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Thierry Hulot (France)
Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer
Merck France

Thierry Hulot holds degrees in Pharmacy and Drug Metabolism from Université René Descartes and Université Paris Sud. He also has an MBA from Ashridge University (UK).

He began his career in 1989 as a Biopharmaceutical Studies Officer at Delagrang Laboratory. In 1992, he joined Synthélabo Recherche as a Clinical Pharmacokinetics Project Manager. Thierry Hulot joined the Merck Group in 1995, where he held various R&D positions in France and Germany. In 2007, he continued his career in Switzerland at Merck Serono, following Merck's acquisition of Serono. He established the Project Management function within the new company and led the President's Office of Merck Serono until 2012, before creating the Biosimilars activity in 2013. In October 2013, he was appointed Director of Global Industrial and Supply Activities. Since February 1, 2017, Thierry Hulot has been the President and CEO of Merck in France (covering three areas: Healthcare, Life Sciences, Electronics). He is also the General Manager of the Healthcare division in France.

Thierry Hulot has been a board member of Leem since 2017. From October 2018 to July 2019, he served as President of Leem's CSR Commission. He was also the head of the European Laboratories family. Thierry Hulot has been the President of Leem since July 5, 2022. He was re-elected to the presidency of the professional union on June 11, 2024, for a two-year term. Since September 2023, Thierry Hulot has co-chaired the "Social Protection" commission of Medef.



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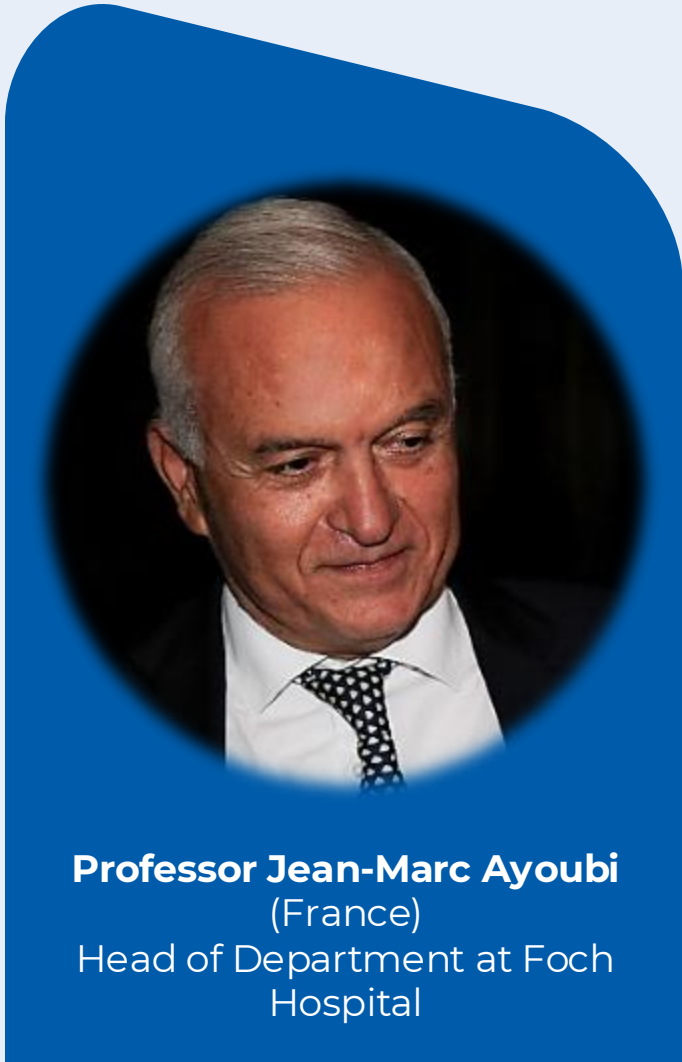


Emily Tiemann
Economist Impact

Emily is a Manager in the Health Policy and Insights team at Economist Impact, the research arm of the Economist Group. In this role, she works with global clients, managing the conceptualization, delivery, and execution of evidence-based health policy projects. Her responsibilities involve engaging with diverse stakeholders and leading teams through quantitative and qualitative analyses across key thematic areas. She has conducted in-depth work on fertility, women's oncology, and other pertinent topics and her expertise extends to managing complex projects and navigating the intricacies of health-related issues on a global scale.

Emily has a comprehensive background in international health and research, and prior to the Economist Group she worked as an embryologist in Canada followed by health policy and regulation in the UK, managing strategic programmes centred on reproductive health and fertility. She worked closely with the Department of Health, contributing to the development and implementation of impactful initiatives.

Emily holds a master's degree in Women's Health from University College London and a bachelor's degree in biology from McGill University in Canada.



Professor Jean-Marc Ayoubi
(France)
Head of Department at Foch
Hospital

Jean-Marc Ayoubi is a French gynaecologist-obstetrician, a university professor at the Paris Ovest Faculty of Medicine, and the head of the Department of Gynaecology, Obstetrics, and Reproductive Medicine at Foch Hospital.

He completed his schooling in Toulouse after spending some time in the town of Sarlat in Dordogne. After studying medicine in the "Pink City," he was admitted to the internship competition in Reims, Paris (top of the class), and Toulouse. He chose gynaecological surgery and obstetrics in Toulouse. At the end of his internship, he graduated in general surgery and gynaecology-obstetrics in 1994. Professor Ayoubi was appointed University Professor – Hospital Practitioner in 2003, first at the Toulouse University Hospital, and then at the Paris University Hospital. Since 2007, he has been the Head of the Department of Gynaecology-Obstetrics at Foch Hospital.

He is renowned primarily for enabling the first French uterine transplant in 2019. Recognized in gynaecological surgery and particularly for the application of robotic surgery technologies in this specialty, he contributed, in collaboration with Professor Brännström, to the development of this technique for uterine transplantation.

Joined at Foch Hospital in Suresnes by Professor René Frydman (who was behind the first French "test-tube baby" in 1982), he is also recognized for his expertise in reproductive medicine and infertility treatment.



Doctor Joëlle Belaisch-Allart
(France)
Deputy Head of Department at
the *Centre Hospitalier des 4
Villes*

Doctor Joëlle Belaisch-Allart is a distinguished French gynaecologist and obstetrician with over four decades of experience in medicine. She earned her medical degree in 1981 and has since become a prominent figure in reproductive medicine and women's health. Currently, she serves as the Deputy Head of the Reproductive Medicine Department at the Centre Hospitalier des 4 Villes in Saint-Cloud, France. Dr Belaisch-Allart's career is marked by her commitment to advancing reproductive health and infertility treatment. After completing her residency at Paris Hospitals between 1977 and 1981, she held key roles in the obstetrics and gynaecology departments at Antoine Bécclère and Boucicaut hospitals. In 1992, she became the Head of the Gynaecology, Obstetrics, and Reproductive Medicine Department in Sèvres, a position she held for over 20 years. Following the hospital's merger, she continued her leadership at the Centre Hospitalier des 4 Villes until 2022, when she transitioned to her current role.

In addition to her clinical work, Dr Belaisch-Allart is an active educator, having taught at prestigious institutions such as the University René Descartes, University Pierre and Marie Curie and the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin en Yvelines. She has contributed to numerous university degrees focusing on infertility, reproductive medicine, and breast pathology, shaping the next generation of specialists. She is a Professor of the "Collège de médecine des Hôpitaux de Paris". A respected voice in her field, Dr Belaisch-Allart has held leadership roles in several professional organisations. She is the President of the National College of French Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (CNGOF) since 2021 and was previously the President of the French Society of Gynaecology. She is also a member of the National Consultative Ethics Committee (CCNE).

Dr Belaisch-Allart is also a prolific author, with 75 international publications, 280 French journal articles, and numerous book chapters. Her research and presentations at national and international conferences have solidified her reputation as a leading expert in reproductive health. She currently is the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Reproduction Humaine et Hormones* and the Editorial Manager of the journal *Gynécologie Obstétrique Fertilité et Sénologie*. Additionally, she is a member of the scientific committee of the journal *Réalités en gynécologie Obstétrique* and the journal *European Gynaecology and Obstetrics*. Throughout her career, Dr Belaisch-Allart has remained committed to defending public healthcare, women's rights, and secularism in healthcare. Her contributions to the field of gynaecology, particularly in infertility and reproductive medicine, have been recognized with prestigious honours, including being named a *Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur* in 2014.



Professor Nicola Colacurci (Italy)
Former Full Professor of
Gynecology and Obstetrics
University of Campania “Luigi
Vanvitelli”

Nicola Colacurci is a distinguished Italian obstetrician and gynaecologist, known for his extensive contributions to women's health, academia, and clinical research. He is a former Full Professor of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli," where he held leadership positions in various departments for nearly two decades.

Professor Colacurci graduated with honours in Medicine from the University of Naples in 1977, presenting an experimental thesis on maternal and foetal serum immunoglobulins. He subsequently specialized in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1981 and furthered his education with a specialization in Endocrinology in 1984. His commitment to reproductive health led him to international training, including a period as an "Assistant étranger" at the prestigious Université René Descartes-Paris V, and additional training in Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) at the Maternité Port-Royal in Paris.

In 1992, he was appointed Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Second University of Naples, before achieving the rank of Full Professor in 2005 at the same institution, later renamed the University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli." Over his career, Professor Colacurci held numerous leadership roles, including Chief of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the AOU University of Campania (2005–2023), President of the Midwifery Degree Course (2004–2016), and Director of the University Department of Women, Children, and General and Specialized Surgery (2016–2020).

His work also extended to national and international professional societies. From 2013 to 2021, he served as the Chief of the Italian Association of University Gynaecologists (AGUI), and from 2021 to 2023, he led the Italian Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (SIGO).

Professor Colacurci is an accomplished researcher with over 241 publications in indexed journals, an h-index of 34, and more than 4,000 citations. He has served as an editor for 17 books and monographs and as a referee for leading journals including the American Journal of Epidemiology, European Journal of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Reproductive Biology, Fertility and Sterility, and Maturitas. Professor Colacurci has played an instrumental role in advancing the fields of obstetrics, gynaecology, and reproductive health both in Italy and internationally. His legacy includes a deep commitment to education, research, and the advancement of women's healthcare



Doctor Luís Ferreira Vicente
(Portugal)
President of the Sociedade
Portuguesa de Medicina da
Reprodução (SPMR)

Doctor Vicente completed his medical degree in 1995 from the Universidade Nova in Lisbon, Portugal. His early academic involvement included working as a monitor in the Anatomy Department from 1991 to 1993 and in the Immunology Department from 1992 until 1998, marking the beginning of a dedicated career in medicine and education. Dr Vicente pursued his specialization in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, completing his residency at Maternidade Dr Alfredo da Costa in Lisbon between 1998 and 2004. Upon completing his residency, he became a certified specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2004. In 2008, Dr Vicente joined the Centro PMA at Hospital dos Lusíadas in Lisbon, where he became part of a pioneering group responsible for establishing a new Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Centre at the hospital. His expertise in this area led to his appointment as the IVF Coordinator at Centro PMA in February 2022.

Dr Vicente has held several prominent positions within key medical societies. He served as Treasurer of the Portuguese Gynaecological Endoscopic Society (SPEG) from 2010 to 2015, later becoming its President from 2019 to 2022. In 2023, he was appointed Vice President of the Portuguese Gynaecological Society (SPG). His contributions to reproductive medicine have been recognized through his election to the Board of the Portuguese Reproductive Medicine Society (SPMR) in 2012, a position he held until 2015. He was re-elected in 2018 and served as Vice President until May 2024, when he was elected as the President of the SPMR. Additionally, Dr Vicente has represented Portugal on the ESHRE Committee of National Representatives since 2020, a role in which he was re-elected in 2023.

Dr Vicente is a distinguished academic and clinician, with more than 30 free communications and posters presented at various congresses. He has received numerous accolades, including the Best Communication Award at a National Congress in 2001. His scholarly work includes fifteen published papers in peer-reviewed journals and over 50 invited speaker presentations at congresses and courses. Dr Vicente has also contributed significantly to the field of minimally invasive surgery, participating as a faculty member in numerous pre-congress courses organized by the SPEG and performing live surgeries at international courses.

Dr Vicente's leadership extended to organizing key events, notably serving as President of the 31st Annual Congress of the European Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy (ESGE), held in Lisbon in October 2022. He was also a member of the Scientific Council of the journal "Acta Obstetrica e Ginecológica Portuguesa" from 2015 to 2022 and has been serving as an Associated Editor of the "Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology" since 2023. With special interests in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), endometriosis, gynaecological endoscopy, and minimally invasive surgery, Dr Vicente remains a leading figure in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Portugal and internationally.



Irina Popova (Bulgaria)
Vice-Chairperson of Fertility
Europe

Irina Popova is Vice-chairperson of Fertility Europe - the Pan-European umbrella organisation representing 31 patients' associations dedicated to infertility, and the official partner patient organisation of the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).

Irina Popova lives in Sofia, Bulgaria. She has 20 years of experience in volunteering work and is a board member of Bulgarian patient association Zachatie, representing people with fertility issues. Her main interests are in raising public awareness of infertility, educating adolescents and young people about reproductive health and how to protect it.



Doctor Monika Łukasiewicz
(Poland)
Fellow of the European
Committee on Sexual Medicine

Dr Monika Łukasiewicz is a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, with expertise in gynaecological endocrinology, reproduction, sexology, and clinical andrology. In 2010, she earned the title of Fellow of the European Committee on Sexual Medicine (FECSM), a recognized European specialization in sexology. She currently practices at the Novum Fertility Treatment Clinic and the Dębski Clinic.

Dr Łukasiewicz's work focuses on diagnosing and treating infertile couples, managing pregnancies, providing menopause therapy, and addressing sexual disorders, particularly vaginismus, dyspareunia, and onco-sexology. She also offers specialized care for women with physical and intellectual disabilities. She is the founder and president of the Foundation for Women After Breast Cancer and is actively involved with the Avalon Foundation, supporting patients with disabilities.

In addition to her clinical practice, Dr Łukasiewicz is the co-founder and medical director of the Sophia Health platform, which offers women's health coaching. She is the author of the book "Sex Without Jugs, or Well-Designed Sex," and has co-created the podcasts MenoNoPause and OncoFertility Without Taboo.

Her scientific interests include studying the impact of bisphenol A (BPA) on male fertility and exploring the placebo effect in assisted reproductive technologies. Dr Łukasiewicz is an active speaker at scientific symposia both in Poland and internationally, and she is passionate about educating both medical professionals and the public through her lectures and publications.



**Professor Robert Ancuceanu
(Romania)**

Professor at the Bucharest
Faculty of Pharmacy (Carol
Davila University of Medicine)

Professor Robert Ancuceanu is a professor within the Bucharest Faculty of Pharmacy (Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy), where he teaches Cell and Molecular Biology, Pharmaceutical Botany, as well as pharmaceutical law and regulatory affairs, and is currently a vice-dean.

With a PhD in pharmacy, a master in biostatistics and a BSc in law, Professor Ancuceanu has worked in different pharmaceutical domains, from academic to industrial and regulatory. He was director general of the General Directorate for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices within the Romanian Ministry of Health and Vice-president of the Romanian National Medicines Agency.

Professor Ancuceanu was a member of the EMA Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP), of the Paediatric Committee (PDCO) and an alternate member of the Committee on Herbal Medicinal Products (HMPC), as well as a member in several committees and working groups in the pharmaceutical field at national level. He is a Steering group member of the TOPRA Product information and Labelling SPIN.

Professor Ancuceanu has published over 105 scientific papers (of which 95 indexed ISI Clarivate), two books as a single author and was a co-author or chapter author to 14 books. He is passionate for using computers in the field of life sciences: cheminformatics, bioinformatics and computational biology, biostatistics, and also building pharmaco-economic models. Besides his broad interest for all aspects of the pharmaceutical domain, Robert considers himself a late Renaissance man, having also interests in law, history, music, biostatistics, programming and computer science, sociology, art and literature.



Doctor Camille Knosp
(Collectif BAMP!)

Camille Knosp is an immunologist with expertise in flow cytometry. After earning her PhD in Belfast, UK, she pursued further research at the Columbia University Medical Centre in New York for six years. Since 2018, she has been employed as a flow cytometry engineer at the PARCC research centre in Paris, France. As the mother of a daughter conceived through IVF, she became a member of the BAMP! association in 2020.



Professor Samir Hamamah
(France)

Chairman of the French
National University council of
reproductive medicine

Samir Hamamah is Professor of Reproductive Medicine at the medical school and University Hospital of Montpellier, France. He is also Chair of the Reproductive Biology Department and Chair of the assisted reproductive technology/pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (ART/PGD) division at Arnaud de Villeneuve Hospital, Montpellier, France.

He also holds the post of Director at the INSERM U1230, heading the Early Embryonic Development, fertility and environment programme, which aims to understand the early embryonic development.

Professor Hamamah is a Chairman of the French National University council of reproductive medicine and medical gynaecology and member of the French National AIDS Council. His research interests include gene expression profiles of human cumulus–oocyte relationships, non-invasive oocyte and embryo biomarkers, controlled ovarian stimulation protocols and endometrial receptivity.

Professor Hamamah has published widely, with more than 220 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 54 book chapters and 10 books.

He has been invited to speak at more than 350 national and international meetings, and has been awarded several prestigious prizes, including the Prix de la Société d'Andrologie de Langue Française in 1991, Prix de l'International Society of Andrology in 1993, Prix de la Société Française pour l'Etude de la Fertilité in 1993, and the Lauréat Fondation Aventis in 2002. Professor Hamamah is recently charged by French government to elaborate the first Fertility National Plan.



Professor Antti Perheentupa
(Finland)
Head of Department at the
Turku University Hospital

Professor Antti Perheentupa is currently the Head of Department of the gynaecology outpatient clinic and the Reproductive Medicine unit at the Turku University Hospital. He has been responsible for the Reproductive Medicine training program since 2007. He has been an associate professor in Reproductive Medicine at the University of Turku since 2005.

Antti Perheentupa completed his specialist training in Ob&Gyn at University of Oulu 2001 and his training in Reproductive Medicine 2006. He received “Expert in Andrology” recognition in 2004. Antti Perheentupa completed his Ph.D. thesis at the University of Turku in 1994 (supervisor prof. Ilpo Huhtaniemi) and received the Marie Curie post-doc grant in 1996. He spent his postdoc fellowship at the MRC Centre for Reproduction in Edinburgh Scotland 1996-1998 (supervisor prof. Alan McNeilly).

He is currently the Director of Communications of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS). He is the previous chairman of the Finnish Fertility Society and Scientific committee of the Nordic Society of Ob & Gyn (NFOG). He has also served at the Board of the Nordic Fertility Society (NFS).

Current research interests are male fertility and severe male infertility, endometriosis, adenomyosis and HIFU (high intensity focused ultrasound) treatment of benign gynaecological abnormalities. He has more than 100 original research articles listed in PubMed with a H-index of 31 (Google Scholar 35).



Professor Renato Fanchin
(France)
Specialist at La Mulette ART
centre in Paris

Professor Fanchin is specialised in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Reproductive Medicine and his University and clinical activities have been exclusively centred in Reproductive Medicine for almost 30 years. He obtained his PhD degree from University of Paris-Sud 11 in 2005. Professor Fanchin has been invited to speak in over 250 international meetings, is full member of the Society for Gynaecologic Investigation, and was awarded the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology Prize Paper by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in 1999. His current research interests include the assessment of ovarian follicular status, ovarian ageing, and controlled ovarian stimulation strategies. Professor Fanchin, along with his colleagues, has published over almost 200 peer-reviewed articles in international journals. After running the Centre for Reproductive Medicine at Antoine Bécélère Hospital, Clamart, France (2002-2016) and the Centre for Reproductive Medicine at Foch hospital, Suresnes, France (2016-2018), he is now working at La Mulette ART centre in Paris.



Professor François Olivennes
(France)
Specialist at the Pierre Cherest
Clinic in Neuilly Sur Seine

Professor Olivennes is a distinguished medical professional specialising in gynaecology and infertility. With a career spanning over several decades, Professor Olivennes has made significant contributions to the field of reproductive medicine.

For 15 years, Professor Olivennes led the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) units at Antoine Bécclère Hospital in Clamart and Cochin Hospital in Paris. In 2006, he decided to leave the public hospital system to open his private practice in Paris. Concurrently, he began practising at the Clinique de la Muette, where he became the coordinator of the ART team.

Currently, Professor Olivennes practices at the Pierre Cherest Clinic in Neuilly Sur Seine.

Throughout his career, Professor Olivennes has authored or co-authored over 150 articles published in scientific journals and has participated in more than 400 international conferences. He has also published five books aimed at the general public, sharing his extensive knowledge and expertise in the field of infertility and reproductive medicine.



**Professor Nicole Sänger
(Germany)**

Head of Clinic at the University
Hospital Bonn, Germany

Professor Sänger began her medical career with a residency in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University Hospital Frankfurt, Germany, under the mentorship of Prof. Dr med. M. Kaufmann from 2001 to 2010. Following this, she served as a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the same institution from 2010 to 2012.

From 2012 to 2018, Professor Sänger took on the role of Leading Consultant in Gynaecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the University Hospital Frankfurt, working alongside Prof. Dr med. S. Becker. In 2015, she achieved the Venia docendi in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and in 2018, she was appointed to a Full Professorship.

Since 2018, Professor Sänger has been the Head of the Clinic for Gynaecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the University Hospital Bonn, Germany.

Professor Sänger has also been actively involved in various professional organisations. She has been a Board Member of the German Society for Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine (DGGEF) since 2014, and a member of FertiPROTEKT since 2017, serving as Chairperson from 2022 to 2024. Additionally, she has been a member of the German Society for Gynaecology and Obstetrics (DGGG) since 2018, and the Umbrella Association of Reproductive Medicine and Biological Centres in Germany (DVR) since 2022, where she served as Chairperson from 2021 to 2023. Professor Sänger is also a member of the scientific advisory board of the German Medical Association on the guideline on the collection and transfer of human germ cells and germ cell tissue in the context of assisted reproduction since 2022.



Professor Iwona Szymusik
(Poland)
Professor at the Centre for
Postgraduate Medical
Education

Iwona Szymusik completed her studies at the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland, in 2003. She started working at the 1st Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the same institution, where she began her work in infertility. She is now a professor at the Centre for Postgraduate Medical Education.

After obtaining a PhD in 2009 with a thesis on IVF pregnancies, she became an obstetrics and gynaecology specialist in 2012 and then a reproductive medicine expert in 2017. She also completed a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Rush University Medical Centre and Women's Health Consultants in Chicago, USA, in 2010. Since 2018, she has served as the Medical Director at Gameta Warsaw Infertility Clinic, where she leads a team of medical professionals and performs 400-500 IVF cycles each year. Her research interests include infertility, fertility preservation, endometriosis, and perinatal medicine.



Caroline Bernard
(France)
President and Founder of
Asso'SOPK

Caroline Bernard has been working as an Environment Engineer since 2017. Her educational background includes a University Diploma of International Technological Studies, and a master's degree in Environment. Throughout her life, Caroline has lived in various countries. She spent three years in Lebanon as a young kid, one year in Northern Ireland for her International Diploma, and seven months in Florida, USA, for her master's degree internship.

At the age of 17, Caroline was diagnosed with PCOS. After years of conducting her own research, she decided to create an organization dedicated to this condition, named Asso'SOPK, in 2021. Asso'SOPK is currently led by four people: Emilie as Secretary, Florine as Volunteer Representative, Angélique as Vice-President, and Caroline as President. The organization has around 100 members and 25 volunteers. The mission of Asso'SOPK is to act, raise awareness, and inform about PCOS. The organization strives to help and guide individuals with PCOS and their families. They create informative content on social media, their podcast, webinars, and events. Additionally, they collaborate with doctors to ensure that the information provided is accurate and verified.



Becky Kearns
Co-Founder of Fertility Matters
at Work

After beginning her career in HR, Becky has combined her professional and lived experiences to become a Fertility Patient Advocate and Fertility at Work Expert. She has reached thousands when sharing her story through speaking and writing as 'DefiningMum' & in 2020 founded Paths to Parenthood, a virtual support platform for donor conception. Following a difficult fertility journey, Becky is passionate about raising awareness and wants to transform the support available for those experiencing fertility treatment in the future, particularly in the workplace, a topic which she has written about for Grazia and spoken about on BBC Breakfast & BBC Woman's Hour.

Since co-founding Fertility Matters at Work, Becky has driven our parliamentary campaigning, leading the Workplace Fertility Campaign Group with former MP Nickie Aiken with the aim of providing statutory rights in the workplace for those going through fertility treatment. More recently, we are proud to share that Becky has been awarded the This Can Happen Founders Award for Outstanding Contribution to Mental Wellbeing at Work.





Claire Ingle
Co-Founder of Fertility Matters
at Work

Claire is a HR professional and fertility advocate with a heart full of passion for people and a mission to make work experiences as positive and fair as possible. She is a firm believer that when people feel seen, heard and recognised at work they can shine both personally and professionally.

Claire's 'why' comes from her own rollercoaster journey with fertility challenges, which has given her so much empathy for others in similar situations, with her personal experience fuelling her determination to push for better support and resources at work. Claire is passionate about supporting those navigating unique paths to parenthood and is our in-house HR expert for the fertility conversation, especially anything related to surrogacy. Keen to ensure everyone feels understood and supported, no matter their family-building journey, Claire is working hard to fill the gap in this conversation with her focus at FMAW being to help organisations recognise the legitimacy of alternative paths to parenthood and the understanding to put inclusive support in place. She strives to make a real difference in people's lives and ensuring that the workplace is a welcoming and empowering space for everyone.



Professor Bruno Salle (France)
Head of Unit at Hospices Civils
de Lyon, France

Professor Salle is a renowned medical professional specialising in reproductive medicine. He completed his medical training at Claude Bernard University Lyon I in Lyon, France, where he graduated as an Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and later obtained his PhD.

Currently, Professor Salle serves as the Head of the Female Infertility Unit at Hospices Civils de Lyon, France. In addition to his clinical role, he is a Professor of Reproductive Medicine at Claude Bernard University Lyon I. Professor Salle also leads the research unit at the National Institute of Medical Research (INSERM U 846 Stem cells & brain), focusing on fertility preservation, ovary cryopreservation, and ovarian transplantation.

Throughout his illustrious career, Professor Salle has written and published numerous papers in scientific journals, contributed chapters to various textbooks, and delivered lectures at both national and international conferences. He is an active member of the task force of ESHRE, dedicated to fertility preservation in severe diseases and malignancies.



Doctor Paola Anserini (Italy)
Director of Unit at the referral
public hospital in Regione
Liguria, Italy

Doctor Anserini graduated in Medicine from the University of Genoa on June 23, 1985. Currently, she serves as the Director of the Unit of Physiopathology of Human Reproduction (FRU) at the referral public hospital in Regione Liguria, IRCCS Policlinico Ospedale San Martino of Genova, Italy. After qualifying in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and in Physiopathology of Human Reproduction, she earned a PhD in Bioethics from the University of Genoa.

Paola has dedicated her career to the field of infertility, focusing on diagnosis and treatment. Her main interests have been endoscopy and IVF since graduation. Since 1997, she has held a teaching assignment at the School of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the University of Genoa, initially teaching “Laparoscopy in Gynaecology: techniques and indications” and, since 2003, “Assisted Reproductive Techniques.”

In 2010, Paola collaborated with breast oncologists and haematologists at her institution to organise one of the first Oncofertility Units in Italy. She is a co-author of the chapter “Fertility Preservation in oncological patients” in the Italian Guideline of Oncology - AIOM Edition, updated annually since 2012. Paola has been a principal investigator or co-investigator in funded scientific projects and has authored 113 scientific publications in international journals.

Paola is a member of Eshre (European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology) and serves as the President of the Italian Society of Fertility and Sterility & Reproductive Medicine (SIFES-MR).



**Doctor Juan José Espinos
Gómez** (Spain)

Associate Professor at Universitat
Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)

Doctor Espinós Gómez holds a degree in Medicine from the Central University of Barcelona and a MD from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and is a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Associate Professor at UAB in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Coordinator of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology studies at the Sant Pau Teaching Unit, UAB; Director Master's Degree in Human Reproduction -UAB in Barcelona; Medical Director at the Fertty Assisted Reproduction Center and specialist in Reproductive Endocrinology of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau. He is also co-founder of the interest group on Reproductive Endocrinology of the Spanish Society of Fertility and served as President of the National Spanish Fertility Society Meeting held in Barcelona in 2014. Current President of the Spanish Fertility Society.



Emelyne Heluin
Vice-President of SOPK Europe

Diagnosed with PCOS as a teen in 2005, Emelyne has since come a long way in accepting and understanding the condition. She decided to join SOPK Europe shortly after it was created in 2018, which she now serves as Vice-president. Emelyne is contagiously passionate about women's health and fiercely advocates for PCOS awareness every day. This year she participated in the Androgen-Excess and PCOS society annual meeting as patient advocacy and support. She also co-created and pitched at the French Health communication festival SOPK Europe's latest awareness campaign on PCOS secondary pathologies, which obtained jury's favorite prize in the patients organization's category.

She studied public relations and has worked as a project manager for nearly 15 years, and recently graduated from La Sorbonne Médecine with a degree in Health policy and democracy in which she hopes to pursue her career to initiate changes. Her dissertation topic was the development and limits of peer-help and self-proclaimed expertise through social media in the evolution of recognition of polycystic ovary syndrome.