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Welcome to Svendborg

22.-24. May 2014



**1st European Spontaneous
Preterm Birth Congress and
2nd PREBIC International
Satellite Symposium.**



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Welcome to Svendborg in May 2014

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for the **First European Spontaneous Preterm Birth Congress** in Svendborg, Denmark in May 2014.

Spontaneous preterm labour leading to preterm birth (SPTL & PTB) is one of the major Obstetric Syndromes and the major cause of perinatal mortality and morbidity in the developed world and a huge financial burden on healthcare.

The psychosocial costs of PTB are incalculable. The Scientific Committee has prepared a programme which is pragmatic for practicing clinicians as well as those still in training. We have assembled an international panel of speakers who will provide updates on existing problems in the management of SPTL and PTB as well as providing new information on recent developments.

We are also fortunate to host PREBIC (the **Preterm Birth International Collaborative**) normally nested within **WHO**, for an International Satellite Meeting.

We hope that the Congress will provide the opportunity for future collaborative multidisciplinary and multinational research. The Congress will take place at the Hotel Svendborg, a modern Conference venue in the centre of the picturesque coastal town of Svendborg, in the South East of Fyn in central Denmark.

The Old Town and Harbour offer a relaxing background to the Scientific and Clinical Content of the Congress. Bring your family and join new and old friends in Svendborg where we look forward to welcoming you to the First **ESPBC**.

On behalf of the organizing and scientific committee



Jan Stener Jørgensen

PRELIMINARY FINAL PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22nd May 2014

08.00-9.30	Breakfast & Registration
9.30-10.45	Epidemiology of Preterm Birth Preterm Birth In High, Middle and Low Income Countries - the extent of the problem <i>Joshua Vogel, WHO, Geneva, Switzerland</i> Preterm Birth from an European Perspective (Swedish Express Study) <i>Karel Marsal, Lund, Sweden</i> Financial Cost of Preterm Birth <i>To be announced</i>
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Mechanisms Mechanisms of Preterm Birth: experience from a primate model <i>Mike Gravett, Seattle, USA</i> The Cervix and Preterm Birth <i>Niels Ulbjerg, Aarhus, Denmark</i> The Biochemical mechanisms of PPRM and Fetal Inflammatory Response Syndrome (FIRS) <i>Marian Kacerovskovy, Prague, Czech Rep.</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	The Evolution of Preterm Birth Metabolic Disease, Inflammation and Preterm Birth <i>Shali Mazaki-Tovi, Tel Aviv, Israel</i> Gestational Length from an Evolutionary Perspective <i>Jonas Bacelis, Gothenburgh, Sweden</i>
14.30-15.00	The Major Obstetric Syndromes <i>Gian Carlo Di Renzo, Perugia, Italy</i>
15.00-15.30	Break
1530 - 1630	Short oral presentations
16.30-16.45	Break
16.45-18.00	Reproductive immunology with special focus on preterm delivery <i>Gil Mor, New Haven, USA</i>

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Friday 23rd May 2014

- 08.30-09.45 **Clinical Aspects**
Prophylactic Progesterone in Asymptomatic and Symptomatic Women - a Pro/Con debate
Ben Mol, Amsterdam, Holland
Jane Norman, Edinburgh, Scotland
Montse Palacio, Barcelona, Spain
- 09.45-10.15 Break
- 10.15-11.15 Antibiotics for the Prevention of Preterm Birth - a Pro/Con debate
Ronnie Lamont, London/Odense (UK/Denmark)
To be announced
- 11.15-11.30 Break
- 11.30-12.30 Cervical Cerclage Pro/Con debate
Vincenzo Berghella, Philadelphia, USA
Dan Farine, Toronto, Canada
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-14.30 Which Tocolytic or None? A Pro/Con debate
Gerry Visser, Utrecht, Holland
Mike Robson, Dublin, Ireland
- 14.30 -15.00 Mode of Delivery of the Preterm Infant
Jan Stener Jørgensen, Odense, Denmark
- 14.30-14.45 Break
- 14.45-16.00 **Poster presentations**
- 16.00-16.30 Break
- 17.00- 18.00 Future Research in Preterm Birth
Roberto Romero, Detroit, USA - via satellite from the US

PRELIMINARY FINAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 24th May 2014

- 09.00-10.30 **The Future**
II. International PREBIC Satellite Symposium
Vaginal Microbiome in Relation to Preterm Birth
Kjersti Aagaard, Texas, USA
Genetics of Preterm Birth
Ramkumar Menon, Texas, USA
The Use of Systematic Review & Metaanalysis in Evidence Based Medicine
Mathias Egger, Bern, Switzerland
- 10.30-11.00 Break
- 11.00-13.00 **New Perspectives**
Vaginal Microbiota and Inflammatory Disease in Childhood in Relation to Preterm Birth
Hans Bisgaard Copenhagen, Denmark
Probiotics and Preterm Birth
Bo Jacobsson Gothenburgh, Sweden
Preterm Stillbirth: understanding the phenotypes?
Gordon Smith, Cambridge, UK
- 13.30-14.30 **Future research**
"Screening" For Preterm Birth
Khalid Khan, London, UK
Surrogate- and Clinically Relevant Outcomes in relation to Preterm Birth from the Paediatric Perspective
Gorm Greisen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 14.30-14.45 **Discussion**
- 14.45-15.00 Final remarks and close of Congress
Jan Stener Jørgensen, Odense, Denmark

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Registration

Registration	Early (until 28th February 2014)	Regular (1st March - 22nd April)	Late (23rd April - >)
Specialist	393 €	500 €	585 €
Student / Trainee / Mid-wife	353 €	460 €	545 €
Gala	58 €	58 €	58 €

Call for abstracts

We seek abstracts on different perspectives on spontaneous preterm birth.
 Abstract submission is free.

The submission deadline is January 15th, 2014 at 12.00 PM.

Submitting author will be sent an acknowledgement via e-mail to confirm that the abstract has been received.
 Applicants will receive a notification of selection by February 1st, 2014.

Please use our abstract template and instructions for submission found on our homepage (www.espbc.eu).
 Abstract related questions should be addressed to:

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Svendborg is out of the ordinary with respect to a venue for an international conference. There is no Baroque architecture of the major European cities, but It reminds me very much of the picturesque fishing villages near my birth-place in the Kingdom of Fife in Scotland, the land of Macbeth rather than the land of Hamlet.

Ronnie Lamont
Chairman of the Scientific Committee

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