

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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24-26 August 2006

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Hugh Young, a journalist and radio producer, created and maintains a human rights website, www.circumstitions.com, treating intactness rather than circumcision as normal. Pukerua Bay, New Zealand.

PROGRAM

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: Perspectives 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

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. ~

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.

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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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education credits are provided by the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC), approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 10870, for 17.5 contact hours. Application for Continuing Legal Education Credit, according to Washington State bar rules, pending.

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:

Best: The Watertown, \$140, \$160, closest and newest with modern conveniences, pool, and fitness room. Continental breakfast. +1-206-826-4242.

Good: University Inn, sistership to The Watertown, older facilities, pool, modern conveniences. Traditional \$105, Deluxe \$115. Continental breakfast. +1-206-632-5055.

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.

Bargain Basement (youth hostel style): Closest bargain for a single. National Historic Registered Building, 1909 charm but spartan. No cooking facilities. No elevator, no TV, shared baths. Single \$55, double \$70. Just 200 meters to symposium venue. +1-206-633-4441.

For additional details, contact John Geisheker, Executive Director, D.O.C., +1-206-568-0566, 7am-7pm PDT or at kiwijohn2@cs.com.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Degree _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ County/State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

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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 post-marked no later than 5 August 2006.



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