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Thursday, November 1, 2007

OPENING SESSION

- 9:00 – 9:10 **Hans-Rudolf Tinneberg**
President of the German Society for Reproductive Medicine
Welcome Address
- 9:10 – 9:20 **Brigitte Zypries**
Federal Minister of Justice
Welcome Address

SESSION 1

The regulatory landscape of Germany, Part 1

Chair: Georg Wilke & Wolfgang van den Daele

- 9:20 – 9:40 **Reinhard Merkel**
University of Hamburg, Germany
The Embryo Protection Act of 1990 – Time for a repeal?
- 9:40 – 10:00 **Eberhard Nieschlag**
University of Münster, Germany
Germany's Guidelines for Assisted Reproduction – In splendid isolation?
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Klaus Diedrich**
University of Lübeck, Germany
Strict law has its advantages
- 10:20 – 10:50 *Discussion*
- 10:50 – 11:20 *Coffee Break*

SESSION 2

The regulatory landscape of Germany Part 2

Chair: Monika Bals-Pratsch & Reinhard Merkel

- 11:20 – 11:40 **Hans van der Ven**
University of Bonn, Germany
Polar body biopsy - a viable alternative to PGD?
- 11:40 – 12:00 **Eberhard Schockenhoff**
University of Freiburg, Germany
Natural law, preimplantation embryos and human dignity
- 12:00 – 12:20 **Franz Geisthövel**
University of Freiburg, Germany
An adequate interpretation of the Embryo Protection Act
- 12:20 – 12:50 *Discussion*
- 12:50 – 14:30 *Lunch Break*

SESSION 3

Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering

Chair: Robert G. Edwards & Dieter Birnbacher

- 14:30 – 14:50 **Alex Mauron**
University of Geneva, Switzerland
The potential of human embryonic stem cells
- 14:50 – 15:10 **Wolfgang Engel**
University of Göttingen, Germany
From stem cells to germ cells
- 15:10 – 15:30 **Dieter Birnbacher**
University of Düsseldorf, Germany
Embryonic stem cell research and the argument from complicity
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Discussion*
- 16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 – 16:50 **Paolo de Coppi**
University of Padua, Italy
The potential of stem cells derived from amniotic fluid
- 16:50 – 17:10 **Carlos Simon**
University of Valencia, Spain
The potential of stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood
- 17:10 – 17:30 **Morton C. Moe**
Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
Stem cells harvested from the adult human brain
- 17:30 – 18:00 *Discussion*

Friday, November 2, 2007

SESSION 4

Emergency contraception

Chair: Thomas Rabe & Laura M. Purdy

- 8:30 – 8:50 **Peter Van Look**
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
Emergency contraception: The state of the art
- 8:50 – 9:10 **Helena von Hertzen**
World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
Emergency contraception: Mechanisms of action
- 9:10 – 9:30 **Francesco D'Agostino**
University of Rome, Italy
Emergency contraception and abortion are morally equivalent
- 9:30 – 9:50 **Laura M. Purdy**
Wells College, New York, USA
Emergency contraception and abortion are not morally equivalent
- 9:50 – 10:20 *Discussion*
- 10:20 – 10:50 *Coffee Break*

SESSION 5

"Eugenics" and the rights of the disabled

Chair: Peter Wieacker & John Harris

- 10:50 – 11:10 **Irmgard Nippert**
University of Münster, Germany
The rise of eugenics
- 11:10 – 11:30 **Jonathan Glover**
King's College, London, UK
Choosing a child without a disability: A eugenic choice?
- 11:30 – 11:50 **Timothy F. Murphy**
University of Illinois, Chicago, USA
Choosing a child with a disability: A choice too far?
- 11:50 – 12:10 **Wolfgang van den Daele**
University of Berlin, Germany
The slippery slope from PGD to a new eugenics
- 12:10 – 12:40 *Discussion*
- 12:40 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

SESSION 6
Reproduction, Religion and the Law
Chair: Ludwig Kiesel & Jonathan Glover

- 14:00 – 14:20 **Maurizio Mori**
University of Turin, Italy
The Limits of Reproductive Freedom
- 14:20 – 14:40 **Giuseppe Benagiano**
University of Rome, Italy,
The origins of human sexuality: Procreation or recreation?
- 14:40 – 15:00 **Richard Dawkins**
University of Oxford, UK
The God Delusion: Disentangling ethics from religion
- 15:00 – 15:20 **John Harris**
University of Manchester, UK
Liberal democracies and the separation of state and church
- 15:20 – 16:20 *Discussion*
- 16:20 – 16:30 **Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony for Professor Robert G. Edwards**
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Robert G. Edwards**
University of Cambridge
New ethical issues in an expanding science
- 17:00 *Farewell*