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 WOMEN'S AND COUPLES' HEALTH

# European Fall School on Infertility 2026

October 26 to 30, 2026  
 Les Salons de la Plume, Nantes, France

## Fall School Provisional Program



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**Monday**  
 October 26

- 13:15 **Get-to-know-you session**
- History of Assisted Reproductive Technology**
- 14:15 **Opening discussion**
- 14:30 **Today's data**  
*Gabriel Livera (CEA)*
- 15:15 **Overview and main discoveries**  
*Giovanni Cottichio (IVIRMA Italia)*
- 15:45 *Break*
- 16:00 **Societal and legal aspects of ART, a European view in a changing world**  
*Françoise Shenfield (UCL)*
- 16:45 **Mammal reproduction**  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 18:30 **Cocktail and movie night**



**Tuesday**  
 October 27

- Gametes - Oocytes**
- 09:00 **Chromosome segregation, aneuploidy and oocyte quality**  
*Suzanne Madgwick (Newcastle U.)*
- 09:40 **Follicular growth, meiosis, and ovulation**  
*Christopher Thomas (IBDM)*
- 10:20 *Break*
- 10:35 **Environmental chemical impacts on ovaries**  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 11:15 **Reproductive endocrinology in model systems**  
*Ilpo Huhtaniemi (ICL)*
- 12:15 *Break*
- Gametes - Sperm**
- 13:30 **What is a good sperm?**  
*Nathalie Rives (URN)*
- 14:10 **Interruptions in spermatogenesis and genetics of male infertility**  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 14:50 *Break*
- 15:05 **Male infertility and environmental exposure**  
*Jeanne Perrin (AMU)*
- Male infertility and methylation**  
*Ramya Potabattula (U. of Tübingen)*
- 16:55 **Gender bias in ART**  
*Claire Grino (University of Geneva)*



Wednesday  
October 28

### Embryos

- 09:00 Virtual lab visit
- 09:30 Reproduction biologist testimony  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 10:00 Embryonic development: molecular events  
*Laurent David (Nantes U.)*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Epigenetic reprogramming in early mammalian embryogenesis  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 11:15 Preimplantation diagnosis  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 12:15 Break

### Implantation

- 13:15 Placenta and models  
*Edouard Lecarpentier (Cochin Institute)*
- 14:00 Endometrium and models  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 14:45 Break
- 15:00 Cellular models  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 15:45 Model ethics  
*Maxence Gaillard (U. of Oslo)*
- 16:45 Break
- 17:00 Concepts and speculation round table
- 18:30 Cocktail and career testimonials



Thursday  
October 29

### 10:00 Les Machines de l'île visit

12:30 Break

### Public health

- 14:00 ART in the face of societal changes: access for single women through scientific and experiential knowledge  
*Noëlle Bideau and Chloé Toulet (Mam'en Solo), Margot Lenouvel (U. Paris Nanterre)*

### Humanities and social sciences, and regulation

16:15 Clinical case study

18:00 Designing a research program - Group work

20:30 Dinner at a crêperie



Friday  
October 30

### Innovation

- 09:00 Imaging R&D  
*Nicolas Guigui (OWLO)*
- 09:30 Cell culture R&D  
*Alok Javali (Dawn Bio)*
- 10:00 Quality control testing  
*TBD (TBD)*
- 10:30 Break

### Fertility preservation

- 10:45 Preserving male and female fertility, and research on ovarian tissue  
*Elsa Labrune (Lyon U. Hospital)*
- 11:30 In vitro gametogenesis  
*Susanna Chuva de Lopes (Leiden U.)*

12:15 Break

### What next?

- 13:30 Ethics and laws  
*Catherine Patrat (AP-HP)*
- 14:30 Future conception methods
- 15:00 Closing of the Fall School

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