

## **Welcome message ISA PRESIDENT**

*Prof. Andreas Meinhardt, PhD*

*Prof. Meinhardt studied Human Biology at Philipps University, in Marburg Germany. After his postdoctoral stay at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, he returned to Marburg. He was appointed as professor in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany, in 2001. His research interest includes reproductive immunology with a focus on the understanding of infection and inflammation of the male genital tract as a cause of infertility. In April 2013 he became the German spokesperson of the International Research Training Group (IRTG) Giessen-Monash ("Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders"). This program, which has been continued until 2022, is trying to train the next generation of young andrologist/reproductive biologists. Prof. Meinhardt holds two Honorary Professorships with Monash University.*

*"... As the President of ISA my aim is to foster competence in clinical and basic science Andrology, dialogue amongst clinicians, clinical and basic researchers, and to disseminate knowledge about this specialty throughout the world. I will try to realize these aims by the following three measures. (1) Partnering with other international organizations with shared goals such as the World Health Organization (WHO) program on Sexual and Reproductive Health. The ISA with its 43 national member societies shall be the voice to promote a stronger emphasis of the role of the male partner, in a WHO program that is predominantly focused on the female aspects of reproductive health. Strengthening the interactions of (2) basic science and clinic Andrology and (3) (male) reproduction in men and animals. The latter two points shall be Advanced by encouraging joint/back-to-back presentations at meetings supported by ISA ...".*

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