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Central Seminar Series 2009

Wednesday, 9 December 2009

4.00 – 5.30pm

Scots Centre (*next to Scots Church*)

Cnr North Terrace and Pulteney Street, Adelaide

Ethics, policy and practice in assisted reproduction: A perspective from Germany

Presented by

Dr Petra Thorne

Petra Thorn has been working as an infertility counsellor for over 15 years. She is co-founder and Chair of the German Society for Fertility Counselling (Beratungsnetzwerk Kinderwunsch Deutschland e.V. – www.bkid.de), co-founder and Vice-Chair of the International Infertility Counselling Organisation (IICO – www.iffs-iico.org), coordinator of the ESHRE Special Interest Group Psychology & Counselling, board Member of the German Medical Association for Donor Insemination (Arbeitskreis für donogene Insemination – www.donogene-insemination.de) and the Forum for Ethics in Medicine Frankfurt (Forum für Ethik in der Medizin Frankfurt - www.forum-medizinethik.de) as well as member of other professional organisations. She carries out training in infertility counselling for psychosocial and medical professionals and is frequently invited to present papers at national and international conferences. She lectures at the Protestant University of Applied Studies, Darmstadt, Germany in various departments.

Petra has published extensively in the area of psychosocial aspects of infertility, with a special focus on gamete donation. Her research includes studies on decision-making in donor insemination, the medical practice of donor insemination and attitudes of donors. She is reviewer for several professional journals.

Her voluntary involvement in the area of infertility includes being a founder and board member of the German Patient Organisation for Infertility (Wunschkind e.V. – www.wunschkind.de); together with international colleagues the organisation of the International Consumer Support for Infertility (www.icsi.ws); and the Assisted Conception Taskforce (www.assistedconception.org.au).

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