National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers
and
Doctors Opposing Circumcision

present

THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUMCISION, GENITAL INTEGRITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE
Symposium Faculty

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Thursday, 24 August

8:00  Registration
8:30  Welcome and Opening Remarks
      – Marilyn Milos, John Geisheker, and Peter Ball
9:00  The Delusional Psychologies of Circumcision and Civilization
      – David Chamberlain
10:00 Determining the Best Interest of the Child:
      A comparative approach to professional medical guidance for relating male circumcision
      – Marie Fox and Michael Thomson
11:00 Break
11:20 Cultural Relativism at Home and Abroad
      – Zachary Androus
11:40 Circumcision in Perspective
      – Jody McLaughlin
12:00 Circumcision Mythologies in Conflict with Logic, Reason, and Common Sense
      – Steve Scott
12:30 Lunch – On Your Own
2:00  Consequences of Female Genital Mutilation on Global Health and Sexuality
      – Olaoye Olusoji Emmanuel
2:20  Medical Interventions on Women’s Genitals:
      Historical Texts and Contemporary Discourse
      – Noel Gazzano
2:40  Female Genital Modifications in Malawi: A Field Research
      – Debora Moro
3:00  The Ritual Use of Herbs for Female Genital Modifications in Africa
      – Franco Viviani
3:20  Ten Years of Merka’s Alternative Rite in Somalia (1996-2005):
      From “Sunna Gudnin” to “Gudnin Usub”
      – Franco Viviani
3:40 Break
4:00  Muslims and Circumcision
      – Mostafa K. Al-Madawi
4:20  Changing People’s Minds about Circumcision
      – Patricia Robinett
4:40 Special Guest: Singer/Songwriter
      – Jess Grant
5:00  Dinner On Your Own

Friday, 25 August

8:30  Registration
9:00  “Toxic Irritation of the Nervous System”
      Abraham Wolbarst and the Industrial Implementation of Eugenic Circumcision
      – Frederick Hodges
9:30  Excuses for Circumcision: Some Byways of Penile Anatomy
      – Ken McGrath
9:50  The Perils of Circumcision
      – James Snyder
10:10 Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus:
      A Risk of Circumcised Boys
      – George Hill
10:30 Conservative Management of Foreskin Problems
      – John Dalton
11:00 Break
11:20 Fine Touch Pressure Thresholds in the Adult Penis
      – Morris Sorrells
11:40 Fitting In and Getting Off: Elective Adult Male Circumcision in the USA
      – Zachary Androus
12:00 Image: Are We Right or Wrong?
      – David Smith
12:30 Lunch on Your Own
2:00  “Real Men”: Foreskin Cutting and Male Identity in the Philippines
      – Leonard Glick
2:20  Filipino Male Experience of Ritual Circumcision: Perspectus and Insights
      for Philippine-Based Anti-Circumcision Advocacy
      – Romeo B. Lee
2:40  Traditional Male Circumcision in West Timor, Indonesia:
      Practices, Myths, and their Impact on the Spread of HIV/AIDS and Gender Relations
      – Primus Lake
3:00  Report from NOCIRC of Ireland
      – Linda Massie
3:20  News from NORM-UK
      – John Warren
3:40 Break
4:00  Male Circumcision in Europe: Is There Anything We Can Do?
      – Yngve Hofvander
4:20  Foreskins for Keeps: A Midwife’s Project to End Circumcision
      – Gloria Lemay
4:40  Circumcision in the Mass Media
      – Hugh Young
5:00  Dinner On Your Own
Symposium Organizers: Marilyn Fayre Milos, RN, National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, John Geisheker, JD, LLM, General Counsel and Executive Director, Doctors Opposing Circumcision. Seattle, WA USA.

International Symposium on Circumcision, Genital Integrity, and Human Rights

The International Symposium on Circumcision, Genital Integrity, and Human Rights, a special project of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC), provides a forum for discussion about the sexual mutilation of infants and children from historical, anthropological, cultural, religious, social, psychological, medical, ethical, legal, and human rights perspectives. NOCIRC is a non-profit educational organization that provides information about circumcision and protecting the rights of children.

Saturday, 26 August

8:30  Registration
9:00  Coding, Reporting, and Analyzing Circumcision Data – Georganne Chapin
9:30  A Treatise From the Trenches: Why Are Circumcision Lawsuits So Hard to Win? – J. Steven Svoboda
9:50  Winning and Losing on the Circuit – David J. Llewellyn
10:10  Switching Gears in Washington State: From Individual Lawsuits to Writ of Mandamus – John Geisheker
10:30  The MGM Bill Proposals: A Legislative Strategy for Protecting US boys from Circumcision – Matthew Hess
11:00  Break
11:30  Ending Non-religious Circumcision: Supply vs Demand – A Moderated Discussion
12:30  Lunch On Your Own
2:00  Defining What is Sacred – Miriam Pollack
2:20  Beyond the Bris: One Jewish Mother’s Experience – Rebecca Wald
2:40  Resolving Circumcision Trauma: Neurological Repatterning and Healing Action – Stephanie Mines
3:40  Break
4:00  Ending Circumcision for Children: A Total Paradigm Shift – Suzanne Arms
4:45  Tribute to Jeannine Parvati Baker – Marilyn Milos and Suzanne Arms
5:00  Close of symposium
7:00  No Host Banquet Dinner and Premier Performance – Composer Ron Romanovsky and Betty Katz Sperlich, co-founder, Nurses for the Rights of the Child, present IT’S A BOY! (a circus opera). The performance includes five vocalists and two accompanists.

Speakers confirmed but are subject to change.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Robert Darby, PhD
Leonard B. Glick, MD, PhD

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS
Gary Burlingame
W. Keith C. Morgan, MD
John Sawkey

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Dan Bollinger
John Geisheker
George Hill
Symposium Description
Every year, around the world, 13.3 million boys and 2 million girls have part or all of their external sex organs cut off.

These mutilations are rarely regarded or acknowledged as such in the societies where they are performed.

Even in developed nations, the proponents of male and female sexual mutilation defend these mutilations with dubious scientific studies and manipulated statistics and by appeals to custom and tradition.

Doctors, parents, and politicians have been misled into believing these mutilations are beneficial, necessary, and harmless.

Internationally respected experts in the fields of medicine, science, politics, law, ethics, sociology, anthropology, history, and religion will present the latest research, documentation, and analysis of this worldwide problem.

Symposium Objectives
Upon completion of the symposium, participants will understand the:

- delusional psychologies of circumcision and civilization;
- ethical, political, and legal aspects of genital mutilations;
- consequences of female genital modifications on global health and sexuality;
- worldwide efforts to eradicate harmful traditional practices;
- importance of defining what is sacred;
- process for resolving circumcision trauma with neurological repatterning and healing action.

Post-Symposium Events
No-Host Banquet Dinner: Saturday evening, place to be announced. Featuring a premiere performance of IT’S A BOY!, a circus opera.

Book Tables
Resource books, videos, and other educational materials will be available for purchase.

Registration Form

Name ______________________ Degree ______________________

Affiliation ____________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City ____________________ County/State __________________ Postal Code __________ Country ________

Telephone __________________ Fax __________________ E-mail __________________

Registration postmarked by July 31:
$50/half-day; $90 full day; $225/full program.

After July 31, on-site registration only:
$65/half-day; $110 full day; $250/full program.

Registration fee does not include accommodations.

☐ Yes, I want to attend the No-Host Banquet Dinner.

Please make checks payable to:
NOCIRC, POB 2512, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2512, USA.

Cancellation requests must be made in writing and postmarked no later than 5 August 2006.

Location
University of Washington, Johnson Hall 102, Seattle, WA, USA

Accommodation Suggestions

On Campus:
University of Washington dormitory. See www.nocirc.org for details and UW Conference Services Housing Reservation Form, or call +1-206-543-7634. Mention you are attending the 9th International Symposium on Human Rights.

Off-Campus Hotels, within 6 blocks of symposium venue:


Off-Campus Economy Hotels:

Best Value: The University Motel, suites only. Best value for group of four, three blocks to shops, restaurants, groceries. 2-BR apartment-size rooms with full kitchen. Single $77, double $88, triple $89, 4-person $95, 6-person $107. Eight-block walk to symposium. +1-206-522-4724.


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