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At the 3rd International IVI (Instituto Valenciano de Infertilidad) Congress whose theme was “Reproductive Medicine and Beyond”, held May 14–16, 2009, at the Palacio de Congresos, Madrid, Spain, the session “Environmental challenges to reproductive health” is of particular interest to readers of *Reproductive Biology Insights*. We are extremely delighted that the speakers in this session have agreed to write expanded abstracts highlighting the major advances and controversies of their topics.

The first paper covers the topic of cigarette smoking and its effects on fertility by Dr. S. Soares from

Portugal. The effect of body weight on fertility was the topic of the second presentation by Dr. J. Bellver from Spain. Life style factors such as caffeine and alcohol consumption as well as psychological stress and their effects on in vitro fertilization success, were covered in the third paper by Dr. H. Klonoff-Cohen from U.S.A. The final paper by Dr. E. Younglai from Canada covered a wide range of issues from pollutants to sedentarism and circadian rhythm (*EIC*).

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