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Invitation

14 November 2017,
10.00 – 16.30hr
University of Amsterdam,
Amsterdam

Infertility Round Table

How can we address this neglected reproductive health concern?

Share-Net International and University of Amsterdam are happy to invite you for the Infertility Round Table on the 14th of November 2017 at the University of Amsterdam in Amsterdam.

The objective of this Round Table is to develop a concrete Plan of Action to:

- 1) put infertility higher on the SRHR agenda; and
- 2) formulate concrete steps to integrate infertility in programmes and policies.

Infertility is a reproductive health condition highly prevalent in the global South. It often has a devastating impact on the people concerned. In various international declarations (starting from the ICPD 1994) infertility has been recognized as condition that needs to be better integrated in the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) agenda. The recent WHO framework 'Sexual health and its linkages to reproductive health: an operational approach' (WHO 2017) again emphasizes the importance of addressing infertility as part of comprehensive SRHR programmes.

In practice, however, this recognition is rarely translated into concrete actions. SRHR policies and programs remain virtually unchanged. Prevention and treatment, reduction of stigma, social pressure and exclusion – all related to infertility – is hardly included in women's health and SRHR agenda's. All stakeholders, like policy makers at (inter)national level, NGOs and donor parties working in the field of SRHR tend to neglect this theme.

That is the reason why we gather a select group of experts, policy makers and program officers at different positions, in different organizations, like WHO, the Infertility Working Group of ESHRE (European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology), NVOG (Netherlands Association for Obstetrics and Gynecology), and FIGO (International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics), special NGO's, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

PROGRAMME

- 9.30-10.00 **Arrival participants**
Coffee/Tea
- 10.00-10.10 **Welcome**
Dr. Trudie Gerrits, Medical Anthropologist, University of Amsterdam.
- 10.10-10.30 **Presentation by Prof. Dr. Jacky Boivin – Quality of life and infertility**
Professor of Health Psychology at School of Psychology at Cardiff University.
- 10.30-10.50 **Presentation by Dr. Papreen Nahar – The case of Bangladesh.**
Research Fellow at the Department of Anthropology, Durham University, UK, and a Research Fellow at School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, University of Manchester.
- 10.50-11.10 **Presentation by Dr. Willem Ombelet, MD – Making fertility care available and accessible to a much larger proportion of the population**
Founder of the Walking Egg foundation (tWE) and Coordinator of the Special Interest Group ‘Global and Socio-Cultural Aspects of Infertility’ at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).
- 11.10-11.30 **Q&A**
Regarding the lectures & collecting questions for the Panel
- 11.30-11.45 **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 11.45-12.30 **Panel discussion**
ESHRE- Roy Farquharson
WHO- Ian Askew
Rutgers- Yuri Ohlrichs
- 12.30-14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00-16.30 **Developing an Action Plan**
In the afternoon session, an action plan will be developed using Stepladder Technique and Scenario Planning in multiple rounds of smaller working groups.

INFORMATION

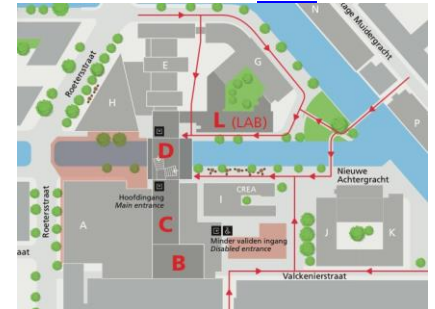
Registration required!
Registration is free but required before **1st of November** please RSVP [here](#).

Due to limited space, there is a maximum of participants that can attend.

Language
English

Location
University of Amsterdam
Nieuwe Achtergracht 166
1018 WV Amsterdam
Room REC B. 5.12

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| 14.15-14.45 | Brainstorm session Part 1
In small mixed groups. |
| 14.45-15.00 | Plenary session
Presentation of the Brainstorm Session Part 1 results. |
| 15.00-15.30 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 15.30-16.00 | Brainstorm session Part 2
Thematic groups to develop an action plan. |
| 16.00-16.30 | Plenary session
Presentation of the Brainstorm Session Part 2 results. |