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Welcome from the Founders

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 3rd World AI Fertility Conference.

Artificial intelligence is transforming fertility care, but its success depends on more than technology. It depends on collaboration.

This conference is unique because it brings together everyone needed to shape the future of AI in reproductive medicine. Embryologists, clinicians, nurses, regulators, patient advocates, robotic engineers, data scientists, inventors, investors and industry leaders are all in one room, united by a common goal: to bring the benefits of AI to healthcare responsibly, so patients truly benefit.

Our previous two conferences brought together invited global thought leaders and became catalysts for many of the conversations and collaborations driving AI in fertility today. This year, we are expanding that conversation.

Expect inspiring TED-style talks, insightful and honest panel discussions, practical solutions and opportunities to tackle the real barriers to AI implementation. Whether you are developing AI, evaluating it, regulating it or using it in clinical practice, your voice matters.

Thank you for joining us. Together, we can prepare for the future and shape it.

Imagine what is possible.
Challenge what exists.
Build what comes next.
Shape the future of AI in fertility...

Nikica Zaninovic & Cristina Hickman
Co-Founders World AI Fertility Society

Meet the Founders

Nikica Zaninovic

Dr Nikica Zaninovic is an internationally recognised embryologist, scientist and innovator who has spent more than three decades advancing reproductive medicine. A pioneer in IVF laboratory practice and emerging technologies, he has helped shape many of the scientific advances that define modern fertility care. As Co-Founder of the World AI Fertility Society, he is passionate about bringing together the world's leading experts to accelerate the responsible adoption of artificial intelligence and improve outcomes for patients everywhere.

Cristina Hickman

Dr Cristina Hickman is a Clinical embryologist, entrepreneur and internationally recognised leader in artificial intelligence for reproductive medicine. With more than 26 years of experience, she is the Founder and CEO of Avenues, the world's first fertility clinic to integrate AI technologies throughout the entire patient journey. Cristina has also been the Founder, Executive Director, Chief Clinical Officer or Chief Scientific Officer behind several of the pioneering AI technologies now transforming fertility care. As Co-Founder of the World AI Fertility Society, her mission is to unite clinicians, scientists, engineers and innovators to responsibly harness AI, improving patient outcomes while shaping the future of reproductive healthcare.

United by a shared mission to bring the benefits of AI to fertility care — responsibly and collaboratively.

Speakers:

Nikica Zaninovic

Carole Gilling-Smith

Cecilie Jakobsen

David Sable

Hyejun Lee

Chris Rego

Vinesh Gadhia

Eduardo Gonzalez

Eduardo Hariton

Ying Cheong

Rabi Odia

Prof. Zev Rosenwaks

Jorgen Berntsen

Semra Kahraman

Ihor Pachkiv

Toni Di Berardino

Helen o'neill

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Jonas Malmstein

Chloe He

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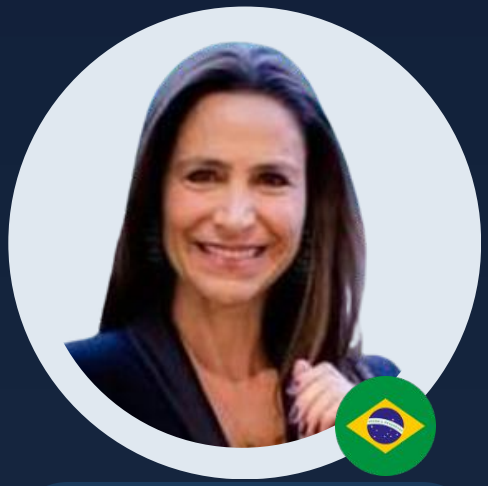

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Chaired by
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The AI Inflection Point in Fertility:

What Works, What Does Not, and What Is Missing

Nikica Zaninovic
Embryologist

Carole Gilling-Smith
Reproductive Endocrinologist

Cecilie Jakobsen
Digital Data Specialist

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Welcome Session chaired by Zev Rosenwaks

Inside the IVF Clinic Bottleneck: Structural Barriers to Better Outcomes

The AI Inflection Point in Fertility: What Works, What Does Not, and What Is Missing

Chair Welcome

Cristina Hickman 8:00-8:10

Clinical View

Carole Gilling-Smith 8:10-8:30

Embryology View

Nikica Zaninovic 8:30-8:50

Entrepreneurial View

David Sable 8:50-9:10

Data Specialist View

Cecilie Jakobsen 9:10-9:30

Panel led Discussion

9:30-10:00

Coffee Break

10:00-10:30

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AI: From Buzzword to Business Strategy

Hyejun Lee

Asian Perspective

Chris Rego

Latin American Perspective

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Indian Perspective

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Middle Eastern Perspective

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Session 2: chaired by Cristina Hickman

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Asian Perspective

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Latin American Perspective

Chris Rego 10:40-10:50

Indian Perspective

Vinesh Gadhia 10:50-11:00

Middle Eastern Perspective

Eduardo Gonzalez 11:00-11:10

Panel led Discussion

11:10-11:40

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Ferring Session:
Cutting through the AI Hype

Eduardo Hariton

Imran Akram

Cutting through the hype to reveal what is easy and what is hard and how to spot real AI opportunities. Why AI initiatives fail, how to integrate AI successfully, and the key decisions that will shape your organisations future

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Session 3: chaired by Michael Cheung

Ferring Symposia: Cutting through the AI Hype

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Eduardo Hariton

11:40-12:10

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Debate:
RCT is the best way to evaluate AI

Ying Cheong

For

Rabi Odia

Against

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Session 4: chaired by Nikica Zaninovic

Debate: RCT is the best way to evaluate AI

Audience Vote 12:10-12:15

For

Ying Cheong 12:15-12:25

Against

Rabi Odia 12:25-12:35

Audience Questions 12:35-12:45

For rebuttal

Ying Cheong 12:45-12:50

Against Rebuttal

Rabi Odia 12:50-12:55

Audience Vote 12:55-13:00

Lunch 13:00-14:00

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AI: Healthcare implementation challenges

Cristina Hickman

Challenges of implementing the world's first AI clinic

Iman Hajirasouliha

The academic challenge

Jonas Malmstein

The integration challenge

Chloe He

Cybersecurity in Fertility care

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Session 5: chaired by Chloe He

AI: Healthcare implementation challenges

Challenges of implementing an AI-First Fertility Clinic: Lessons from the Front Line from the UK

Cristina Hickman 14:00-14:10

From Idea to Impact: Designing Research That Survives Peer Review- The Academic challenges

Iman Hajirasouhila 14:10-14:20

Integration challenges in the real world IVF clinic

Jonas Malmstein 14:20-14:30

Cybersecurity in Fertility Clinics: Protecting the Most Sensitive Data in Healthcare

Chloe He 14:30-14:40

Panel led Discussion 14:40-15:10

Coffee break 15:10-15:40

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AI: Gamete Assessment

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Amanda Setti

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Session 6: chaired by Halil Ruso

AI: Gamete Assessment

Using AI-derived oocyte metrics and how they are influenced by other factors

Amanda Setti 15:40-15:50

Understanding how AI-derived oocyte metrics predict outcome

Daniela Braga 15:50-16:00

Egg Intelligence: Turning Oocyte Data into Actionable Decisions

Dan Nayot 16:00-16:10

Sperm Selection using AI and Robotic Technologies

Betty Meiri 16:10-16:20

Sperm Intelligence: Turning Sperm Data into Actionable Decisions

Halil Ruso 16:20-16:30

Sperm identified and selected using AI assistance resulted in improved outcome

Saeed Fathi 16:30-16:40

Panel led Discussion 16:40-17;10

Sunset Boat drinks - meet at Hotel reception 17:30

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AI: Embryo Assessment

Jorgen Berntsen

Consistency in embryo ranking

Semra Kahraman

Efficiency in embryo assessment

Serdar Coskun

Global adoption of time-lapse

Toni Di Berardino

Time-lapse: evaluating efficacy, safety and outcomes in human IVF

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Session 7: chaired by Semra Kahraman

AI: Embryo Assessment

Consistency in Embryo Ranking

Jorgen Berntsen 8:00-8:15

Reducing cost to baby with AI embryo assessment

Semra Kahraman 8:1508:30

The Global Adoption Gap in Time-Lapse IVF: What Is Really Limiting Uptake? What can AI implementation learn from this

Serdar Coskun 8:30-8:40

Cybersecurity in Fertility Clinics: Protecting the Most Sensitive Data in Healthcare

Toni di Berardino 8:40-8:55

Panel led Discussion 08:55-09:25

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Advanced Imaging & Bio-engineering

Diego Marin

optical matrix imaging

Daria Iliev

Holotomography

Samuel Ojos Negros

Hyperspectral

Liesl nel Themaat

FLIM

Paul Balondrade

3D

Florian Kromp

Embryo description by AI

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Session 8: chaired by Daria Iliev

Advanced Imaging and Bio-engineering

Beyond Brightfield: The Next Generation of Embryo Visualisation

Diego Marin 9:25-9:35

Seeing the Unseen: Holotomography and the Future of Cell Imaging

Daria Iliev 9:35-9:45

Hyperspectral Imaging: Unlocking Biochemical Signals Without Touching the Embryo

Samuel OjosNegros 9:45-9:55

FLIM based metabolic imaging of blastocysts to predict polidy

Liesl nel Themaat 9:55-10:05

3D microscopy combined with AI

Paul Balondrade 10:05-10:15

AI use of natural language to describe embryo morphology

Florian Kromp 10:15-10:25

Panel led Discussion 10:25-11:00

Coffee break 11:00-11:30

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AI for Clinicians

Tobias Wolfram

PGT-P

Ihor Pachiv

Hormones

Rohi Hourvitz

Optimising stimulation

Aleksandra Goch

Smart Surgery

Paulina Valpas

wearables

Helen o'neill

Gynaecology

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Session 9: chaired by Dan Nayot

AI for clinicians

Digital Genetics with PGT-P: Enhancing Genetic Assessment beyond PGT-A and PGT-M

Tobias Wolfram 11:30-11:40

Smarter Clinics, Better Outcomes: Using AI to Optimise IVF Operations

Rohi Houvitz 11:50-12:00

Measuring the Invisible: Data-Driven Monitoring of Stress in Fertility Care

Paulina Valpas 12:10-12:20

AI assisted identification of poor responders who would benefit from dual stimulation

Ihor Pachiv 11:40-11:50

Making Reproductive Surgery Smart

Aleksandra Goch 12:00-12:10

Advancing Gynaecological ultrasound through automation and AI assisted prediction system to predict reproductive pathologies

Helen o'Neill 12:20-12:30

Panel led Discussion 12:30-13:00

Lunch 13:00-14:00

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Machine Data Capture, Human Data Verification

Santiago munne

Sama: automating the front office

Sergei Gorlovetsky

AI copilot with patient facing avatar

David Chrimes

From RFID to KPI

Domantas Armonavicius

From Data to Intelligence

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Session 10: chaired by Daniella Gilboa

AI: Embryo Assessment

SAMA: automating the front office

Santiago Munne 14:00-14:10

Implementing an AI copilot with patient facing avatar

Sergei Gorlovetsky 14:10-14:20

Automating KPIs in the Lab: Using RFID to Turn Workflow into Intelligence

David Chrimes 14:20-14:35

From data to intelligence

Domantas Armonavicius 14:35-14:50

Panel led Discussion

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Robotics & Automation

Alejandro Chavez Badiola	Bars Mutlu	Cynthia Hudson	Gaurav Singhal
From egg search to embryo vitrification	Automating egg collection	Cryostorage	Structured data & Agentic AI

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Session11: chaired by Gaurav Singhal

Robotics & Automation

Conceivables: Validating automation with live births

Alejandro Chavez Badiola 15:20-15:30

Automating egg collections to improve outcome

Bars Mutlu 15:30-15:40

Cryostorage in the Age of Robotics: Automation, Traceability, and Risk Reduction

Cynthia Hudson 15:40-15:55

Structured Data and Agentic AI

Gaurav Singhal 15:55-16:10

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Closing Session

Elizabeth Grill

From resistance to readiness: Helping Healthcare teams and patients embrace AI for better care

Christine Allen

AI in IVF: the missing piece of the regulatory puzzle

Kazem Nouri

AI, Fertility, and Society: AI as a sustainable tool to humanitarian healthcare

Cristina Hickman

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Session 12: chaired by Cristina Hickman

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Conference summary and close

Cristina Hickman, Nikica Zaninovic, Zev Rosenwaks 17:10-17:15

Beach Activities - Meet at Hotel reception at 17:30

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Consensus statement on the responsible integration of AI in fertility clinical practice

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