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Curriculum vitae

Bruno Lunenfeld, MD, PhD, FRCOG, FACOG (hons), POGS (hons)

Born in Vienna 1927, married +2

Bruno Lunenfeld is Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Life Sciences, Bar-Ilan University, and Ramat Gan, Israel. He is also President of the International Society for the Study of the Aging Male, General Secretary of The Asian-Pacific Initiative on Reproductive Endocrinology, Treasurer of the International Society of Gynaecological Endocrinology and Editor of *The Aging Male*, a journal devoted to men's health and aging.

He graduated from the medical School in Geneva, Switzerland. Following his post graduate work in Geneva he joined the Weitzman Institute as senior Scientist, and from 1962–1995 he was chairman of the Institute of Endocrinology, Chaim Sheba Medical Center and the WHO International Reference Center for Fertility Promoting Drugs. From 1984–1986 he was Acting Chief Scientist Ministry of Health. He acted as a Consultant and member of Expert Committees at the World Health Organization for more than 25 years.

Professor Lunenfeld is best known for his pioneering work in human reproduction. After describing the clinical use of hMG in men and women in 1960, his group was the first to achieve a pregnancy with hMG in 1961, demonstrated binding of hCG to LH receptors in theca cells in 1967 and were the first to induce ovulation followed by pregnancy with GnRH in an hMG-stimulated cycle in 1975. His research interests pertain to the physiology and pathology of male and female reproduction and include stimulators, modulators and regulators of sex steroids, spermatogenesis, spermiogenesis, folliculogenesis and ovulation, and the mechanism of action of gonadotropins, GnRH and growth factors on gene expression and steroidogenesis.

As an educator and organizer he was cofounder of the Gonadotropin Club (G-Club) in 1953, the Israel Endocrine Society, and lately to promote high quality treatment of reproductive disorders he founded "The Asian-Pacific Initiative on Reproductive Endocrinology."

He was instrumental in the study of the aging male, was the founder of the International Society for the Study of the Aging Male (ISSAM). An organization whose goal is to support improvement of "Quality of Life", "life style" and "healthcare" for the aging man, through dissemination of information, and advancement of scientific and medical knowledge and to support advancements in quality of social services, preventive measures, treatment and universal patient access.

He organized in collaboration with the World Health Organization the first, second and third world Congress of the Aging Male in Geneva.

He published more than 400 papers, 19 books including a textbook on Male and Female Infertility and one of the „First textbooks on Men's Health. He gave more than 700 invited lectures and chaired or co-chaired more than 100 sessions at national/international meetings. He trained more than 200 local and foreign physicians and supervised more than 50 MD, MSC, and Ph.D. Students.

Professor Lunenfeld has received several distinguished international awards for his scientific achievements, including the special recognition award of the United States Public Health Service for his outstanding contribution in the promotion of health from the Surgeon General (1983), the Verdienstkreuz 1. Klasse – one of Germany's highest honours – signed by the President of Germany, Roman Herzog (1995), the Bertarelli Foundation Award for his lifetime achievements in women's health (2002) and the World Fertility Awareness Month Lifetime Achievement Award (2005).

Professor Lunenfeld is honorary member of European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS), German, Polish and Italian. Swiss Society of Gynecology and Obstetrics, German Endocrine Society of Reproduction, Austrian Society of Fertility and Sterility, and the Asian Society of Andrology.



Bruno Lunenfeld (age 11) at the time of emigration from Austria, 1938



Bruno Lunenfeld with Bob Edwards, 1970



Bruno Lunenfeld in Argentina with his first wife Susi (who passed away 1995), inspecting the urine collection programme, 1966



Bruno Lunenfeld with Claudia Cardinale in Capri – Axel Munthe Prize, 1985



Bruno Lunenfeld at the 10th World Congress on Human Reproduction – Fertility Award, 2005



Bruno Lunenfeld with his family: from an only child to four generations, 2011

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