



RESEARCH PROGRAM

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 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 **Societal and legal aspects of ART, a European view in a changing world**  
*Françoise Shenfield (UCL)*

15:15 **Today's data**  
*Gabriel Livera (CEA)*

15:45 **Break**

16:00 **Overview and main discoveries**  
*Giovanni Cottichio (IVIRMA Italia)*

16:45 **Patients Association**  
*Emmanuelle Ravat (Collectif BAMPI)*

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**  
*Paul Fowler (U. of Aberdeen)*

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**  
*Pierre Ray (UGA)*

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  
*Sophie Loubersac (Nantes U. Hospital)*
- 10:00 Embryonic development: molecular events  
*Laurent David (Nantes U.)*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Epigenetic reprogramming in early mammalian embryogenesis  
*Michaël Weber (U. of Strasbourg)*
- 11:15 Preimplantation diagnosis  
*Thomas Fréour (Nantes U. Hospital)*
- 12:15 Break

## Implantation

- 13:15 Placenta and models  
*Edouard Lecarpentier (Cochin Institute)*
- 14:00 Cellular models  
*Heidar Heidari Khoei (ÖAW - IMBA) and Anna Osnato (ÖAW - IMBA)*
- 14:45 Break
- 15:00 Endometrium and models  
*Irene Zorzan (Babraham Inst.) and Anna Osnato (ÖAW - IMBA)*
- 15:45 Model ethics  
*Maxence Gaillard (U. of Oslo)*
- 16:45 Break

## Concepts and speculation round table

## Cocktail and career testimonials



**Thursday  
October 29**

## 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)*
- 15:30 Break

## Designing a research program - Group work

## 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  
*Edison Gerena (MovaLife)*
- 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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