



Willem Ombelet, M.D., Ph.D.

Nationality: Belgian.

04-12-1954: born in Leuven (Belgium)

Married with Hilde Vanderwegen and father of three children (Sien ° 1985, Fouke ° 1987 and Pieter-Jan ° 1991)

Affiliation: Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, ZOL Campus St Jan, Genk, Belgium

Education/career:

Willem Ombelet started his career researching infertility and IVF in 1984 in Pretoria, South Africa. Since 1987, he has been working in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the St. Jans Hospital in Genk, Belgium. In 1998, he obtained his PhD degree at the University of Leuven on 'The value of sperm morphology and other semen parameters in diagnosis and treatment of human subfertility.' He became the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the St. Jans Hospital in Genk, in 1999. From 2001 until 2004 he was the president of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He is the chairman of the scientific council of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology since 2003.

Qualifications: MD, PhD

Publications, presentations and awards:

(Co-)authored 75 international peer-reviewed articles.

Recipient of 2 international awards.

(Co-)editor of 16 books.

Appointments:

Founder of the Genk Institute for Fertility Technology.

Chairman of five 'Andrology in the Nineties' meetings and nine workshops on assisted reproduction.

Past-President of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology 2001-2003.

Chairman of the Scientific Board of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology since 2003.

Consultant (Reproductive Medicine) at the University of Hasselt

Affiliate member of the European Academy of Andrology

Consultant and Professor at the University of Ghent (Dept Of Obstetrics & Gynaecology)

Coordinator of the ESHRE Special Task Force on "Developing countries and infertility" since 2006.

Chairman of the Workgroup "Reproductive Medicine" of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology since 2007.

Board member of the Belgian Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (BSRM) since 2008.

Board member of the Belgian College of Reproductive Medicine

Editor-in-Chief of the international scientific journal "Facts, Views & Vision in ObGyn", the official journal of the Flemish Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.