Fetal Therapy Special Interest Group  
ISPD 21st International Conference  
*Time:* Wednesday, July 12, 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
*Place:* Marina 6, Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

**Co-Chairs:** Anna David, PhD, Lynn Simpson, MD

**Attendees:** David Abel, Yair Blumenfeld, Nina Boe, Tony Borrell, Anna David, Majed Faden, Greigh Hirata, Gina James, Peter Lindgren, Jingmei Ma, Dick Oepkes, Lucas Otano, Rodrigo Ruano, Kathy Salari, Lynn Simpson, Louise Wilkins-Haug, Douglas Wilson

### Agenda

1. **Announcements**
   - Incoming co-chairs acknowledged and thanked out-going co-chairs, Dick Oepkes and Roland Devlieger, for their leadership and service to ISPD's Fetal Therapy SIG

2. **Update from Out-Going Fetal Therapy SIG Co-Chairs**
   - Dick Oepkes spoke about the history of the Fetal Therapy SIG and advances in open fetal surgery, gene therapy, fetoscopic laser therapy for twin-twin transfusion syndrome and management of lower urinary tract obstruction
   - He reported that fetal therapy preconception course was well attended and initial feedback from participants was very positive
   - Idea of combining a hands-on simulation course on invasive fetal procedures was discussed with potential for hosting such a course from the Fetal Care Academy immediately following the 2018 ISPD conference in Antwerp, Belgium

3. **Fetal Therapy SIG Initiatives for 2018**
   - Anna David lead a discussion on proposed initiatives for upcoming year including planning fetal therapy preconception course for ISPD 2018 conference in Antwerp
   - Feedback was that the debate format was very popular with good reviews from attendees; ideas for next year included open versus closed approach to repair of fetal MMC; for and against fetal surgery with coexisting fetal DNA abnormalities
   - Potential contributions to the ISPD Global Updates were discussed and Anna David offered to recruit one of her fellows to assist with an article about fetal MMC repair for submission on behalf of the Fetal Therapy SIG
   - Idea of a simulation course was discussed for a second time and Louise Wilkins-Haug, ISPD President-Elect, expressed support; will require some follow-up with the Fetal Care Academy to see if interested
• Anna David also raised ideas of possible position statement or guideline from Fetal Therapy SIG about the issues related to fetal therapy when fetal DNA analysis is abnormal; Lynn Simpson agreed to reach out to Douglas Wilson to get his opinion
• Additional ideas for topics/courses for next year’s conference were discussed

4. **Concluding Comments**
   • Reminder re: 22nd ISPD conference in Antwerp, Belgium, July 8-11, 2018
   • Contact Anna David or Lynn Simpson with additional ideas re: next year’s meeting
   • Meeting adjourned