

# ADVANCED Vitrification WORKSHOP



Ξενοδοχείο Royal Olympic Hotel

November 22 Νοεμβρίου 2014

Organizing Committee/  
Board Of Directors  
of The Hellenic Association  
of Clinical Embryologists (PEKE)

# INVITATION

Dear colleagues

On behalf of the Board Committee of Hellenic Association of Clinical Embryologists (PEKE), it is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Advanced Vittrification Workshop which will be held on Saturday November 22nd, 2014 at the Royal Olympic Hotel, Athens, Greece.

The Board Committee of PEKE has taken care to prepare a high quality scientific workshop on Vittrification which will cover a broad aspect on vittrification techniques and recent advances in fertility preservation.

The aim of this interactive workshop is to provide attenders a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of vittrification systems. The program includes lectures from professionals/ specialists from across the world as well as hands on practicals and demonstrations. This workshop will allow Embryologists to discuss the technology and all the relevant issues that concern them in every day practice.

We hope that you will enjoy the scientific workshop and we look forward to welcome you.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Pelekanos**  
President of PEKE

## Speakers/Chairs

**Chatzimeletiou Katerina** (Greece)  
**Di Berardino Toni** (Canada)  
**Flarup-Sørensen Thomas** (Denmark)  
**Joris Hubert** (Belgium)  
**Loutradis Demetris** (Greece)  
**Parmegiani Ludovico** (Italy)  
**Pisaturo Valerio** (Italy)  
**Roth Felix** (Switzerland)  
**Ten Morro Jorge** (Spain)  
**Vanderzwalmen Pier** (Belgium)

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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

**SATURDAY** November 22, 2014

08.30-09.00

**Registration**

9:00-10:30

## **LECTURES - PART A**

*Chairs: D. Loutradis, L. Parmegiani*

9.00-9.20

Scepticism about the high concentrations of cryoprotectants during vitrification: is it justified? **P. Vanderzwalmen**

9.20-9.40

Open vs. closed vitrification systems. Pros and Cons. **J. Ten Morro**

9.40-10.00

Factors with potential to affect vitrification outcome **T. Flarup-Sørensen**

10.00-10.20

Tips and tricks for oocyte and embryo vitrification freeze and thaw **F. Roth**

10-30-11.00

**Coffee break**

11:00-13:00

## **LECTURES - PART B**

*Chairs: K. Chatzimeletou, Jorge Ten Morro*

11.00-11.20

Principles of cryopreservation. Technical aspects of vitrification and warming. Aseptic procedures for vitrification, warming and cryostorage. **L. Parmegiani**

11.20-11.40

Vitrification freeze and thaw. Which is more crucial for optimal survival? **V. Pisaturo**

11.40-12.00

The relevant importance of cooling and warming rates during vitrification. **H. Joris**

12.00-12.20

PGD and/or Blastocysts vitrification. When is best time to freeze? **T. Di Berardino**

12.20-13.00

Discussion: interaction between invited speakers and audience

13:00-14:00

**Lunch break**

14:00-17:00

## **HANDS ON SESSION**

Companies will demonstrate vitrification devices and systems

Participants will split into groups and will rotate to the six different work stations of the participant companies: **Irvine, Cryotech, LifeGlobal, kitazato, Origio, Vitrolife**

# USEFUL INFORMATION

**Dates and Venue** The Workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014**, at the **Panorama Hall** (6<sup>th</sup> floor) of the Royal **Olympic Hotel** (address 28, Ath. Diakou Str, 117 43 Athens-Greece, tel: 0030 210 9288400)

**Language** The official language of the Workshop will be English.

**PC Reception Desk** A PC reception desk for acceptance and checking of USBs will be located at the Workshop venue. Speakers are kindly requested to hand their presentations at least half an hour prior to their scheduled time.

**Certificate of Attendance** All participants will receive a certificate of attendance after the end of the workshop.

## Registration fees

Members of PEKE	FREE
Non-Members of PEKE	€ 250

## The Registration includes:

Admission to the Scientific Sessions   **Workshop material**   Certificate of attendance   **Coffee break during the Workshop**   Lunch break during the Workshop

## Workshop Secretariat

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## ADVANCED **Vitrification** WORKSHOP   **REGISTRATION FORM**



Please type or print in block letters and return this form  
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until Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (*Limited Positions*)



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