



Dear peers,

My name is Marina Gvakharia, and I am your program chair for CRB 2015. The program is shaping up to be just fabulous, so make your plans early – mark your calendars for May 12-16, 2015!

The venue of Red Rock Resort and Casino in Las Vegas is just splendid, and we are certain meeting participants will enjoy great facilities, food, pools, casino, and the view of the beautiful canyon.

The theme for CRB 2015 will be “Evidence in modern ART” – we will have our program geared towards understanding how much of what we do is based on hard scientific evidence and how much is “art of the ART.” The program will start with the lecture on the history of clinical IVF, so we can remember where we came from, and appreciate how far we have traveled in a very short period of time. We will then discuss current evidence on stimulation protocols in relation to IVF outcomes, PGS, frozen vs. fresh transfers, effects of male age, time-lapse, quality control, laboratory design, risk management, use of information technology, and other exciting topics. The roster of the distinguished speakers so far includes Rusty Pool, PhD; Richard Scott, MD; Kim Pomeroy, PhD; Barry Behr, PhD; Ajai Nangia, MD; Brian Levine, MD; and Jason Swain, PhD. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Shoukhrat Mitalipov from Oregon Health Science University. His lecture is titled “Is three a crowd? An update on nuclear transfer, cloning, and other exciting stories.” Personally, I am counting on acquiring 60 additional IQ points by the end of the day on May 16, 2015. Join me!

We are planning again to conduct now traditional pre-conference workshops. Subject this time is time-lapse microscopy. There will be theoretical instruction and hands-on practice with various time-lapse instruments. Participants will have an opportunity to load embryos into time-lapse instruments, start recording, review videos and reports, and familiarize themselves with the advantages that each instrument has to offer.

Additionally, there will be oral presentations and poster sessions and roundtable discussions at the meeting. Submit an abstract and you may be one of two individuals that take home a \$250.00 Outstanding Abstract Award.

You can see now why we are so excited about this upcoming event. We hope to see you there.

Cheers,

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Program Chair

CRB Symposium: “Evidence Based IVF: Foundations for Modern ART”

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Preliminary Schedule of Events: Individual speaker times and days may change

Time	Tuesday, May 12, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	I Spy Embryos: Improving Embryology Practices With Time-Lapse Imaging Workshop I 0.75 CEU Coordinated by: <i>Susie Oliver, TS(ABB), Vitrolife, Inc.</i> <i>Kelly Wirka, TS(ABB), Auxogyn</i> <i>Marina O. Gvakharia, M.D., Ph.D., HCLD/ELD(ABB)/MT(AAB), Fertility and Reproductive Health Institute</i>
Time	Wednesday, May 13, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB) Examination
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	I Spy Embryos: Improving Embryology Practices With Time-Lapse Imaging Workshop II 0.75 CEU (A repeat of the Workshop on Tuesday, May 12)
Time	Thursday, May 14, 2015
8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Knowing Where We Came From: History of Clinical IVF 0.1 CEU <i>Thomas “Rusty” Pool, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB)</i> Fertility Center of San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Evidence and/or Common Sense Based Laboratory Design and QC: What Matters and What Doesn’t 0.1 CEU <i>Jason Swain, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB)</i> Fertility Lab Sciences, Lone Tree, Colorado
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Myths and Truths About Various Stimulation Protocols and Their Effects on Gametes 0.1 CEU <i>Richard T. Scott Jr., M.D., HCLD/ALD(ABB)</i> Reproductive Medicine Associates of New Jersey, Basking Ridge, New Jersey
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch / Roundtables / College of Reproductive Biology (CRB) Business Meeting 0.175 CEU
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Myths and Truths About Success Rates – Do They Truly Reflect Quality of Care? 0.1 CEU <i>Barry R. Behr, Ph.D., HCLD/ELD/CC(ABB)</i> Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, California
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Should Every Embryo Be Screened and/or Frozen? What Does the Evidence Say? 0.1 CEU <i>Richard T. Scott Jr., M.D., HCLD/ALD(ABB)</i>
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	IVF Children – What Do We Really Know? 0.1 CEU <i>Barry R. Behr, Ph.D., HCLD/ELD/CC(ABB)</i>
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcoming Reception

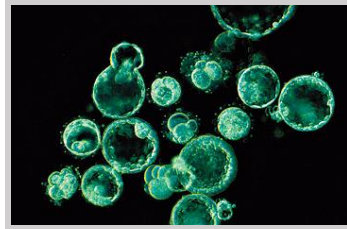
Time	Friday, May 15, 2015	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Embryo Culture Revisited <i>Jason Swain, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB)</i>	0.1 CEU
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Keynote Lecture: Is Three a Crowd? An Update on Nuclear Transfer, Cloning, and Other Exciting Stories <i>Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D.</i> Center for Embryonic Cell and Gene Therapy, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon	0.1 CEU
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Question/Answer Session	0.025 CEU
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon	
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Here's Looking at You, Kid – Time-Lapse in the Clinical Embryology Laboratory <i>Thomas "Rusty" Pool, Ph.D., HCLD(ABB)</i>	0.1 CEU
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	IVF Checklist Manifesto: Reducing Laboratory Errors Using Proven Techniques <i>Kimball O. Pomeroy, Ph.D, HCLD(ABB)</i> The World Egg Bank, Phoenix, Arizona	0.1 CEU
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Oral Abstracts	0.15 CEU
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Poster Session and AAB Reception for all Conference Attendees	0.1 CEU
Time	Saturday, May 16, 2015	
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Current State of the ART and Evidence in Andrology Testing <i>Ajay Nangia, M.D.</i> University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas	0.1 CEU
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Genetic and Age-Related Contributions of the Male Gamete <i>Ajay Nangia, M.D.</i>	0.1 CEU
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	How to Use New Information Technology in IVF Laboratories <i>Brian A. Levine, M.D., M.S., FACOG</i> Center for Reproductive Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, New York	0.1 CEU
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	The Ethical, Psychological and Legal Aspects of Sex Selection <i>Melissa B. Brisman, Esq.</i> Montvale, New Jersey	0.1 CEU

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Two separate workshop days from which to choose!

Participant number is limited to ASSURE ample individualized instruction and hands-on



Once again the CRB will hold an exciting and educational Hands-On Workshop in conjunction with the CRB Annual Symposium.

Participant number is limited to 24-32 participants. There will be 6-8 stations with 4 participants **maximum** per station.

Several vendors will be taking part in the workshop, which will allow participants hands-on experience using several different systems. A quick demo on a exhibitor floor is great, but we all know there is no replacement for actually getting your hands on a system or piece of equipment to help you understand what it can do in your laboratory.

The workshop will include theoretical presentations that will provide a detailed review of each of the instruments, the data they produce, and the reports they publish. In addition, the instructors will provide you with the technical aspects of and tricks for each instrument.

The all important hands-on session will include demonstration of the dish and loading of embryos (mouse). Participants will have ample opportunity to practice loading embryos into dishes, loading dishes onto machine, and initiating the program. Instruction will include how to finish recording; how to produce reports and patient materials; a review of software, videos, and pictures; as well as interpretation of images. Plus much more.

Participants will have access to 3 to 4 different systems during the workshop and will receive individualized instruction on each of the systems.

There will be two separate workshops from which to choose: Tuesday, May 12, 2015, and Wednesday, May 13, 2015. The same workshop is repeated on each day.

Reserve your spot early! [Click here to register.](#)

CRB Hands-On Workshop – “I Spy Embryos: Improving Embryology Practices With Time-Lapse Imaging”

Space is Limited!
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