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Joint meeting of IFFS & BFS 'The Management of Infertility': 21-23 September 2018 Tartu, Estonia

IFFS (<http://www.iffs-reproduction.org/>) as you may be aware is a non-state actor / non-governmental organisation in official relations with the World Health Organisation. IFFS was founded in 1951. It has affiliates representing more than 60 national fertility societies throughout the world and is aligned with the promotion of high quality clinical and laboratory practice.

The IFFS Board of Directors has endorsed a template to assist training in general management of infertility and assisted conception. The template includes a defined **syllabus** and **guide to learning** and is complemented by **study days** such as the one planned in Tartu, Estonia. The training programme is intended to be adaptable to the particular requirements within the countries of member societies and it is hoped the template is suitable for use in many sites throughout the world.

The collaboration between IFFS and the Baltic Fertility Society (BFS) in organising the workshop we believe has the chance to consolidate and enhance existing training opportunities in infertility with potential real benefits to the people in the region.

The workshop will be in several parts commencing lunchtime on Friday and finishing lunchtime on Sunday. It is envisaged this will give delegates plenty of time to travel to and from the meeting with only 2 nights' accommodation required. The **Management of Infertility** will be covered on Day 1. The 2nd Day will cover **Assisted Conception**. The **Training Forum** (discussion) at the end of the 1st Day will allow the IFFS and BFS to explore the issues and practicalities of the organisation of training in Reproductive Medicine in the three states. The structure of the template will be described and this will lead in to an open discussion of how this might best be adapted in the local setting.

The last morning will commence with a **Keynote** Lecture delivered by a distinguished speaker. Thereafter the **interactive session** will be held where some examples of clinical, laboratory and managerial issues in everyday practice will be discussed in small group work. This will be followed by a feedback session where shared learning points will be discussed. Finally prior to the close of the meeting a **review of the whole workshop** will be facilitated with key questions from each topic summarised for the benefit of the delegates. These sessions have been particularly popular in past workshops and all attendees are encouraged to positively engage with the topics.

IFFS certainly hopes delegates will enjoy the event and will find the format both educationally useful and stimulating. In collaboration with our colleagues in BFS we have assembled a first class faculty of international and local experts to deliver the lectures and interactive elements of the study days. The content covers many important subjects relevant to everyday clinical practice and is intended to be both informative and enjoyable. There will be the opportunity to find out more about the full training programme during the study days and it is hoped many delegates will be tempted to engage with the programme whether as trainers or trainees.

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