



**Marc Van den Bergh** was born in Ostend in 1953; he received his basic training in embryology in the team of Professor A.C. Van Steirthegeem at the Center for Reproductive Medicine from the Dutch Speaking Free University in Brussels.

After 13 years of collaboration he accepted to create and supervise a new IVF-laboratory at the Fertility Unit of the Erasmus Hospital at the French Speaking Free University of Brussels.

He was the first Belgian embryologist to obtain in 2011 the official Masters in Advanced studies in Clinical Embryology. He has published over 30 scientific peer reviewed articles and is author and co-author from several books.

In 2002 he moved to Switzerland where he directed the Fertility Laboratory of the County Hospital of Baden.

In June 2013 he retired, anticipated and joined the Swiss Federal Office for accreditation (SAS) as technical auditor for IVF-laboratories. In April 2012 he founded a financially independent and self-supported registered Limited Quartec GmbH: a consultancy agency specialized in troubleshooting assisted reproductive technology laboratories and dedicated to the education of clinical embryologists.

Marc Van den Bergh was president of the Association of Clinical Embryologist Alpha, first author and co-author of over 35 peer reviewed publications and books. He is a free time musician participating in benefit concerts for patients and 3rd world associations.