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AUSTRALIAN TO LEAD WORLD FERTILITY FEDERATION

Professor David Healy, Chairman of the Monash University Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Melbourne, has been elected as the 21st President of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS). Professor Healy will take up his IFFS duties at the 20th World Congress of Fertility and Sterility, which takes place in Munich, Germany, in September 2010.

Prof Healy said : "This is a great honour. It shows that the Fertility Society of Australia is internationally-respected and of high standard. Melbourne is considered to be the bio-medical capital of the Southern Hemisphere, and Monash University has pioneered several advances in the care of the infertile couple, including early developments in IVF".

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He continued

" A major IFFS aim for 2010 to 2013 is for Healthier IVF by the use of more gentle and safer medical treatments. We will also continue our programme of training, to make sure that access to Assisted Conception is not just confined to the richer countries".

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Professor Healy is available for interview about his leading role in the International Federation of Fertility Societies, and about the 20th World Congress. Please contact him via David.Healy@med.monash.edu.au.

Alternatively, get in touch with Tom Parkhill, IFFS Press Officer, on Parkhill@uno.it, telephone +44 7509 215 465. He will also be able to provide you with advance information on the World Congress.

The IFFS represents 59 national fertility societies and is affiliated to the World Health Organisation (WHO). IFFS standardises and improves fertility and infertility care around the world .