



The role of ESHRE SIGs in the advancement of knowledge in reproductive medicine



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ESHRE certification for embryologists Steering Group

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- Kay Elder (UK)
- Borut Kovacic (SI)
- Cristina Magli (IT) (Coordinator Special Interest Group Embryology)
- Carlos Plancha (PT)
- Catherine Plas (BE) (ESHRE Office)
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- Francesca Vidal (ES)

Background

IVF is clearly now a routine medical subspecialty. In the early 1980's, IVF was successfully established by clinical teams that incorporated collaboration with research scientists skilled in laboratory culture methods. In the absence of any opportunity for professional training in these methods, the laboratory aspects were subsequently undertaken by personnel from a variety of backgrounds.

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Presently there are 11 Special Interest Groups including:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Andrology | Early Pregnancy |
| Embryology | Endometriosis & Endometrium |
| Ethics & Law | Safety & Quality in ART |
| Psychology & Counselling | Reproductive Endocrinology |
| Reproductive Genetics | Reproductive Surgery |
| Stem Cells | |

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ESHRE SIG represents many disciplines

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Embryology

Ethics & Law

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Reproductive Genetics

Stem Cells

Early Pregnancy

Endometriosis & Endometrium

Safety & Quality in ART

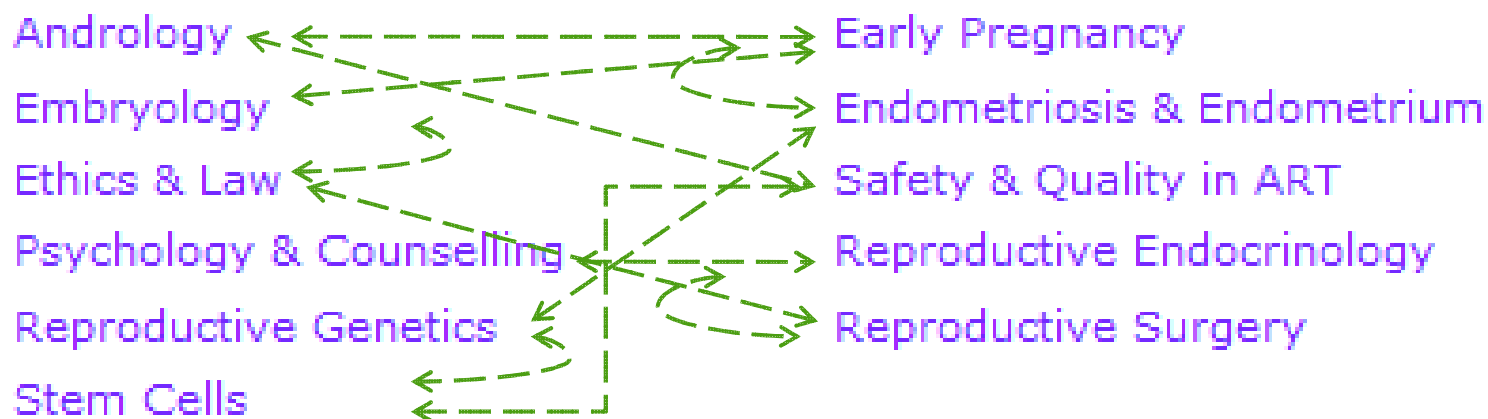
Reproductive Endocrinology

Reproductive Surgery



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- and ESHRE SIG can combine disciplines



This is also beautifully illustrated by this inter-SIG conference

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Article 3

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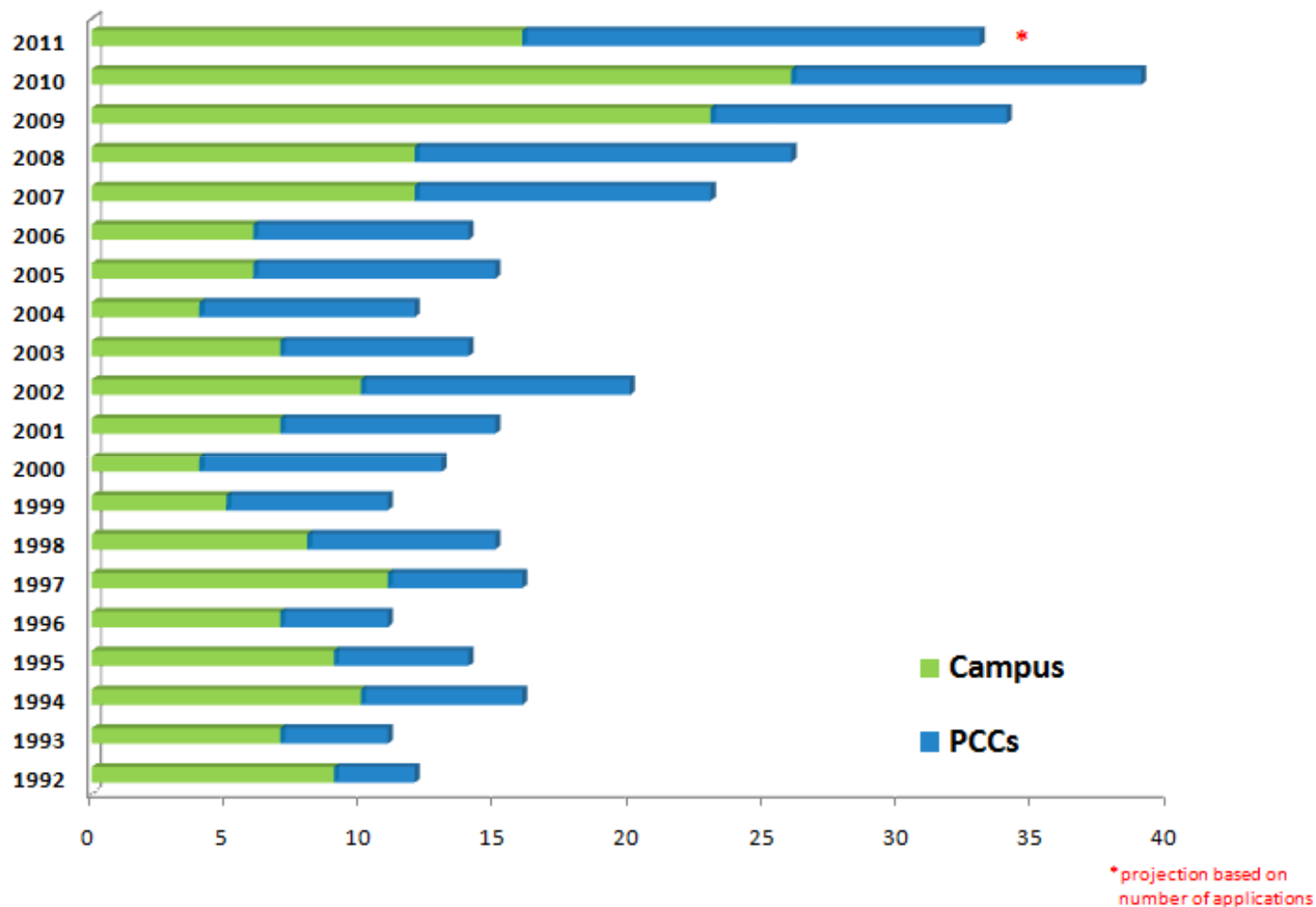
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It is when we meet and discuss that new things happens



SIG Activities





Guidelines – Special Interest Groups

Title	Year
Gamete donation guidelines. The Corsendonck consensus document for the EU	1998
Guidelines for the application of CASA technology in the analysis of spermatozoa	1998
ESHRE guidelines for good practice in IVF laboratories	2000
Guidelines for Counseling and Infertility	2001
Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS) Guidelines	2005
Best Practice Guidelines for PGD and PGS	2005
Guideline for the diagnosis and management of endometriosis	2005
Evidence-based guidelines for the investigation and medical treatment of recurrent miscarriage	2006
Revised Guidelines for good practice in IVF laboratories	2008



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Manual for ESHRE Guideline Development

Here you find the final version of the Manual for ESHRE guideline development. This manual has been developed by the Special Interest Group Safety and Quality in ART and has been approved by the Executive Committee. This manual describes the procedure that has to be followed for all new or revised ESHRE guidelines. Please use the application form (first page) if you want to suggest a new title or if you want to revise an existing guideline. More information can be provided by [Dr Williane Nelen](#).

- [Manual for ESHRE Guideline Development](#)
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Position Papers



	Year
The moral status of the preimplantation embryo	2001
The cryopreservation of human embryos	2001
Gamete and embryo donation	2002
Stem Cells	2002
PGD	2003
Ethical issues related to multiple pregnancies in medical assisted procreation	2003
Ethical considerations for the cryopreservation of gametes and reproductive tissue for self use	2004
Ethics of medically assisted fertility treatment for HIV positive men and women	2004
The application of PGD for human leukocyte antigen typing of embryos	2005
Surrogacy	2005
Posthumous assisted reproduction	2006
Oocyte donation for non-reproductive purposes	2007
The welfare of the child in medically assisted reproduction	2007
Moratorium on Reproductive Cloning on Human Beings	2007
Equity of access to assisted reproductive technology	2008
Cross border reproductive care	2008
Good Clinical Treatment in Assisted Reproduction	2008
Birth defects in IVF children	2009
Providing medically assisted reproduction in resource poor countries	2009
Viral screening in assisted reproduction treatments	2009
Life style related factors and reproductive health	2010
Oocyte freezing for social / non-medical reasons	2010
Intrafamilial medically assisted reproduction	2010



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The role of the SIG

ESHRE should educate many different profession from all over Europe

Patient contact	2007	2008	2009
Doctor	262	269	248
Nurse	11	18	25
Counsellor	2	5	9
Psychologist	6	4	5
Sociologist	1	1	
Philosopher		1	
Midwife		1	
Policy advisor			1
Donor sibling registry			1
Conference coordinator			1
Laboratory	2007	2008	2009
Director/Administrator	22	17	26
Embryologist	111	104	76
Molecular Biologist	16	7	11
Geneticist	5	2	2
Technologist	7	2	9
Pharmacist	5	6	3
Biochemist			1
Customer service manager for a laboratory	1		
Quality manager	1		



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The role of the SIG

ESHRE shall offer both advanced and basic campus workshops all over Europe





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crossover infection so far, neither by published data and nor empirically.

In Slovenia they have been transferring embryos for 30 years without testing the couples before each treatment with excellent results and safety control regarding infection. As ESHRE has already prepared a formal statement on the proposals of tissue and cells directive concerning the testing, which has already been adopted by the Executive Committee and EACC, we would like to join and support the ESHRE statement, cited below:

“Based on the fact that assisted reproduction often is comprised of a “series of treatments” and that the treatment is initiated based on a known status of infection of the couples ESHRE suggested a system where the patients in a case of confirmed donation must be treated for more than 30 days before starting the



The role of ESHRE SIGs

The SIGs are the *"heart and Soul"* of ESHRE

The SIGs ensure the availability of the highest professional standards

The SIGs offers training and education for all professions working with ART

This legitimizes ESHREs claim as *"The Organization"* in Europe concerning reproduction and it justifies ESHREs strive to be considered a serious partner at the political level which we consider necessary in order to improving quality of our treatments and safety for our patients



The role of ESHRE SIGs

In order to fulfill its mission ESHRE must be perceived as :

- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ Open
- ✓ Scientific
- ✓ Evidence-based
- ✓ Consistent
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Professional
- ✓ Democratic
- ✓ and the highest expertise within reproduction

- and the SIGs are absolutely essential in achieving this.

Thank you for all your hard work