19TH WORLD CONGRESS ON FERTILITY & STERILITY

April 30 - May 5, 2007: International Convention Centre Durban
Hosted by The Southern African Society of Reproductive Science and Surgery



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Invitation

The Southern African Society of Reproductive Science and Surgery is gearing up to host the **International Federation of Fertility Societies** 19th World Congress that will take place in Durban between the 30th April and 5th May 2007. The marketing campaign was successfully launched in Montreal in June and we intend creating an ongoing awareness amongst the national societies and industry.



The award winning International Convention Centre Durban is the venue for this event. This renowned convention centre offers world class meeting and exhibition facilities, a wealth of experience and a friendly atmosphere. It has hosted numerous prestigious events such as the XIII International AIDS Conference, which attracted over 13 000 participants and many others. It is well placed to present this conference successfully to you.

The 2007, 19th IFFS World Congress will be the first in Sub-Saharan Africa and promises an excellent program of scientific content with innovative and informative presentations and an outstanding exhibition where delegates will be exposed to the cutting-edge technology of our discipline.

Congress Structure

"We are planning to reduce the Congress to 3 1/2 days. A new initiative is to add workshops to the event. A number of hands-on workshops by international experts on the surgical aspects of our discipline i.e. Endoscopy, Hysteroscopy as well as a Semenology workshop are all to be offered in Cape Town. We will structure them so that all will be able to participate in the main event in Durban. We believe that Cape Town is a major attraction for people who want to see more of South Africa, and for this reason we will be making some of the activities available in this beautiful city. In addition, a number of workshops will be offered in and around Durban. Topics such as HIV/AIDS in reproductive medicine, Ethics, Infertility for the developing world, IICO (International Infertility Counselling Organisation) postgraduate course, NAMS (North American Menopause Society) post graduate course and competency examination and others are all being investigated. We hope to be able to develop some of these workshops in association with and under the auspices of the ASRM and ESHRE. An exciting feature will be a number of the smaller workshops on offer on private safari farms.

Social Activities

Social activities will be the focus of the warm hospitality that awaits you when the business is done. The program will include a wide range of pre- and post-Congress tours encompassing wildlife safaris, cultural events and our geographical wonders. There will be sports activities and shopping excursions to name but a few.

An African focus will be incorporated into the program as either keynote addresses or lunchtime talks, which will be of interest to all delegates and spouses. Possible topics "Africa, the cradle of human kind", talks on the protection of endangered species as well as "Africa, the mammal continent – Afrotheria/Afrofauna"

Further we are planning to screen some of the activities into Africa as part of the IFFS education and outreach program.

Durban

Durban nestles on the shores of the Indian Ocean and is blessed with a sub-tropical climate that makes it an ideal destination for visitors all year round. South Africa has first world accommodation, transport and airline infrastructures, and vibrant modern cities with a wide variety of cuisine and entertainment. Come, experience our cities, magnificent country and its friendly rainbow people, and enjoy all that we have to offer.



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