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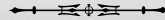


THE SIXTH  
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON  
GENITAL INTEGRITY

*Safeguarding Fundamental  
Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

7–9 December 2000

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY



## SYMPOSIUM FACULTY

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**Paul Fleiss**, MD, MPH, paediatrician. Los Angeles, California, USA.

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**LeYoni Junos**, Director, Amnesty International Bermuda, Bermuda Human Rights Commissioner. Hamilton, Bermuda.

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**Pandy S. Ndimwibo**, BA SWASA, DIP PPM, PGD Counselling, Chairman of the Uganda Reproductive Health Bureau. Kampala, Uganda, Africa.

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**John W. Travis**, MD, MPH, founder and co-director, Wellness Associates, author, *Wellness Inventory* and the *Wellness Workbook*, co-founder, International Coalition for Genital Integrity, co-founder, Alliance for Transforming the Lives of Children. East Gippsland, Victoria, Australia.

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**Avshalom Zoosmann-Diskin**, PhD, Avraham Kahana, and Ronit Tamir, members, The Israeli Association Against Genital Mutilation. Avshalom Zoosmann-Diskin, PhD, currently a medical student in Australia is Director, The Israeli Association Against Genital Mutilation. Sturt, South Australia, Australia.

# PROGRAMME

Thursday, 7 December

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**0800–0900: Registration**

**0900–0915: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

• *Marilyn Milos and George Williams*

**0915–1000: Keynote Address: Ending Enforced Genital Cutting of Children and Violation of Their Human Rights: Ethical, Psychological and Legal Considerations**

• *Gregory J. Boyle*

**1000–1115: An Overview • *George Williams, Moderator***

Historical Revisionism in Recent Medical History: An Exposé and Analysis • *Frederick Mansfield Hodges*

A Source of Serious Mischief: The Demonisation of the Foreskin and the Rise of Preventive Circumcision in Australia, 1880–1930 • *Robert Darby*

Compulsion to Circumcise is Constant, the Reasons Keep Changing • *Michael Katz*

**1115–1130: Break**

**1130–1300: Legal and Ethical Considerations of Genital Mutilation • *George Williams, Moderator***

Comparative Legal Analysis of Body Mutilation Practices on Children • *J. Steven Svoboda*

Equal Protection Case Studies in the Scope and Limit of Gender-Based Discrimination Under State and Federal Constitutions • *Zenas Baer*

Human Rights of Children in the New Millennium: Legal Developments in the Fight for Children's Genital Integrity Throughout the World • *Charles Bonner*

Doctors, Be Warned! Circumcise Today and You Could Be Sued Tomorrow! • *J. Neville Turner*

**1300–1430: Lunch**

**1430–1600: Religious Considerations**

• *Tina Kimmel, Moderator*

An Epistolary Debate with David Ben Gurion About Jewish Circumcision: The Psychoanalytic Outlook • *Moisés Tractenberg*

Attitude, Knowledge, and Change Among Israeli Jewish Students Regarding Male Genital Mutilation • *Avshalom Zoosmann-Diskin, Avraham Kahana, Ronit Tamir*

Bris Shalem: Toward a Covenant of Wholeness • *Samuel Richmond*

Limitations to Practices of a Belief or Religion in International Human Rights Law – Case Study: Genital Mutilation in the Judaic Tradition • *LeYoni Junos*

**1600–1615: Break**

**1615–1700: Breaking Through Medical and Media Bias**

• *Tina Kimmel, Moderator*

The White Coat of Silence: How to Create Change in Medical School Curricula and Survive Physician Opposition • *Norma Wilcox*

The Struggle for Media Access and International Recognition Shelton • *Harrison Walden*

**1700–1730: Discussion**

Friday, 8 December

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**0800–0900: Registration**

**0900–1115: International News • *Peter Ball, Moderator***

A Review of Circumcision in New Zealand: "I never liked doing them and I was pleased to give it up." • *Hugh Young and Kenneth A. McGrath*

Circumcision Rates in UK Males • *John Warren*

Prevention of Genital Mutilation: A Community Research and Development Project in Northern Ireland • *Linda Massie*

Circumcision of Boys in Sweden: Proposal for Government Regulation • *Yngve Hofvander*

Prince for a Day: The Sumbawa Circumcision Ritual • *Royal Phillips*

Discussion

**1115–1130: Break**

**1130–1300: Female Genital Mutilation**

• *Juliana Nkrumah, Moderator*

FGM: Getting the Debate Happening at the Grassroots – The Australian Experience • *Juliana Nkrumah*

Egyptian Intellectuals and Genital Integrity • *Seham Abd el Salam Mohammed*

Female Circumcision: Its Effects on the Reproductive Health of Adolescents • *Pandy Ndimwibo*

The Struggle Against Female Genital Mutilation/Female Circumcision: The European Experience • *Els Leye*

**1300–1430: Lunch**

**1430–1545: Female Genital Mutilation (continued)**

Sunna Budnin: An Alternative Ritual to Infibulation, Invented and Carried Out in the Merka District, Somalia • *Pia Grassivaro Gallo and Franco Viviani*

Genital Mutilation of Children: Where Are We Now and Where Are We Going? • *Hanny Lightfoot-Klein*

**1545–1630: International Symposia on Genital Integrity Award Presentations • *Marilyn Milos, Moderator***

**1630–1645: Break**

**1645–1730: Address of the Recipient of the Human Rights Award: Over 100% Circumcision Rate: The Short and Bizarre History of South Korean Circumcision *DaiSik Kim, Myung-Geol Pang, Sae Chul Kim***

Saturday, 9 December

0800–0900: Registration

0900–1115: Psychological Aspects of Genital Mutilation

• *Gregory J. Boyle, Moderator*

Sigmund Freud, Male Circumcision and the Mind: A Psychoanalytic Review • *George Williams*

Physical, Sexual, and Psychological Impact of Male Infant Circumcision: An Exploratory Study • *Gillian A. Bensley and Gregory J. Boyle*

Neonatal Circumcision: Long-Term Harmful Effects

• *Tracey Gemmel and Gregory J. Boyle*

Ritual and Medical Circumcision Among Filipino Boys: Evidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder • *Samuel M. Ramos and Gregory J. Boyle*

Counselling Approaches for Acute Post-Circumcision Stress Disorder: A Case Study • *Brett McCann and Peter Lawrence*

How to Respond to the Doctor Who Says You Must Circumcise Your Son • *Paul Fleiss*

1115–1130: Break

1130–1300: What Exactly Is Lost With Genital Cutting?

• *Morris Sorrells, Moderator*

Separation of the Two Sensory Platforms of the Human Penis

• *Kenneth A. McGrath*

A Novel Research Study in Assessing Penile Sensitivity/Insensitivity Without a Measuring Device • *Peter Lawrence*

Touch-Test Sensory Evaluation Research: Preliminary Findings

• *Morris Sorrells and Tina Kimmel*

Discussion

1300–1430: Lunch

1430–1500: Addressing the Wounds • *Peter Ball, Moderator*

Assaulted and Mutilated: A Personal Account of Circumcision Trauma • *Shane Peterson*

1500–1630: Concurrent Session A: Male Genital Mutilation and Foreskin Restoration • *Peter Ball, Moderator*

Circumcision: A Festering Wound • *Daniel H. Bollinger, III*

Current Foreskin Restoration Practices in Australia • *John M. Aldous*

A report on the evolution and growth of foreskin restoration in Sydney Australia, since 1994 • *Peter Lawrence*

Doctors, File Information, and Activists Can be Worse than the Circumciser's Knife • *William Sides*

Foreskin Restoration: a video • *Peter Ball*

1500–1630: Concurrent Session B: The Role of Women in Ending Genital Mutilation • *Jeannine Parvati Baker, Mary Conant, Linda Massie, Marilyn Fayre Milos, Moderators*

1630–1645: Break

1645–1730: Closing Keynote Address: Circumcision as a Part of the Normative Abuse of Children: Essentials for Transforming the Lives of Children *John W. Travis*

17:30–1800: Closing: *Jeannine Parvati Baker*



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## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

George Williams

John Erickson

Frederick Hodges

## HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

DaiSik Kim

Sae Chul Kim

Myung-Geol Pang

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA ON GENITAL INTEGRITY

The International Symposia on Genital Integrity, 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 organisation that provides information for parents and others about protecting the rights of children.

*Symposium Organisers:* Marilyn Fayre Milos, RN, National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, Dr. George Williams, NOCIRC of Australia, Dr. Gregory J. Boyle, Bond University, and Dr. Frederick Hodges, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford.

Speakers confirmed but are subject to change. ∞

## POST-SYMPOSIUM DINNER

A closing dinner (including vegetarian fare) will be held at Wesley College for symposium presenters and attendees on Saturday evening, 9 December, beginning at 1800. For those in residence, the dinner is included in board and lodge. For those from outside, the cost is Aus\$8.

## BOOK TABLE

Resource books, videos, and other educational materials will be available for purchase.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Additional information will be provided in poster presentations.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education credits are provided by the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Provider Number CEP 10870, for 17.5 contact hours. Continuing Medical Education credits pending program approval.

## SIGN LANGUAGE

The symposium will be interpreted into Australian Sign Language.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration postmarked by November 15: U.S. funds, \$50/half-day, \$100/full day, \$250/full program. Please make checks payable to: NOCIRC, POB 2512, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2512, USA.

## LOCATION

The symposium will be held at:  
Wesley College  
Western Avenue  
University of Sydney  
NSW 2006 Australia

## ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS:

Wesley College, Western Avenue, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Tel: (02) 9565 3377, Fax: (02) 9516 3829

Rooms are neat, comfortable, secure and include a telephone. Most are single rooms although some doubles are available. The staff will do their best to accommodate a family suitably and comfortably. Bathrooms are shared.

### Bed and Breakfast, Single Room

– Aus\$50.60 per person per night.

### Bed and Breakfast, Shared Room

– Aus\$38.50 per person per night.

### Full Board, Single Room

– Aus\$63.80 per person per day.

### Full Board, Shared Room

– Aus\$52.00 per person per night.

(Full Board is three hot meals a day.)

For other facilities, see <http://global.australia.com/pl/atc>.

After November 15, on-site registration only: Australian funds, \$90/half-day, \$195/full day, \$450/full program. Registration fee does not include accommodations or catering.

**Cancellation** requests must be made in writing and post-marked no later than November 15, 2000. A US\$60 per person processing fee will be deducted from the refund, which will be returned within 60 days following the symposium.

## 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 that 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 world-wide problem.

## SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the symposium, participants will understand:

- the history of sexual mutilation in recent medical history;
- the ethical, political, and legal aspects of sexual mutilation;
- the cost and other burdens to health care systems of medically contraindicated sexual mutilations such as male circumcision;
- the religious and cultural aspects of sexual mutilation;
- the need for religious, cultural, and gender sensitivity to the issue of sexual mutilation;
- the worldwide campaign to end sexual mutilation;
- the psychological aspects and sequelæ of sexual mutilation;
- the historical and contemporary aspects of foreskin restoration;
- the difficulty of getting accurate information about sexual mutilation into mass media;
- how to create change in medical school curricula.

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