Dear Fertility Preservation Special Interest Group (FPSIG) Members:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the FPSIG, we are looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming ASRM 2016 Scientific Congress & Expo in Salt Lake City. Our SIG is 389 members strong, and this past year has been a phenomenal one for our group. The 2015 ASRM Annual Meeting was capped off by a conjoint workshop sponsored by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and ASRM. This workshop, which was titled New Frontiers in Fertility Preservation Research: Considering the Broader Impact, covered a broad range of fertility preservation challenges and concluded with a look toward future frontiers in research and technology.

The approaching ASRM 2016 Scientific Congress & Expo promises to be both highly informative and engaging, and an abundance of sessions will address fertility preservation topics.

The FPSIG is sponsoring a Pre-Congress Postgraduate Course (PC15) on Sunday October 16 titled, Life beyond Cancer:

Fertility Preservation and Reproductive Survivorship Issues after Cancer Treatment. Faculty members include James F. Smith, M.D. (Chair), Daniel Michael Green, M.D., Lisa Madlensky, Ph.D., and Jennifer E. Mersereau, M.D.

The FPSIG will host its Annual Meeting and Reception on Monday night from 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Grand America Hotel (GA Belvedere). We encourage all members to attend this fun, informative, and important gathering. We would also like to thank Ferring Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the reception and the FPSIG Award, which will be announced at this meeting.

The 2016 Congress will offer three informative Interactive Sessions and a Symposium dedicated to fertility preservation:

• Monday, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Interactive Session Panel Discussion - Fertility-sparing Surgical Options in the Management of Gynecologic Malignancies. Mary Ellen Pavone, M.D. (Chair), Togas Tulandi, M.D., Farr R. Nezhat, M.D.

• Tuesday, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Interactive Session Panel Discussion - Reproductive Health Needs in Cancer Survivors: Fertility, Contraception, Preconception Counseling. Irene Su, M.D., (Chair), Amy Jordan, M.S., L.C.G.C., James F. Smith, M.D.

• Tuesday, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Interactive Session Panel Discussion - Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology: Preserving Future Reproductive Function (Joint Session with the North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology). Beth W. Rackow, M.D. (Chair), Staci E. Pollack, M.D., Leslie A. Appiah, M.D.

• Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Symposium - ESHRE: Stem Cell-based Strategies and Future Challenges for Fertility Preservation in Boys. Stefan Schlatt, Ph.D., Kirs Jahnukainen, M.D., Ph.D.

The Congress will again this year host a dedicated Fertility Preservation Oral Abstract Session on Monday, October 17 at 11:15 a.m., and the Congress Poster Sessions will also feature a large number of fertility preservation abstracts.

In closing, I would like to welcome our incoming FPSIG Chair, Jenny Mersereau, M.D., who has long been dedicated to this...
group’s success. I would also like to welcome two new FPSIG Executive Board Members, incoming Chair-Elect, David Cohen, M.D. and incoming Vice-Chair, Jim Smith, M.D. Both of these individuals are talented, energetic, and committed to the advancement of this SIG. Elizabeth Ginsburg, M.D. and I are completing our terms on the Executive Board of the FPSIG, and we are both excited to begin terms as Directors-at-Large on the ASRM Board of Directors.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support of the FPSIG and your commitment to its important work. See you in Salt Lake City!

Sincerely,

Robert E. Brannigan, M.D.
Chair, FPSIG

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**Save the Date:**

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