

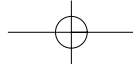
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The 2nd International
Preterm Labour Congress 2004

The next steps forward in reducing
the impact of preterm birth

Le Montreux Palace Montreux Switzerland 2–4 September 2004



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We are pleased to announce the 2nd International Preterm Labour Congress, the only international forum dedicated to spontaneous preterm labour and reducing the morbidity and mortality associated with preterm birth. The inaugural congress was a resounding success and we invite you to join us as our guest for this truly unique event.

Once again the meeting will provide a valuable forum for world-class presentations and a stimulating platform for discussion on the scenic shores of Lake Geneva. This event aims to expand on the issues discussed at the first congress, specifically focussing on the key areas facing clinicians today in the management of spontaneous preterm labour and preterm birth.




We invite you to benefit from expert knowledge on advances in current theories and management techniques whilst also being given the opportunity to network with your peers and fellow delegates.

International Organising Committee

Chairmen

-  Professor Peter Husslein - Austria
-  Dr Ronnie Lamont - UK

Members

-  Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo - Italy
-  Professor Joachim Dudenhausen - Germany
-  Professor Luis Cabero Roura - Spain

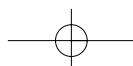
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Venue

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Programme

Session 1: 16.00–18.30 Thursday 2nd September 2004
Importance of Preterm Birth – Chairman Professor Joachim Dudenhausen
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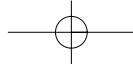
Professor Joachim Dudenhausen

Professor Dudenhausen completed his medical studies in 1968 and worked in obstetrics and gynaecology at Frauenklinik Berlin-Neukölln and the Department of Obstetrics, University of Zurich. He became Professor of the Freien Universität Berlin in 1989 and became Chair of the Department of Obstetrics at the Charité in 1997. His research interests are the prevention and treatment of prematurity, multiple pregnancy and delivery, and intrauterine programming. Professor Dudenhausen is Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Perinatal Medicine and author of the textbook 'Praktische Geburtshilfe'. He was Dean of the Charité from 2001 to 2004.

Epidemiology of preterm labour	Professor Phillip Steer
An overview of worldwide involvement in preterm birth	Dr José Villar
Long-term outcome of preterm infants	Dr Frances Cowan (tbc)
White matter injury in preterm infants	Professor Petra Hüppi (tbc)
Economic consequences of prematurity	Dr Stavros Petrou

Session 2: 9.00–12.00 Friday 3rd September 2004
Aetiology of Preterm Labour – Chairman (tbc)
Le Petit Palais, Montreux

Role of cytokines in preterm labour and brain injury	Professor Henrik Hagberg
Role of metallo proteinases in preterm labour	Dr Felipe Vadillo-Ortega
The concept of infection in preterm birth (clinical aspects)	Dr Moshe Mazor (tbc)
Changes in the cervical competence in preterm labour	Professor Fabio Facchinetti
Current understanding of genetic factors in preterm birth	To be confirmed
Current guidelines on the management of PPRM	Professor Brian Mercer (tbc)



Session 3: 13.30–15.30 Friday 3rd September 2004
Prediction and Prevention of Preterm Labour – Chairman Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo
Le Petit Palais, Montreux

Professor Gian Carlo Di Renzo

Professor Di Renzo has been Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Prenatal Medicine and the Head of the Perinatal and Reproductive Centre at the Department of Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Paediatrics at the University of Perugia since 2000. His research interests include prostaglandins and parturition, amniotic fluid, fetal lung maturity, childbirth organisations, fetal monitoring, preterm labour and obstetric and gynaecologic endocrinology. Professor Di Renzo is a member of key European and international societies and is Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine and has editorships with several major journals in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Primary predictors of preterm labour	Dr Francois Goffinet
Secondary predictors of preterm labour	Professor Harald Leitch
Strategies for prevention – cervical cerclage	Dr Sietske Althuisius
The changing role of progesterone in preterm labour	Dr Catherine Spong (tbc)

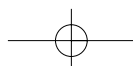
Session 4: 16.00–18.00 Friday 3rd September 2004
Management of Preterm Labour – Chairman Professor Luis Cabero Roura
Le Petit Palais, Montreux

Professor Luis Cabero Roura

Professor Cabero Roura was born in 1947 in Barcelona. He graduated from the Medical School at the University of Barcelona in 1970 and was awarded his PhD degree in Medicine and Surgery in 1975 and his PhD degree in Biological Sciences in 1988. He became Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Hospital Materno-infantil Valle Hebrón, Barcelona University.

Professor Cabero Roura is the Past-President of the Spanish Society of Gynaecology and Obstetricia (SEGO), Past-President of FACME (Federation of Associations Scientific-Medical España), Vice-President of FIGO Scientific Committee for Chile 2003 and Fellow ad Eundem of the RCOG. He is also Chairman of the Educational Group of the European Society of Perinatal Medicine, and Member of the Executive Committee of the European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Professor Cabero Roura is the author of many papers and books in perinatology.

Controversies in diagnosis of preterm labour	Professor Harald Leitch
Management of the neonate at the limits of viability	Professor Dominique Haumont
Assessment of fetal well-being/control during preterm labour	Professor Werner Rath (tbc)
Use of antibiotics – a pro/con debate	Dr Ronnie Lamont



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Session 5: 9.00–12.00 Saturday 4th September 2004 Tocolytic Therapy and Clinical Experience – *Chairman Professor Peter Husslein* Le Petit Palais, Montreux

Professor Peter Husslein

Professor Husslein was educated at Medical School in Vienna graduating in 1975. His thesis was awarded in 1985 and titled, 'The importance of oxytocin and prostaglandins for the mechanism of labour.' He became a professor in obstetrics and gynaecology in 1992 and Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Vienna University. In 1996 he became Administrative Chief for the whole department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

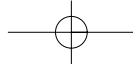
Nifedipine trials: effectiveness and safety aspects	Professor Herman van Geijn
Pathophysiology of adverse events with tocolytics	Professor Michael de Swiet (tbc)
Combination therapy – which tocolytics to use?	Professor Ingemar Ingemarsson
Re-analysis of worldwide atosiban data	Professor Nick Fisk (tbc)
Frequently asked questions on tocolytics	Professor Hanns Helmer
A review of the role of magnesium sulphate in preterm labour	Dr Robert Mittendorf

Session 6: 13.30–16.00 Saturday 4th September 2004 Future Directions and Goals in the Management of Preterm Labour – *Chairman Dr Ronnie Lamont* Le Petit Palais, Montreux

Dr Ronnie Lamont

Dr Lamont was educated at the University of Edinburgh Medical School and has been a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Northwick Park Hospital since 1988. He is also a reader in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Imperial College School of Science, Technology and Medicine in London. His MD thesis, 'The role of infection in the aetiology of spontaneous preterm labour' was awarded in 1989 and he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1996. His research has continued to focus on the many management issues of preterm labour including the use and development of tocolytic agents. Dr Lamont has published in excess of 170 papers on the subject of preterm birth.

Is there a role for maintenance therapy?	Professor James Thornton
EMG/Collascope	Professor George Saade (tbc)
Genetic factors of preterm birth – the future	To be confirmed
Impact of medical-assisted fertility on prematurity	Professor Hans Evers (tbc)
Bioethics of preterm labour	Professor Philip Steer
Closing Remarks	



General Information

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation has been reserved at four hotels, all located within walking distance of the conference centre. Your local Ferring representative will advise you of your hotel and provide you with further details closer to the event.

Attendance

The Congress is intended for obstetricians/gynaecologists, both academic and non-academic, obstetricians/gynaecologists in training and other physicians interested in preterm labour.

CME Accreditation

Participants are invited to collect a Certificate of Attendance for CME accreditation at the registration desk.

Congress Proceedings

Proceedings from this Congress will be published in the January 2005 supplement of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (BJOG).

Congress Website

Please visit www.OBLink.com for up to date congress information.

Dress

The dress for the conference is smart casual/business.

Insurance

Delegates are strongly advised to arrange health and travel insurance. No liability will be accepted for loss or injury.

Language

The congress will be conducted in English.

Registration

The registration fee is €500. This includes access to the scientific programme, coffee breaks, lunches, abstract book, welcome reception and gala dinner. Please return your completed registration form to your Ferring representative by Wednesday 30th June.

Security

Only delegates with valid meeting credentials will be admitted. Guest passes may be purchased at an additional cost from the registration desk at the Congress. Guests will be allowed admittance to coffee breaks and lunches only.

Social Programme

- A welcome reception will be held on Thursday 2nd September from 18:30.
- A gala dinner will be held on Saturday 4th September from 19:30. The dress code is business attire.

Transportation

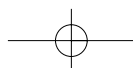
Montreux is 1 hour by direct train from Geneva Cointrin International Airport. All hotels are within walking distance of the station. If travelling by car there is an express way Geneva – Lausanne – Montreux. Montreux is 2 hours from Zurich.

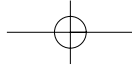
Venue

The meeting will be held at the Montreux Palace, Montreux, Switzerland. This is a beautiful 5 star hotel and congress centre on the shores of Lake Geneva, overlooking the lakes and majestic Alps to the south. The congress centre is just a 2 minute walk from Montreux train station.

Visa

Check with your travel agent to confirm whether a visa is required for entry into Switzerland from your country of origin.





Registration Form

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Title: _____

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Postcode: _____ Fax: _____

Country: _____ E-mail: _____

Will you require a certificate of attendance for CME accreditation?: _____

From where would you like to travel?: _____

Which day would you like to travel?: _____

Have you a preferred airline?: _____

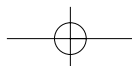
Have you any special dietary requirements?: _____

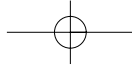
Address for delivery of tickets (if different from above):

Registration fee: €500 to be paid by your local Ferring Representative

Please give this form to your local Ferring Representative who will arrange your registration, travel and accommodation.

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