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*IFFS comment on the paper and press release from the ASRM Congress, Orlando, FL., October 19, 2011*

### **Data from Sperm Bank Users Show More Still Prefer Anonymous Donation; Often Fail to Report Pregnancies**

Commenting, IFFS Board member Dr David Adamson, (Palo Alto, California), said

“The general move towards a requirement to identify sperm donors has been controversial. This report shows that many parents just avoid the issue by not reporting a pregnancy. This illustrates the complex choices which arise when discussing issues of paternity. Within some families, anonymity is important, within others it is not.

In practical terms, the move towards identifying sperm donors seems to have led to a shortage of donors in certain areas. This means that patients may have to look abroad for treatment, so it is important that all national societies and individual clinics work to the highest possible clinical standards. The IFFS, working with other bodies such as ESHRE and the ASRM, is developing standards of practice which should ensure that clinical standards are maintained internationally”.