



ENDING ENDOMETRIOSIS
STARTS AT THE BEGINNING

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CLINICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC
ASPECTS OF ENDOMETRIOSIS

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CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY • AWARENESS DAY

Disease Realities, Outreach, Q&A

SUNDAY • SHOWCASING EXCISION SURGERY

Surgical Considerations And Limitations

MONDAY • IN THE BEGINNING

Future Directions In Basic Research
Clinical Considerations



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Dear Friends,

Today the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) hosts its 6th annual Medical Conference, "Ending Endometriosis Starts at the Beginning," a gathering of the most innovative thinkers and practitioners across disciplines. As this title suggests, this meeting aims to address how endometriosis care can be improved through early diagnosis and intervention.

As we have just wrapped up Endometriosis Awareness Month, we want to take a moment to share and reflect on the EFA's milestone accomplishments of the past year.

At this year's Medical Conference we are pleased to award Ronald Batt, MD, PhD and Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD with the annual Harry Reich Award. A reflection of Dr. Reich's pioneering work in laparoscopic surgery, this distinction recognizes a clinician and researcher who have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to improving women's gynecological care. Dr. Batt and Dr. Taylor have shaped many of the medical advancements made within the endometriosis community, and we are so pleased to honor their work this weekend.

This year, the EFA also continued its sponsorship of the ROSE (Research OutSmarts Endometriosis) study at North Shore-LIJ's Feinstein Institute. Boasting world-renowned geneticist, Dr. Peter Gregersen, this is the first study in the United States to investigate endometrial tissue to the deepest genetic signature.

Our education and awareness program, The ENPOWR Project, reached new heights as it expanded beyond NYC and Long Island into Westchester County, Albany, Rochester, and Syracuse. Our signature work, The ENPOWR Project is the only early intervention education program in the country, and we are thrilled by how well it has been received. To date, the EFA has delivered 266 presentations in 80 different sites, reaching over 6,500 adolescents.

To highlight the success of this community work, the EFA is now offering the ENPOWR Award, an honor given to an individual as well as an institution that prioritizes endometriosis and health education. This year's first-ever recipients are Senator Jeffrey Klein of the Bronx and the top-ranked Young Women's Leadership Network. Senator Klein has been instrumental in supporting the EFA through New York State's Teen Health Awareness Initiative, and without his endorsement, ENPOWR might not be possible. The EFA is working with all five of the YWLN's schools in New York City, and continues to build a collaborative relationship with the other network schools. These students represent the nation's rising leaders, and the EFA is proud to help shape their futures. We salute Senator Klein and the Young Women's Leadership Network!

In the fall, we welcomed Theresa Davidson back from maternity leave into a new role as Managing Director. With master's degrees in both public health and secondary science education, she is poised to bring the EFA forward to attack the challenges facing the endometriosis community. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead under her leadership. Additionally, Dr. Harry Reich now offers his extensive experience to the EFA as its Medical Director. His comprehensive knowledge of the disease and its patients benefit the organization tremendously.

As we look back at the last year's accomplishments, we are so glad you have joined us for this conference to explore new strides being made in endometriosis care. This year's faculty and program excite us, and we are confident they will open an insightful dialogue. Thank you for attending, and for working to improve the lives of those affected by endometriosis.

Sincerely,

TAMER SECKIN, MD
Co-Founder

PADMA LAKSHMI
Co-Founder

FOUNDERS



TAMER SECKIN MD, FACOG, ACGE

Tamer Seckin, MD is a gynecologist with over three decades of experience practicing at North Shore-LIJ/Lenox Hill Hospital. He is an internationally recognized specialist in minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery who works exclusively with endometriosis patients.

An active philanthropist and women's health advocate, Dr. Seckin co-founded the Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA), the first research and advocacy foundation of its kind that has been organized by a practicing physician to raise awareness and emphasize the critical value of early diagnosis and excisional treatment of endometriosis. Under his visionary direction, the Foundation supports institutional collaboration and research efforts, works with some of the world's top professionals towards advancements in endometriosis, and raises powerful public awareness among physicians, scientists, researchers, the media, and adolescents.

In 2014, Dr. Seckin and the EFA helped to establish the *ROSE (Research OutSmarts Endometriosis)* study, a research project with Lenox Hill Hospital/North Shore-LIJ Health System. This is the first investigation in the United States to solely study endometrial tissue. Dr. Seckin also contributes to research efforts exploring the molecular relationship between endometriosis and ovarian cancer, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins' Molecular Genetics Laboratory of Female Reproductive Cancer.

Dedicated to the advancement of surgical care, Dr. Seckin has pioneered multiple surgical methods and apparatuses, holding three patents, and has contributed to several publications and textbook chapters.

Dr. Seckin has been a recipient of numerous awards throughout his medical and philanthropic career. Recently, he earned the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in recognition of his tremendous activities with the EFA, philanthropy, and women's health advocacy. In 2012, he was selected by his peers as an outstanding practicing doctor and was listed as a "Super Doctor" in the *New York Times Magazine*, as well as Best Doctors in America.



PADMA LAKSHMI

Emmy nominated Padma Lakshmi is known internationally as an actress, food expert, model and award-winning author. Lakshmi recently wrapped her eleventh season as host of Bravo's Emmy award winning "Top Chef."

Lakshmi was born in India and grew up in America. She graduated from Clark University with a bachelors degree in Theater Arts and American Literature. Known as India's first supermodel, she began her career as a fashion model, working in Europe and the US.

She established herself as a food expert early on in her career, having hosted two successful cooking shows and written a best-selling cookbook *Easy Exotic*, for which she won the *International Versailles Event* for best cookbook by a first time author. She followed its success with her second cookbook, *Tangy, Tart, Hot & Sweet*, which has over 150 recipes from around the world alongside intriguing personal memoirs. In addition to her own books, she has also written for such publications as *American Vogue*, *Gourmet*, *Parade* and British and American *Harper's Bazaar*, as well as being a syndicated columnist for the *New York Times*.

Her debut home décor line, The Padma Collection, hit floors in Fall 2013 at Bloomingdale's stores nationwide with tabletop dishware, stemware and hand-blown glass décor pieces. She has also created Padma's Easy Exotic, a collection of culinary products including organic frozen food; fine teas and teapots; high-quality natural spice blends, roasting rubs and sea salts; as well as hard goods.

In addition to these projects, Lakshmi co-founded the Endometriosis Foundation of America alongside world-renowned advanced gynecological surgeon, Tamer Seckin, MD. Opening up about her own harrowing journey with the little-known disease, she has brought hope to millions of women suffering in silence and made enormous strides in spreading awareness and garnering funding for research and teen health education. She has been recognized by the New York State Senate for her efforts in women's health, and also helped to launch the first research center in the US for gynopathology at MIT.

ABOUT THE ENDOMETRIOSIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

The Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) was founded by Tamer Seckin, MD and Padma Lakshmi to fight the devastating effects of endometriosis – a painful disease that affects as many as one in ten women of childbearing age in the United States. Over the last six years, the EFA has increased awareness about this public health crisis among healthcare providers and the general public; conducted advocacy activities to encourage increased funding and support for endometriosis care and education; and continued to support the ROSE study.

The EFA places particular emphasis on the critical importance of early diagnosis and effective intervention while simultaneously providing education to the next generation of medical professionals and their patients. The EFA believes that the key element in the optimal care of women with endometriosis is complete and meticulous excision surgery, but the EFA also knows that increased knowledge of disease basics, ultimately, will expand the range of effective treatment.

The EFA's annual scientific conference advances the dialogue about and treatment of endometriosis by uniting the most innovative thinkers and practitioners from across disciplines. This year, as the title of the conference – "Ending Endometriosis Starts at the Beginning" – suggests, we will be exploring how and why both diagnosing and treating endometriosis starts at the very beginning, from exploring genetic linkages to identifying it before the disease progresses in young teens.

By addressing early diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis, the EFA's goal is to contribute to the improvement of treatment options, including surgical methodologies, and to establish that endometriosis must become a research priority.



Harry Reich
AWARD

Awarded by the EFA to recognize extraordinary healthcare professionals who are making a difference in women's lives (as well as their families) by their practice, research, and advocacy. Their achievements inspire, encourage, and embolden women to take charge of their health.



HARRY REICH, MD, FACOG, FRCOG, FACS, FACS is a pioneer in the field of laparoscopic surgery having performed many firsts, including the first laparoscopic hysterectomy, the first pelvic lymphadenectomy for cancer, and the first excision of cul-de-sac endometriosis that included rectal resection. A graduate of Lehigh University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dr. Reich was Director of Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center until 2000. Consistently listed among the Best Doctors in America, Dr. Reich has operated in more than 60 countries, introducing advanced laparoscopic surgery to many of them including Russia, Australia, and Argentina. In 1991, Dr. Reich received the first Excel Award for his extraordinary contributions by the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons (SLS) and in 1997, he became the first non-European given honorary membership in the European Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy. Dr. Reich is an Honorary Professor in Russia and Romania, and was appointed a Fellow (ad eundem) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 2012 for his pioneering work in the field of endoscopy. He has been the chairperson of the advanced laparoscopic course in Moscow, Russia for the past 20 years, and is the co-author several textbooks including the TEXTBOOK OF LAPAROSCOPY, 2nd and 3rd Editions (1994 and 1998), PRINCIPLES OF LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY: BASIC AND ADVANCED TECHNIQUES (1995), and LAPAROSCOPIC HYSTERECTOMY (1993). He has served as president of the SLS (1994) and of the International Society for Gynecologic Endoscopy. Though retired, Dr. Reich remains actively involved in many medical organizations, and serves as a reviewer for multiple gynecologic scientific journals.

HONOREES

RONALD ELMER BATT, MD, PHD Ronald Elmer Batt, MD, PhD is Professor of Gynecology at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. He earned a BS in Natural Sciences from Niagara University and his MD from the University of Buffalo. After completing eight years of post-doctoral training, he became a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada). He earned his MA and PhD in history from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Batt was recruited to the full-time faculty of the University at Buffalo in 1993.



A recipient of the 2004 ACOG-Ortho/McNeil Fellowship in the History of American Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Batt served as co-chair of the Sesquicentennial Committee of the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, 1846-1996. In 2011, he published *A History of Endometriosis*, London: Springer-Verlag, the first scholarly history of endometriosis in 150 years.

For nearly 30 years, Dr. Batt focused his private practice on endometriosis-associated infertility and conservative surgery for endometriosis in the infertile couple. During these years, he studied pelvic peritoneal pockets. In 1985, he observed bilateral peritoneal pockets with endometriotic brim nodules and postulated they were congenital endometriosis. Dr. Batt presented lectures at international meetings based on this research, which included, "Congenital and Acquired Endometriosis," "Congenital Endometriosis," and "Müllerianosis."

Following years of research, Dr. Batt and colleagues published the theory of Müllerianosis in 2007. In 2009, guided by Müllerianosis theory, Signorile et al. discovered endometriosis and adenomyosis in human female fetuses between 15 and 25 weeks gestation, and published, "Ectopic endometrium in human fetuses is a common event and sustains the theory of müllerianosis in the pathogenesis of endometriosis, a disease that predisposes to cancer". In 2013, Drs. Batt and Yeh published "Müllerianosis: Four Developmental (Embryonic) Müllerian Diseases."

ROBERT N. TAYLOR, MD, PHD Robert N. Taylor, MD, PhD is Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wake Forest School of Medicine. Previously, he was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University and Director of the Center for Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Taylor received his undergraduate education at Stanford University and completed the combined MD-PhD program at Baylor College of Medicine. His graduate work on the molecular biology of estrogen action was performed under the supervision of Roy G. Smith, PhD and Bert W. O'Malley, MD. Dr. Taylor trained as a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology and subsequently as a fellow in Reproductive Endocrinology with Robert B. Jaffe, MD at UCSF. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship with Lewis T. ("Rusty") Williams, MD, PhD in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at UCSF, where he studied the regulation of placental angiogenesis by growth factors and their receptors. He is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist and reproductive endocrinologist widely published in the areas of endometriosis, embryonic implantation, and early pregnancy complications. Dr. Taylor serves on influential international, national, and state executive committees including the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, NIH Reproductive Scientist Development Program, several NIH Women's Reproductive Health Research advisory boards, and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. He is honorary secretary of the World Endometriosis Society and Past President of the Society for Gynecologic Investigation.





As a reflection of the program, the ENPOWR Award recognizes excellence and a demonstrated commitment to women's health education for both an individual and an institution. The EFA has selected Senator Jeffrey Klein and the Young Women's Leadership Network schools as the recipients of this year's first annual ENPOWR Award.



Senator Jeffrey Klein has been instrumental in both the establishment and growth of the ENPOWR Project. By securing the EFA funding for ENPOWR during 2013 and 2014, Senator Klein allowed over 6,500 students to learn that "killer cramps are not normal" and that endometriosis is not simply a women's health disease, but a disease that affects the entire family. This unparalleled generosity built a strong foundation for the program that will continue to educate teens for years to come.



The Young Women's Leadership Network of schools exemplifies a high standard of goal-oriented learning based on best practices. Founded in 1996, the YWLN opened the first all-girls public school in the US in 30 years, TYWLS, of East Harlem. The network currently has five NYC schools serving 2,100 students and has expanded to include several affiliate schools throughout the country. To date, thanks to the YWLN's strong communication and dedication to women's health, The ENPOWR Project has reached over 700 YWLN students and will reach the entire NYC YWLN student population by the end of the 2014-15 school year.

We are proud to recognize Senator Klein and the Young Women's Leadership Network with this distinction.

THE ENPOWR PROJECT

In 2013, the EFA launched a school- and community-based public health awareness initiative to educate teens about disease signs and symptoms of endometriosis in order to promote early intervention. This program, The Endometriosis Nation Promoting Outreach and Wide Recognition (ENPOWR) Project, was largely supported by grants from the New York State (NYS) Senate in 2013 and 2014. During that time, the state's Department of Health recognized endometriosis, along with obesity and substance abuse, as part of the Teen Health Awareness Campaign. The NYS grant, made possible by Senator Jeffrey Klein, has allowed the EFA to build the organizational capacity needed to implement ENPOWR.

Throughout its six-month development and pilot phase, The ENPOWR Project built an initial stakeholder network of school administrators, teachers, community leaders, and adolescents to establish the EFA as a prominent part of the public health landscape in New York City and Long Island. Armed with a dynamic curriculum and evidence-based approaches, ENPOWR reached over 1,000 adolescents in 18 sites during this initial program rollout.

Because of continued NYS support, ENPOWR has grown exponentially in the past year. Specifically, we have welcomed two new full-time staff members as well as several part-time interns dedicated to program maintenance and implementation. This increased capacity has allowed The ENPOWR Project to reach 6,500 adolescents and counting across New York City, Long Island, Westchester, Albany, Syracuse, and Rochester. The program's geographic span will continue to grow as we move into additional upstate areas, and begin to implement strategies to venture outside of NYS.

The ENPOWR Project's success is a result of Dr. Seckin's vision to promote early detection of endometriosis among adolescents to inhibit disease progression and to improve overall quality of life for patients. This essential work is the EFA's signature initiative. This year, we are excited to have Deborah Bush, a pioneer in endometriosis education and women's health, joining our conference. She will be sharing her insights on coping with endometriosis, as well as her successes in raising awareness through "Me," New Zealand's highly acclaimed well-health secondary school education program.

PROGRAM | SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

Endometriosis Awareness Day

CHAIRS: LONE HUMMELSHØJ | THERESA DAVIDSON, MED, MPH | DEBORAH BUSH | HEATHER GUIDONE

TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)
09.00 – 09.30	Registration and refreshments	
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome	Tamer Seckin, MD
09.35 – 11.00	<i>Sick and tired of being sick and tired. I am over it, what can I do?</i>	Deborah Bush, QSM, Dip Tchg. LSB
	AN INTERACTIVE SESSION TO:	
	• understand what happens when you are ill all the time	
	• strategize for living well with endometriosis	
	• learn about self management	
11.00 – 11.15	Break	
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Is anyone doing anything about endometriosis?</i> An update on global research into the disease	Stacey Missmer, ScD
11.45 – 12.15	<i>Back to the roots?</i> Botanicals as natural therapeutics for endometriosis	Robert Taylor, MD, PhD
12.15 – 1.00	The ENPOWR Project The ENPOWR Award	Jennifer Hancher, MPH, MA Padma Lakshmi, Tamer Seckin, MD, Theresa Davidson, MPH, MEd, Young Women's Leadership Network, Senator Jeffrey Klein
1.00 – 1.45	Lunch	
1.45 – 2.45	BREAK-OUT SESSIONS <i>Support strategies for young women with endometriosis</i>	Deborah Bush, QSM, Dip Tchg. LSB Stacey Missmer, ScD
	<i>Endometriosis, peri-menopause, and beyond</i>	Sarah Berga, MD
	<i>Endometriosis and infertility</i>	Enda McVeigh, MD Casey Berna, LMSW
	<i>Relationships, sex, and endometriosis</i>	Heather Guidone Lone Hummelshøj
2.50 – 3.50	<i>Ask the endometriosis specialists</i> Your opportunity to ask those burning questions and to get real life answers from a global panel of experts in endometriosis	Harry Reich, MD, Robert Taylor, MD, PhD, Sarah Berga, MD, Juan Salgado, MD, Andrew Cook, MD, Ken Sinervo, MD, Enda McVeigh, MD, Stacey Missmer, ScD
3.50 – 4.00	Take home messages and close	Lone Hummelshøj

PROGRAM | SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH

Clinical, surgical, and scientific aspects of endometriosis

TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)
07.30 – 08.30	Registration and continental breakfast	
08.30 – 09.00	Welcome <i>Background and successes of the EFA</i>	Dennis Connors, MBA Tamer Seckin, MD
ENDOMETRIOSIS – HOW MUCH DO WE UNDERSTAND? CHAIRS: ROBERT TAYLOR, MD, PHD LONE HUMMELSHØJ		
09.00 – 09.15	<i>The black hole: what we don't see in endometriosis</i>	Tamer Seckin, MD
09.15 – 10.00	KEYNOTE <i>Mullerianosis: embryonic endometriosis, adenomyosis, endosalpingiosis, and endocervicosis</i>	Ronald Batt, MD, PhD
10.00 – 10.15	DISCUSSION	
10.15 – 10.30	Break and poster viewing	
10.35 – 11.20	KEYNOTE <i>The tale of the weeping ovary</i>	Stephan Gordts, MD, PhD
11.20 – 11.30	DISCUSSION	
ORAL PRESENTATIONS CHAIRS: STACEY MISSMER, SCD HAYAMA BRILL, MD		
11.30 – 11.45	<i>Visual diagnosis of endometriosis using fluorescence imaging + ICG Dye (Firefly)</i>	Aileen Caceres, MD
11.45 – 12.00	<i>What happened to pelvic MRI to detect DIE pre-op? A comparison between the expert versus the general radiologist</i>	Kathy Huang, MD
12.00 – 12.15	<i>New data on peritoneal resection and fertility</i>	Grace Janik, MD
12.15 – 12.30	<i>ENPOWR Project Update</i>	Theresa Davidson, MPH, MEd
STAKEHOLDERS IN ENDOMETRIOSIS CHAIR: KARLENE CHINQUEE, MD		
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch <i>Early intervention and preventive programs integrated into a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment</i>	Deborah Bush, QSM, Dip Tchg. LSB
SHOWCASING EXCISION SURGERY CHAIRS: HARRY REICH, MD ELIZABETH KAVALER, MD		
1.30 – 1.45	<i>Ureter</i>	CY Liu, MD
1.45 – 2.00	<i>Bladder</i>	Andrew Cook, MD
2.00 – 2.15	<i>Endometrioma</i>	Adel Shervin, MD
2.15 – 2.30	<i>Bowel</i>	Ken Sinervo, MD
2.30 – 2.45	<i>Clinical diagnosis of endometriosis in adolescents using the robot</i>	John Dulemba, MD
2.45 – 3.00	<i>Past, present, and future of robotic surgery for endometriosis and hysterectomy</i>	Vladimir Nikifarouk, MD
3.00 – 3.15	DISCUSSION	
3.15 – 3.30	Break and poster viewing	
SURGICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND LIMITATIONS CHAIRS: SARAH BERGA, MD HAYAMA BRILL, MD		
3.30 – 3.50	<i>Have robotics replaced traditional laparoscopy in the surgical treatment of endometriosis?</i>	Michael Nimaroff, MD
3.50 – 4.05	<i>The sins of the fathers are visited on the sons: should hysterectomies be pre-certed other than vaginal?</i>	Ray Wertheim, MD
4.05 – 4.20	<i>Moving from "it is all in your head" to early surgical intervention</i>	Melanie Marin, MD
4.20 – 4.35	<i>Should endometriosis surgery have its own credentialing?</i>	Harry Reich, MD
4.35 – 4.45	Close and take home messages	Harry Reich, MD

PROGRAM | MONDAY, APRIL 13TH

Clinical, surgical, and scientific aspects of endometriosis

TIME	PRESENTATION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)
07.30 – 08.30	Registration and continental breakfast	
IN THE BEGINNING CHAIRS: STACEY ROSEN, MD ADAM ROMOFF, MD		
08.30 – 08.35	Welcome	Stacey Rosen, MD
08.35 – 08.55	<i>Pain mechanisms in endometriosis: understanding the neurobiology of chronic pain to enhance patient care</i>	Sawsan (Suzie) As-Sanie, MD, MPH
08.55 – 09.40	KEYNOTE <i>In the beginning: identification and treatment of nascent endometriosis</i>	Robert Taylor, MD, PhD
09.40 – 10.05	<i>The key window for diagnosing endometriosis to commence early intervention</i>	Stacey Missmer, ScD
10.05 – 10.20	Break	
FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN BASIC RESEARCH CHAIRS: CHRISTINE METZ, PHD MILTON HAYNES, MD		
10.20 – 10.40	<i>The ROSE Study: Investigative tools for the study of endometriosis</i>	Peter Gregersen, MD
10.40 – 11.00	<i>Primate Models for Endometriosis Research – do miRNAs play a role?</i>	Asgi Fazleabas, PhD
11.00 – 11.20	<i>Towards mechanism-based molecular classification of women with endometriosis</i>	Linda Griffith, PhD
11.20 – 11.35	Break	
CLINICAL CONSIDERATIONS CHAIRS: TOMER SINGER, MD IRVING BUTERMAN, MD		
11.35 – 11.55	<i>Diagnosis and treatment: surgery vs. no surgery?</i>	Juan Salgado, MD
11.55 – 12.15	<i>Cost effective IVF for endometriosis</i>	Enda McVeigh, MD
12.15 – 12.35	<i>From adolescence through menopause</i>	Sarah Berga, MD
12.35 – 12.50	Take home messages and close	Tamer Seckin, MD

HIGHLIGHTED INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

DEBORAH BUSH QSM, DIP TCHG. LSB is Co-founder and Chief Executive of Endometriosis New Zealand, Director of EPP Coaching and Consulting (Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain), and established and maintains health initiatives and ground breaking programs for schools, workplaces, hospitals and CME. Using her experience as a teacher, she developed the world's first Menstrual Health and Endometriosis (me) school education program in 1997.

Ms. Bush has contributed to the medical literature through published articles and books and sits on International Boards, advisory and research committees for endometriosis. She has frequently presented as keynote speaker at international academic conferences and as MC at many functions. Her many accolades and awards reflect her achievements. She was described by the judges at the 2012 Woman of the Year Awards as "a pioneer, a visionary, and a highly effective lay person in a specialised medical world bringing relief from disability and pain to thousands." Ms. Bush is the only non-medic in the world to be an invited Ambassador to the World Endometriosis Society.



STEPHAN GORDTS, MD, PHD graduated from the Catholic University of Leuven in 1978. He performed two years of experimental work and training in microsurgery. Since 1978 his main clinical interest and his full career has been devoted to reproductive medicine.

He is an expert in microsurgical interventions and operative laparoscopies. In 1982 he followed a postgraduate training in ART at the Monash University, Melbourne, and as the clinician in charge of the IVF program he was closely involved in the birth of the first IVF baby in Belgium, born in May 1983.

In 1984 Professor Gordts founded the "Leuven Institute for Fertility & Embryology (L.I.F.E.)" of which he remains head and scientific director. From 1992 –1995 he was associate professor at the department of Gynaecology of the UCL (Catholic University of Louvain, Brussels) where he was director of the IVF unit. He introduced in 1998 the new technique of the transvaginal laparoscopy and the concept of the one stop fertility clinic.

He is a member of different fertility societies, and was the past-coordinator of the special interest group on reproductive surgery in ESHRE. Within the ESGE he is the coordinator of the SIG for reproductive surgery and also for the task force on uterine congenital malformations (collaboration ESHRE and ESGE).



LONE HUMMELSHØJ is a well known advocate in the field of endometriosis, particularly for her work to have the disease recognised in the European Parliament and European Commission, and for being instrumental in the implementation of the first ever national legislation which provides referral guidelines to specialist centres for the treatment of endometriosis in Denmark. Nine years ago she created Endometriosis.org, which is now the largest global online resource for news and information in the field of endometriosis.

Ms. Hummelshøj is the Secretary General of the World Endometriosis Society (WES) and Chief Executive of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF); active in the ESHRE, ASRM, and AAGL Special Interest Groups on Endometriosis; on the faculty of F100 for Medicine; co-author of the first global consensus on the management of endometriosis (published earlier this year), and an author of numerous other papers and chapters on the impact and cost of endometriosis.



ENDA MCVEIGH, MD, BCH, BAO, MPHIL, MRCOG is Associate Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery at the University of Oxford. Dr. McVeigh attended Medical School at Trinity College Dublin and Queen's University Belfast. Having obtained his medical degree he then embarked on postgraduate training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

After obtaining his Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecology he moved to Imperial College, London, to carrying research into infertility resulting in him been awarded a Masters of Philosophy. Following this he moved to the University of Oxford where he carried out his Sub-Specialist training in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery qualifying in 1999 and following this he was appointed to the Staff of the University of Oxford. He also at this time was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrician and Gynaecologist.

Dr. McVeigh's interest in endometriosis was developed and mentored by Professor Philippe Koninckx (Leuven) who was a visiting professor at the University of Oxford. Working with Professor Koninckx the centre in Oxford developed into an international leading centre for endometriosis surgery and research.

Dr. McVeigh also led the IVF centre in Oxford and established a network of IVF clinics across the UK. This group is now the biggest single provider of IVF in the UK.



SAWSAN AS-SANIE, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor and the Director of the Minimally Invasive Gynecology Fellowship in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Director of the University of Michigan Endometriosis Center

SARAH L. BERGA, MD, Frank R. Lock Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Associate Dean of Women's Health Research at Wake Forest School of Medicine. Vice President of Women's Health at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

DENNIS CONNORS, MBA, Senior Vice President; Regional Executive Director, Western Region; Executive Director, Lenox Hill Hospital

ANDREW COOK, MD, Founder and Medical Director of Vital Health Institute

JOHN DULEMBA, MD, The Women's Centre

ASGI T. FAZLEABAS, PHD, Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology; Director of the Center for Women's Health Research and Co-Director of the Reproductive and Developmental Sciences Program at Michigan State University

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LINDA GRIFFITH, PHD, Director of the MIT Center for Gynepathology Research; S.E.T.I Professor of Biological and Mechanical Engineering

HEATHER C. GUIDONE, Surgical Program Director of the Center for Endometriosis Care

LONE HUMMELSHØJ, Secretary General or the World Endometriosis Society, Chief Executive of the World Endometriosis Research Foundation, Publisher/Editor-in-chief of www.endometriosis.org

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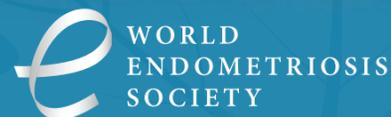
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