

Schedule

Speakers & Bios

9:00 am

Welcome & Registration

10:00 am

Opening Address

SPEAKER: Professor Eamon O'Dwyer MAO LLB
FRCPI FRCOG

10.20 am

Contemporary Management Of High-Risk Pregnancies: Maternal, Foetal and Neonatal Risks

SPEAKER: Dr Monique V. Chireau MD MPH

11.00 am

Improving Maternal Healthcare in Kenya: Challenges and Strategies for Low Resource Nations

SPEAKER: Dr Jean Kagia MBCHB(NBI) M Med OBS/ GYNE

11:45 am

Coffee break

12.00 pm

Perinatal Hospice: Comprehensive Care Model for Families with Fatal Prenatal Diagnoses

SPEAKER: Dr Byron Calhoun MD FACOG FACS MBA

12:45 pm

Cancer Treatment During Pregnancy: Evidence for Maternal and Foetal Safety

SPEAKER: Dr Frédéric Amant MD PhD

1:30 pm

Lunch

2:30 pm

A Safe Place: Achieving Excellence in Irish Maternal Healthcare

SPEAKER: Dr John Monaghan DCH FRCPI FRCOG

3:10 pm

The Relative Safety of Abortion vs. Childbirth: A Focus on Psychological Morbidity and Mortality

SPEAKER: Dr Priscilla Coleman PhD

3.50 pm

Coffee break

4:30pm

Impact of Reproductive Laws on Maternal Mortality: the Chilean Natural Experiment

SPEAKER: Dr Elard Koch Msc

5:15 pm

Managing the Challenges of High-risk Obstetrics: the role of the Maternal-Foetal Specialist

SPEAKER: Dr Byron Calhoun MD FACOG FACS MBA

6:00 pm

Close

Cheese & Wine Reception

DR FRÉDÉRIC AMANT is a leading specialist in gynaecological oncology, Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Leuven, Belgium, and a specialist in Gynaecologic Oncology in UZ Gasthuisberg. He has been described by The Lancet as 'leading the agenda on cancer in pregnancy'.

Dr Amant is the principal investigator of an international study on cancer in pregnancy (www.cancerinpregnancy.org), and lead author of the recent series on malignancy in pregnancy published in The Lancet and Lancet Oncology, which presented new evidence on the treatment of cancer during pregnancy.

He is also Chair of the taskforce of the European Society of Gynaecologic Oncology on cancer in pregnancy, a member of the Endometrium Tumor Site Committee of the EORTC (European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer), Gynaecologic Cancer Group, and co-chair of ENITEC (European Network Individualized Treatment Endometrial Cancer).



PROFESSOR ELARD KOCH is a molecular epidemiologist, M.Sc. and fellow researcher at the Department of Family Medicine, in the University of Chile. He recently published research on the effect of education, healthcare and reproductive policies on maternal mortality rates in Chile - the first in-depth analysis of a large time series, year by year, of maternal deaths and their determinants.

Dr Koch is also an Associate Professor and Director of Research for the Institute of Molecular Epidemiology, Centre of Embryonic Medicine and Maternal Health at the Universidad Católica de la Santísima Concepción, in Santiago, Chile. He has also been awarded the "Academic Excellence Medal on Research" for three consecutive years (2008, 2009 and 2010) from the University of Chile.

Dr Koch has published numerous scientific articles in biomedical journals; he is external peer reviewer for *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, *Journal of Postgraduate Medicine*, *Social Sciences & Medicine*, *International Journal of Public Health*, amongst others.



DR BYRON C. CALHOUN is a specialist in the management of high-risk obstetrics and the medical complications of pregnancy, who has managed thousands of high risk pregnancies including adolescent females. He is Professor & Vice Chair in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in West Virginia University-Charleston. His practice and clinical research is concentrated on pregnancies complicated by maternal and/or foetal disease, and he is a specialist in maternal-foetal medicine.

He has authored 68 peer review articles in obstetric and gynecologic literature, has presented 100+ scientific papers, and participated in 40+ research projects. He is also a peer reviewer for various medical journals including the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *The American Journal of Managed Care*, *Journal of Maternal-Fetal Medicine*, *Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy*, and *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*.

Dr Calhoun is also an original author of the perinatal hospice concept, which provides multidisciplinary care to families with a fatal prenatal diagnosis.



DR MONIQUE V. CHIREAU is Assistant Professor in the Division of Clinical and Epidemiological Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. She is also a staff gynaecologist at the Durham Veterans Administration Medical Center, and is a graduate of Harvard University and Brown Medical School.

Her research interests have focused on the management of high risk pregnancies and include: The molecular biology of adverse pregnancy outcomes, epidemiology of adverse pregnancy outcomes, racial disparities in women's health, and health services research (outcomes and quality) in women's health. Dr Chireau and colleagues recently co-authored research on pre-eclampsia and stroke risks during and after pregnancy, and have proposed a multidisciplinary, community-based internatal care model focusing on postpartum and preconception prevention and treatment to improve maternal-child health and interrupt the cycle of events leading to maternal and infant complications in the pregnancy.



DR JOHN MONAGHAN graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 1976. Trained in Ireland, the UK and Nigeria, he has been practicing Obstetrics and Gynaecology for over 30 years. He is a consultant at Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe Co Galway and a member of the Irish Medical Council.



DR JEAN KAGIA is one of Kenya's best-known Obstetrician-Gynaecologists and has worked in Nairobi for almost 30 years, where she also acts as Trustee for the Kenya Medical Women's Association. She has led private and public initiatives in improving maternal outcomes and last year was awarded by the Kenya Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society for improving women's health.

One of those initiatives has been the establishment of Kiotas (nests) or maternal shelters for women, which she hopes to make available in all 47 counties in Kenya. Dr Kagia is an advocate for economic empowerment of African women and for excellence in universal maternal healthcare.



DR PRISCILLA K. COLEMAN is a Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She has published more peer-reviewed articles on the mental health implications of reproductive outcomes than any other researcher in the world and she frequently presents her research to audiences across the U.S. and elsewhere.

The outlets for her nearly 50 peer-reviewed journal articles have been in various disciplines including psychology (developmental, clinical, and social areas), family studies, education, and medicine (psychiatry, general practice, obstetrics and gynaecology), among others. She is currently on the editorial boards for five international psychology and medical journals.

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