



ACT Steering Committee Biographies



Sandra Dill AM

Sandra Dill is the Founder and Coordinator of the ESHRE Patient Leaders Forum, Chair and Founder of International Consumer Support for Infertility (iCSi) and Chief Executive and Founder of ACCESS, Australia's National Infertility Network. Sandra has been involved in education and campaigning at national regional and international levels for 20 years following her own experiences as a patient. A former WHO adviser on assisted reproduction, Sandra was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 1996 in recognition of her service as a consumer advocate in the area of infertility.



Dr Jacky Boivin

Dr Jacky Boivin was educated at Concordia University in Canada receiving a Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology in January 1995.

She is currently a Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Cardiff University and Secretary of the International Infertility Counselors Organization. In addition, she is an Honorary Fellow at the Cardiff Assisted Reproduction Unit and Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University Hospital, Wales.

Jacky's work has been well published in a range of peer-reviewed journals including Human Reproduction and Health Psychology. She is also a leading speaker at congresses around the world, focusing on issues surrounding stress and infertility.



Dr Andrea Borini

Dr Andrea Borini was an attending student/physician in the Department of Physiopathology and Reproduction Services, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy between 1983 and 1992. He has a degree in Medicine and Surgery, and gained a specialization degree in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He was a Research Fellow at the University of California between Oct 1989 and May 1991 and is currently Chairman of CECOS Italy.

Andrea has been a Member of the Società Italiana di Fertilità e Sterilità (SIFES) since 1985 and a member of the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) formerly known as The American Fertility Society (AFS) since 1991. He is the Clinical Director of Tecnobios Procreazione, an assisted reproduction centre in Bologna, Italy, as well as associated assisted reproduction centers in Pescara, Pesaro, Udine, Appiano Gentile (Como) and Abano Terme.



Conrad Engler

Conrad Engler attended university in Fribourg at the Institute for Journalism and Communication studies. His career has spanned a variety of journalistic positions including membership editor of Basler Zeitung as well as the national radio station DRS. Conrad is currently a partner and co-owner of Advocacy ag Communication and Consulting in Basel.

His experience with patient associations is broad having been secretary to the board of the Verein Kinderwunsch (Child Wish Association), Swiss delegate for the International Consumer Support for Infertility (iCSI) group and Founding Member and Chairman of the European Infertility Alliance. Conrad is also Founding Member and Secretary of the national association "patienten.ch", a parent organization of the Swiss patient and self-help groups.



Dr Thomas Hahn

Dr Thomas Hahn studied medicine at the University of Frankfurt Medical School. He is the Co-founder and Medical Director of the Fertility Centre in Wiesbaden and has been a Consultant in Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at Northwest Hospital Frankfurt since 1986.

His primary interests are in the areas of reproductive surgery, ultrasound and reproductive genetics.



Beverly L Hanck

Beverly L Hanck was educated at Dawson College in Montreal, Quebec, and at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Prior to her current role as Executive Director of the Infertility Awareness Association of Canada (IAAC), Beverly held several positions in the communications field where she contributed her organizational skills and business acumen to successful fulfillment of her responsibilities.

As Executive Director of the IAAC, Beverly provides leadership and direction to the organization, and serves as its spokesperson. She is responsible for strategic planning and implementation, fundraising, and program management as well as publishing the Canadian Journal of Infertility Awareness. Beverly serves as a liaison to the IAAC Board of Directors and is a critical asset in building relationships with allied health professionals and community-based organizations involved in reproductive health issues.



Chantal Seror-Ramogida

Chantal Seror-Ramogida, Director of Follow Up, is the mother of six children - twins and triplets through assisted conception, and one child conceived by conventional methods. Her experience as a mother of children born through assisted conception has allowed her to build close and trusting relationships with the families she works with.

Chantal founded the association “Pauline et Adrien”, a group created to support the assisted reproduction center where her twins were born following assisted conception and was its President for 17 years. The association handled over 8,000 letters from families during this time and was responsible for establishing influential relationships with doctors and health authorities.

Chantal was responsible for the creation of National Fertility Day, which brought together over 1,200 participants and 100 speakers over the course of three years. Chantal also organized the first International Conference of Associations for Infertile Couples in 1993 and contributed to the creation of the International Federation of Infertility Patient Associations (IFIPA) in the same year.