

## **International Federation of Fertility Societies**

### **Statement on the award of the 2010 Nobel Prize for Medicine to Professor Robert Edwards**

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Commenting for the International Federation of Fertility Societies, Professor Basil Tarlatzis (Thessaloniki, Greece. Professor Tarlatzis is the immediate past president of the IFFS), said:

“This is a well deserved honour. IVF has opened new avenues of hope for millions of couples throughout the world. It has also had an immense impact on our understanding of medicine, leading directly to such developments as stem cell research, PGD, and many other fields. Edwards and Steptoe were real pioneers, and the award of the Nobel Prize honours not just their work, but the whole field of reproductive science. After their breakthrough work, Robert went on to nurture the development of the assisted reproduction. We congratulate him on his award”.

Current Secretary General of the IFFS, Mr Richard Kennedy (Coventry, UK) said:

“This is a wonderful achievement, the award of the Prize to Robert Edwards is a great testimony to his pioneering work in reproductive science. The development of IVF has given hope to millions of people throughout the world”.

#### **Statement ends**

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