

Friday

- 7.30 Registrations
- 8.00 Welcome

8.15 **John J Billings Memorial Lecture**
Wilfred Shaw and Erik Odeblad - the critical importance of the para-urethral pockets
 Dr Mark Whitty

- 9.00 Questions and Discussion
- 9.15 Supper

Saturday

9.30 **Testimony to our late beloved Pocket of Wonder – Jim Brown**
 Dr Len Blackwell – Contribution to science
 Dr Adrian Thomas – Contribution to medicine
 Gillian Barker – Contribution to Billings Ovulation Method™

- 11.00 Morning Tea
- 11.30 **Pockets of Wonder – Scientific Research into the Billings Ovulation Method™ throughout the years** - Dr Jan Hemstad
- 12.15 Questions and Discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 **How the Menopause Study of our Pocket of Wonder, Dr Lyn Billings gave the understanding of pre-ovulatory infertility – the Basic Infertile Pattern (BIP)**
 Joan Clements
- 2.45 **The Pockets of Shaw and their influence on the teaching of the Billings Ovulation Method™** - Lynne Anderson
- 3.30 Afternoon tea
- 4.00 Meeting of WOOMB Directors with International Affiliates
- 7.00 **Conference Dinner – After Dinner Speaker:** Fr Joseph Hattie OMI

Sunday

- 9.30 **Pockets of Wonder in Church Teaching – Evangelium Vitae, Donum Vitae and Dignitatis Personae** – Rev Fr John Fleming
- 10.15 Questions and Discussion
- 10.30 Morning Tea
- 11.00 **Pockets of Wonder – teaching the Billings Ovulation Method™ around the world**
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 Recognition of service awards
 Closing of Conference
- 3.00 **Conference Mass**
- 4.30 Afternoon tea



Pockets of Wonder



CONFERENCE:
 Fri 29th - Sat 30th - Sun 1st of May 2011



TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM:
 Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th of May 2011



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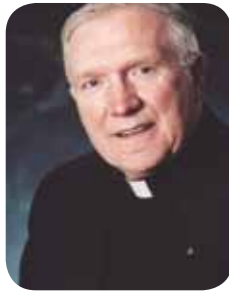
Conference Speakers



Dr Mark Whitty qualified in medicine at Trinity College, Dublin University in 1981. Based in Family Medicine, with legal and occupational work, he also has special interest in women's health and in psychotherapy. He has been involved in natural family planning since 1978 including participating in training, conferences and cooperation via internet and writing and speaking on subjects related to NFP in Dublin, London, Melbourne, Paris, Rome, Barcelona, Minnesota, Johannesburg and Pretoria. He represented WOOMB International at Conferences in Rome, and in Spain. Dr Whitty completed a Masters (MSc) in women's health 2004, with thesis in NFP, and completed a post-graduate qualification in medical education in 2005. He is currently president of the Billings organisation in Ireland which is the Ireland Associate of WOOMB International. He is a Consultant/Advisor to WOOMB International and a Billings Ovulation Method™ teacher in Dublin.



Dr Jan R Hemstad, was born in Seattle Washington and practises medicine in the Department of Cardiopulmonary Medicine of the Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center, Yakima, Washington. His post graduate training was in General Surgery, Anesthesiology with subspecialty training in Pediatrics, and his Fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology with speciality training in Transesophageal Echocardiography. Dr Hemstad is President of the Catholic Medical Association in the U.S.A. He is a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Board of Anesthesiology, the National Board of Echocardiography, and of the Board of BOMA-USA. He is the author/co-author of many publications and has considerable research experience. Jan is married to Darcy and they have five children.



Father Joseph Hattie, O.M.I. Spiritual Advisor to WOOMB International and priest of the Missionary Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, was born in Yarmouth and grew up in Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1964 and has a number of degrees: BSc, BPh, BED; MREd, MTheol and a DTheol of Marriage and Family from the Lateran University in Rome. He is an author, and member of a number of boards, including WOOMB Canada; Priests for Life Canada. He is an experienced high school teacher. He was the founder and director of the Office of Marriage and Family Formation for the Archdiocese of Vancouver and presently holds the same position for the Archdiocese of Halifax. He has been a long time promoter of the Billings Ovulation Method™.



Dr John Fleming is a Catholic priest. He is a Corresponding Member of the Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican), from 1996, Adjunct Professor of Bioethics, Southern Cross Bioethics Institute, South Australia, from 2004 and author of five books and many articles on bioethics. He specialises in the development of public policy in bioethics. His PhD (Griffith University, Queensland) is in philosophy and medical ethics. Dr Fleming was Foundation President of Campion College Australia 2004-2009, Foundation Director of Adelaide's Southern Cross Bioethics Institute 1987-2004, a foundation member of UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee which developed the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights 1992-1996 and a Member of the SA Council on Reproductive Technology. (SA Parliament), 1998-2004. Father Fleming is married to Alison and they have three adult children.

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Joan Clements has a Grad Dip Theol (JP11 Inst), and is a Senior Teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method™, and a Director of WOOMB International Ltd and member of the Education Committee. She has travelled to China, Singapore and New Zealand to train teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method™ and most recently has completed a 3-year Teacher Training project to Vietnam involving 6 trips. In 2010 Joan represented WOOMB International at a meeting of the Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome where she addressed the PCF on how the Billings Ovulation Method™ is helping to promote the Culture of Life in Oceania. Joan is married to Stephen and they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Dr Adrian Thomas obtained his postgraduate qualification in obstetrics and gynaecology and later studied fertility under Professor Ian Cooke in Sheffield, England before returning to Australia to work as an obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Infertility Clinic at the Mercy Hospital for Women, where he has continued ever since. He worked closely with the late Professor Brown over the past 20 years and has published a number of papers in the field of fertility. He was the "corresponding author" for Professor Brown's Continuum paper, accepted for publication in the journal Human Reproduction Update. Dr Thomas has a strong interest in medical ethics, especially reproductive ethics. He is a member of the Ethics Committee of Mercy Health, a member of the Fertility Society of Australia, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the European Society for Human Reproduction and Infertility and is a member of the Research Committee of OMR&RCA.



Associate Professor Leonard F. Blackwell, Associate Professor Leonard F. Blackwell, with B.Sc. (NZ), M.Sc. (Hons)(NZ), Ph.D. (Cant). and 37 years experience in academic teaching and research at the Universities of Otago, St Andrews (Scotland), Massey and Melbourne. Assoc. Prof Blackwell has extensive multidisciplinary experience in the development and application of systems for the home-monitoring of biomarkers of human fertility and other analytes. He has extensive international contacts and collaborations with the WHO Task Force on Fertility Regulation, the Institute of Reproductive Health at Georgetown University and was a long time associate of Professor James Brown at the University of Melbourne, and in St Michael's Research Foundation. After Professor Brown's death he has worked in the "shed" trying to resurrect the Ovarian Hormone Monitor system and production of the oestrone glucuronide (E1G) and pregnanediol (PdG) tubes. Professor Brown's paper has now been published in the scientific literature and other papers written in collaboration with Professor Brown on the WHO trial of the Ovarian Monitor will be submitted shortly.

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Gillian Barker. In 1975 Gillian commenced work in the Urinary Steroid laboratory at the Royal Women's Hospital, testing for the ovarian hormones, oestrogen and pregnanediol and ultimately managed the laboratory. With Professor Brown as head of the laboratory, the hormonal validation of the Billings Ovulation Method™ was completed. She assisted Professor Brown in establishing the Ovarian Hormone Monitor as a viable and accredited method for assaying oestrone glucuronide and pregnanediol glucuronide. In 1998 she established GB Technical Services to assist Professor Brown in the manufacture and distribution of the Ovarian Hormone Monitor and its components and to provide a service for the testing and the interpretation of hormone assays. Since Professor Brown retired, Gillian has been working as a Research Scientist identifying proteins associated with ovarian cancer and the development of an early detection test. Gillian is a Senior Teacher and member of the Education Committee, she is married to Brian and they have two children and five grandchildren



Lynne Anderson Lynne Anderson is a Senior Teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method™ a Director of OMR &RCA, and a member of the Education Committee. Lynne has been involved in the teaching of Christian Sexuality and Relationships Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for 25 years, and is Chair of the OMR&RCA Christian Sexuality Committee. As well as conducting clinics for women and couples, Lynne teaches the Billings Ovulation Method™ to second year students from Monash University School of Medicine, whilst they complete their Community Based Partnership placement with Billings LIFE. Lynne has conducted Teacher Training programs in the Philippines, Malaysian Borneo, Timor Leste and in various parts of Australia. Lynne is the mother of four children.

Costs

CONFERENCE COSTS:

Conference including dinner:	\$265.00
Early Bird rate:	\$245.00 (due by 31/1/2011)
Friday only:	\$20.00
Conference Dinner only:	\$55.00

All days of Conference include morning & afternoon tea and lunch. Dinner Friday and Sunday NOT included.

ACCOMMODATION

Twin Share Room-per person per night: \$54.50

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Mon – Thurs: \$310.00

All days of TTP include morning & afternoon tea and lunch. Dinner Monday to Thursday NOT included

ACCOMMODATION – as for Conference

REGISTRATION

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