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Information Resource Centers
and
The Padua Working Group on FGM
Department of General Psychology, University of Padua

present

THE EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON
CIRCUMCISION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

An Anthropological, Medical, Legal, and Ethical Analysis

2 - 4 September 2004
UNIVERSITY OF PADUA, ITALY
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<td><strong>FGM in African Immigrants in Greece</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Impressions of Genital Cutting in Turkey, Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso and South Africa</strong></td>
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Symposium Organizers: Marilyn Fayre Milos, RN, National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, Frederick Hodges, DPhil (Oxon), Pia Grassivaro Gallo, PhD, Franco Viviani, PhD, and the Padua Working Group on FGM.
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 worldwide problem.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of the symposium, participants will understand the:
• history of sexual mutilation;
• ethical, political, and legal aspects of sexual mutilation;
• best ways to encourage healthcare systems to end funding for unnecessary mutilation;
• need for religious, cultural, and gender sensitivity to the issue of sexual mutilation;
• worldwide campaign to end sexual mutilation;
• historical and contemporary aspects of genital restoration

POST-SYMPOSIUM EVENTS
Banquet Dinner: Saturday evening, time and place to be announced.

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 14.5 contact hours.

LOCATION
University of Padua, Department of Engineering Institute

ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS
Fondazione Gini – La Nave – The Ship Residence
via Portello, 15, Padova (3-5 minutes from symposium)
Mini-flats (room, bathroom, kitchenette)
From 30 euros per person per night (3 night minimum)
(With discounts for people who share flat)
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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.

Please make checks payable to:
NOCIRC, POB 2512, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2512, USA.

Registration fee does not include accommodations.

Cancellation requests must be made in writing and post-marked no later than 15 August 2004.
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Giotto’s *Circumcision of the Baby Jesus* (1303-1305), Scrovegni’s Chapel, Padua, by permission of the Municipal Office of Culture of the Comune of Padua – Civic Museum.

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