer in second trimester surgical abortion throughout his career and is co-chair of the RCOG Abortion Taskforce.

DRAGOMAN MONICA

Monica Dragoman, MD, MPH, is an obstetrician-gynecologist with subspecialty training in Complex Family Planning. Dr. Dragoman most recently served as System Director in the Division of Complex Family Planning and Program Director for the Complex Family Planning Fellowship in the Raquel and Jaime Gilinski Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Science at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, NY, USA. She has previously served in medical leadership at Planned Parenthood of Greater New York and held an appointment as a Medical Officer in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research at the World Health Organization (WHO). She has also consulted on a number of reproductive health projects domestically and internationally for organizations such as WHO, the CDC Foundation, Gynuity Health Projects, Ipas, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA).

FIALA CHRISTIAN

Christian Fiala, MD, PhD is GP and specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology with an additional PhD on "Improving medical abortion", at the Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm.

He has been highly engaged in reproductive health for more than 20 years with a focus on providing and improving the prevention and treatment of unwanted pregnancies, www.irhi.org. He combines clinical work and scientific research. His focus on cultural and historical aspects of Reproductive Health is based on extensive international working experience.

He is the author and co-author of numerous studies and publications in the field.

He is the medical director of two clinics in Austria and directs the Museum of Contraception and Abortion in Vienna, which he also founded. www.gynmed.at + www.muvs.org"

FITZGERALD MARIA

Maria Fitzgerald is an expert in the biology of pain processing. Her laboratory in the UCL Department of Neuroscience, Physiology & Pharmacology focuses on the spinal cord and brain neuronal circuits that underlie acute and chronic pain and how these circuits develop in early life. She uses advanced

recording techniques in animal models and human infants to understand the mechanisms underlying the short and long-term effects of early-life pain. Her lab is internationally recognized for pioneering work in the basic biology of pain and for its impact on pain management in infants, children, and young people. She has received numerous honors and prizes including fellowship of the Royal Society and the Feldberg Foundation Prize. Her work crosses boundaries between cellular and integrative neurobiology, physiology, and behavior and she is notable for collaborating with clinical colleagues.

FOSTER ANGEL

Dr. Angel M. Foster is a Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa where she held the 2011-2025 Endowed Chair in Women's Health Research. A 1996 Rhodes Scholar, she holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford in Middle Eastern Studies, an MD from Harvard Medical School, and both master's and bachelor's degrees from Stanford University. Dr. Foster is a global abortion researcher and leads projects in 22 countries. She has authored more than 100 articles and co-edited three books; she also led the most recent revision of the Inter-Agency Field Manual on Reproductive Health in Humanitarian Settings. Dr. Foster serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Abortion Federation, Canada, the Co-Chair of the Safe Abortion Care Sub-Working Group of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises (IAWG), and the Editor-in-Chief of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health. The recipient of numerous awards in honours, she received the Guttmacher Institute's 2017 Darroch Award for Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research and was inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in 2023.

GALATI ALANNA

Alanna (pr. Uh-lane-uh) J. Galati (she/her/hers) is a seasoned policy expert with a technical background in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender, and humanitarian settings. Most recently she spent three years as a Senior Policy Advisor, in the Office of Development Cooperation at the US Agency for International Development, USAID. In this role, Ms Galati coordinated USAID's corporate and governance relationships with UNFPA and UN Women, was part of the Agency team focused on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH), and as a member of USAID's Foundations team, managing USAID's relationship with the Gates Foundation.

Ms Galati served on multiple U.S delegations to the WHO, UNFPA, and UN Women, the World Health Assembly, the Commission on Population and Development, and as USAID's coordinator for the Commission on the Status of Women. Before joining USAID, Ms. Galati served as the Associate Director of Global Policy at the Guttmacher Institute, where she conceptualized, designed, and led the Institute's global policy program. Ms. Galati was also the co-manager and policy lead for the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission, an international research publication launched in 2018 that set a new agenda for the global sexual and reproductive rights field. Ms. Galati also led work on the development of indicators for the SDGs and served as a technical advisor to the WHO on SRHR-related policy indicators.

Prior to her work with Guttmacher, Ms. Galati spent 10 years overseas working on SRHR policy issues and direct service in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Ms. Galati worked on adolescent health in refugee camps along the Thailand-Burma border.

In Australia, she provided direct outreach and education at a primary health care and harm reduction clinic for injecting drug users, sex workers, and the unhoused population in Sydney. She later managed a family planning clinic that served resettled refugees community members and simultaneously spent more than three years designing and implementing the first men's health

project in Timor-Leste. Ms. Galati also worked as the International Planned Parenthood Federation Regional Manager for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, based in Malaysia overseeing the development of SRH emergency response and training during natural disasters for six countries in the region.

Ms. Galati has a BA in philosophy from Indiana University-Bloomington and a Master of International Public Health from the University of Sydney, Australia.

GEMZELL DANIELSSON KRISTINA

Kristina Gemzell Danielsson is professor, and Chair of Neonatology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Reproductive Health, Head of the Department of Women's and Children's Health, Karolinska Institutet (KI), and senior consultant at the Karolinska University Hospital. She is a member of the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institutet.. She is head of the research group at the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Research Training in Human Reproduction at KI. She is an Honorary Clinical Professor at Hong Kong University, and Riga Stradins University and an Honorary fellow at FSRH, RCOG, UK. She is a member of the International Committee for Contraceptive Research (ICCR), Population Council, past president of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health, and FIAPAC, and a past member of the FIGO council.

GOMPERTS REBECCA

Rebecca Gomperts, MD, MPP, PhD studied medicine and visual arts in Amsterdam, the Netherlands., She completed a masters Public Policy at Princeton University and her PhD at Karolinska Institutet.

In 1999 she founded Women on Waves, a Dutch non-profit organization that uses innovative tools and campaigns like abortion ships, drones, robots, apps and hotlines that circumvent and challenge restrictive abortion laws, break the taboo, create awareness about the availability of abortion pills and access to safe abortions. In 2005 she founded Women on Web, a telemedical abortion service, and in 2018, she founded the telemedical service Aid Access also serving women living in the USA.

The last 5 years her focus has shifted towards initiating and coordinating the effort to make mifepristone 50 mg available as a weekly and on-demand contraceptive.

Rebecca Gomperts received many awards and recognition for her work and was named one of the global thinkers by Foreign Policy in 2015 and Times 100 list of most influential people of the world 2020.

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Policy advisor on Reproductive Health at the Flemish Expertise Centre for Sexual Health, Sensoa

KAVANAGH JAYNE

Jayne Kavanagh is an Associate Professor at UCL Medical School and a specialty doctor in Homerton Abortion Care Service in East London. She is co-chair of Doctors for Choice UK and co-director of the charity Abortion Talk.

Jayne is passionate about improving abortion education for healthcare students and about destigmatizing abortion.

She produced and co-directed Kind To Women, a short documentary film about the 1967 Abortion Act.

LEWANDOWSKA ANTONINA

Sociologist, sexual and reproductive health and rights activist, sex educator. An alumna of Cambridge University's "Leadership, communication, and policy skills development" course and the University of Warsaw (BA and MA in sociology, now pursuing PhD in the same field). Member of the Polish sex education collective Ponton since 2015. Since 2019, coordinator of ASTRA - Central and Eastern European Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. Additionally, in 2022 she has been announced the new chief of national advocacy at the Foundation for Women and Family Planning FEDERA. The first-ever consultant for sexual abuse in the student's union at the University of Warsaw (2019-2022).

In her scientific work, she focuses on the sociology of sexuality and the sociology of medicine.

LOHR PATRICIA

Patricia trained in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center followed by a Fellowship in Family Planning & Contraceptive Research and a Master's Degree in Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Patricia is the Director of Research and Innovation for the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) and served as Medical Director at BPAS from 2007-2024.

Patricia has published a number of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on contraception and abortion and has contributed to evidence-based guidance by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, National Institute of Health and Care Excellence, and Society of Family Planning. Patricia serves as an Associate Editor for the journal BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, Chair of the Education and Training Committee of the British Society of Abortion Care Providers, and an advisor to the charity Abortion Talk.

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Registered Nurse Midwife at the department of gynecology at Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden. PhD-student at the department of Women's and Children's Health at Karolinska Institutet.

MARTENS NAUSIKÄÄ

For more than 20 years she has been counseling women who seek abortion. She has been a FIAPAC EC member since 2014.

MELVILLE CATRIONA

Dr. Catriona Melville is a gynaecologist and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) specialist based in Brisbane, Australia with over 25 years of clinical expertise. Catriona is the Director of Clinical Excellence, at MSI Australia, a national non-profit SRH organisation. She is passionate about medical education, clinical research, and advocacy. She has authored a medical textbook (Sexual & Reproductive Health at a Glance, Wiley-Blackwell) and is widely published. Catriona is an Associate Editor for The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (ANZJOG) and Deputy Chair of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) SRH Committee. Catriona sits on the Council of the Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Health of the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (UK) as the international representative. Catriona is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is a non-executive director of the Women's Health Education Network (WHEN).

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MURPHY CLARE

Clare has a long-standing interest in applying principles of reproductive autonomy and choice across the spectrum of women's lives, from the methods they use to avoid pregnancy to how they feed a newborn baby. She is a board member of the European Consortium for Emergency Contraception (ECEC) which exists to further the understanding and availability of pericoital methods to women everywhere. She is currently working as part of an interdisciplinary UK team to explore how historical understandings of the meaning and importance of implantation developed and underpinned the current cliff edge that now exists between contraception and abortion, and how new narratives could pave the way for new methods that better meet women's needs.

Clare spent more than a decade at the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, latterly as chief executive. Particular achievements included securing the delivery of a pioneering telemedical abortion service and improving women's access to low-cost emergency contraception. Prior to joining BPAS, Clare worked as a health reporter at the BBC with a particular interest in maternal health and rights. She is now Director of Feed, a UK charity that puts women and their families at the heart of infant feeding and applies a reproductive choice framework to policy and practice in this area.

NEVILL MICHAEL

Michael Nevill is the Clinical Director for the National Unplanned Pregnancy Advisory Service based in the UK. He has worked in abortion care for the past 17 years and is passionate about the provision of patient-centered, evidenced-based care. He holds a Masters in Nursing and has published many articles on various aspects of Abortion care and policy. Michael was a member of the guideline development group producing the NICE Abortion Care Guideline and also the lead Author for the RCN Termination of Pregnancy and Abortion Care Guideline. He is a Council Member for the BSACP and a committee member of the RCN Women's Health Forum.

NORMAN WENDY

Professor Wendy Norman leads national and international interdisciplinary contraception and abortion research collaborations, engaging policy makers to improve health outcomes. Professor Norman's analysis led to the Canadian policy to initiate universal free contraception. Her work supported the removal of mifepristone restrictions in Canada, and subsequently for Australia, significantly improving access to care, particularly in primary care and rural areas, while demonstrating no impact on the rate or safety of abortion.

PINTER BOJANA

Bojana Pinter, MD, PhD, Spec in Ob/Gyn, MSc (Econ), Senior Councillor Spec in Ob/Gyn at the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at University Medical Centre Ljubljana, working in the field of reproductive health – contraception, abortion, infertility treatment, gynecological endocrinology, and menopause. She is a Full Professor in Ob/Gyn at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ljubljana, and the mentor of residents and PhD students in medicine. She is the leader of the group for the production of national recommendations for contraceptive use since 2010 and coordinator of the gamete donation program at UMC. Her fields of interest and research are contraception, abortion, sexual behavior of adolescents, infertility, PCOS, menopause, antioxidants, and endocrine-disrupting chemicals.

RAVEN GABIE

Medical director of two abortion clinics in the Netherlands, Rotterdam and Roermond and owner of an abortion clinic in Dortmund , Germany.

RAYMOND ELIZABETH

Dr. Raymond received her MD degree from Columbia University, completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Duke University, and received a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins. She has spent the past 3 decades conducting clinical, behavioral, and programmatic research in reproductive health at Gynuity Health Projects, Family Health International, and the National Institutes of Health. Her most recent focus has been medication abortion via telemedicine. She has written or coauthored more than 130 peer-reviewed papers, commentaries, and book chapters. She currently works as a Deputy Editor of the journal Contraception.

REEVES MATTHEW

Matthew Reeves, MD, MPH, FACOG, is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the DuPont Clinic, a center providing patient-centered abortion care in all trimesters. He has adjunct faculty appointments at George Washington University School of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine and at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Reeves attended Harvard Medical School and completed obstetrics & gynecology residency at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He then completed a Fellowship in Clinical Ultrasound at UCSF followed by a Fellowship in Complex Family Planning at the University of Pittsburgh. Previously, Dr. Reeves was the Chief Medical Officer for WomanCare Global and the Medical Director for the National Abortion Federation. Dr. Reeves is a Fellow of both the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society of Family Planning. Dr. Reeves is board-certified as an Obstetrician-Gynecologist and Complex Family Planning sub-specialist by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

REYNOLDS-WRIGHT JOHN

John Reynolds-Wright is a NES/CSO Clinical Lecturer in Sexual and Reproductive Health. He is the first person to hold this post in SRH in the UK. In his clinical work, John is a committed abortion care provider, vasectomy surgeon, and community gynaecologist. During his PhD, John led one of the two major telemedicine abortion care studies in the UK in COVID. In his current research work, he is leading a series of projects on pain management during abortion; the provision of abortion and contraception via community pharmacies; and also works on contraceptive development studies (a 6-month female injectable method and a novel male contraceptive gel).

RICHARD FABIENNE

Fabienne Richard is a registered midwife who specialized in tropical medicine and public health (MSc, PhD). She has field experience in international contexts (Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Liberia, Somalia, Sri Lanka) for Doctors Out Borders and the Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp. She is a female genital mutilation (FGM) expert midwife and is involved in FGM research and clinical guidelines writing. She is currently the executive Director of GAMS Belgium (Groupe pour l'Abolition des Mutilations Sexuelles) and, midwife at the multidisciplinary health care unit for women with FGM (CeMAViE) in Saint-Pierre Hospital in Brussels. She is a scientific collaborator at the School of Public Health of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

SAKALA JOYCE

Dr. Joyce Sakala is an Obstetrician Gynecologist practicing at the largest maternity referral center in Zambia. She holds a Master of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynecology & Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Zambia. She enjoys her clinical work where she manages obstetrics and gynecology conditions including abortion and its complications. Her research interests include contraception, vaginal microbiome, and labor outcomes. She is currently a Clinical Research Consultant with the Multiomics for Mothers and Infants consortium which is investigating adverse birth outcomes. Dr. Sakala is also co-leading the Medical Women's International Association Emergency Contraception subgroup of the Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights Special Interest Group and currently surveying the emergency contraception landscape in Africa. She is an enthusiastic advocate for women and children demonstrated by her work in the Medical Women's Association of Zambia where she serves as president. Her overall goal is to contribute to optimal women's health through improved outcomes for women, children, and their families.

STABILE ISABEL

Isabel Stabile FRCOG., Ph.D.

Professor Stabile has been at the forefront of innovations in medical education in the UK and the US, where she worked for 20 years. Prof. Stabile is the author of over 60 publications in the peer-reviewed literature, including eight books.

Professor Stabile is also an activist, the only openly pro-choice gynaecologist in Malta, a mother of four adults, and now also a grandmother.

SULLY ELIZABETH

Dr. Elizabeth Sully is a Principal Research Scientist at the Guttmacher Institute, where she leads a research portfolio focused on family planning and abortion measurement, modeling the impacts and cost of sexual and reproductive health services, and evaluating the impact of policies on SRHR services and outcomes. Dr. Sully has a PhD in public affairs and demography from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs and the Office of Population Research. She is a member of the FP2030 Performance Monitoring and Evidence Working Group, on the Editorial Committee for Studies in Family Planning, and co-chairs the IUSSP scientific panel on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Rights and Justice Lens.

ULMANN ANDRÉ

André Ulmann, MD, PhD is the Founder of HRA Pharma, a company he led from 1996 to 2009 as CEO, and as Chairman until 2016. Under his leadership, HRA Pharma developed into a pharmaceutical leader in emergency contraception and orphan diseases. Before founding HRA Pharma, André Ulmann served as Medical Director and Head of Clinical Research for Roussel-Uclaf and Hoechst-Marion-Roussel. Prior to that, in this company, he was responsible for the international development and commercialization of mifepristone (RU 486). Currently he is the Founder and CEO of Cemag Care, a pharmaceutical company which develops and commercializes innovative Women's Health products. He reported his professional carrier in a book "Le combat d'un médecin pour les femmes", Paris, 2017. He was awarded the Endocrine Society's John D. Baxter Prize for Entrepreneurship in 2018.

VEROUGSTRAETE ANNE

Anne Verougstraete has a passion for contraception, abortion and women's rights since she started to study medicine (Vrije Universiteit Brussel: VUB). As a specialist in obstetrics & gynecology, she worked in hospital and also in an outpatient abortion center.

She worked in Belgian French and Flemish-speaking settings: That's how she really understands the situation of contraception and abortion in her country.

Since 1984, she has worked in VUB-Dilemma: (contraception and abortion center VUB) and was its director from 2008 up to 2017 (pension); now she still is responsible for medical matters.

She has been involved in education concerning contraception and abortion since decennia for medical students, GP's, school doctors, gynecologists, midwives, nurses, social workers family planning centers and participated in the making of guidelines in contraception, emergency contraception, abortion and VEMA.

The Ministry of Health invited her as an expert in contraception matters and she has been part of the National Evaluation Commission "Abortion" since 2009.

She was an expert for the VUB on the "Inter-university, multidisciplinary and independent committee charged with the study and evaluation of practice and legislation on voluntary termination of pregnancy" which produced an academic report in 2023 at the request of the federal government.

She is a former Board member of FIAPAC and participated actively in nearly all congresses of FIAPAC since its creation.

YANOW SUSAN

Susan Yanow MSW is a longtime reproductive rights organizer and activist. In the USA, she works with the Later Abortion Initiative at Ibis Reproductive Health and coordinates EASE – Expanding Abortion Services in the South. She is a cofounder of Women Help Women, an international organization that provides medication abortion services and is the spokesperson for SASS – Self-Managed Abortion; Safe and Supported in the USA. Previously, Susan was the co-founder and founding Executive Director of the Abortion Access Project (now Provide).