



Fertility Europe supports Stowarzyszenie Nasz Bocian in their protests against discrimination of children born thanks to fertility treatments.

Fertility Europe is a pan-European organisation of 31 patients' associations from 28 countries. On behalf of infertility patients in Europe, Fertility Europe expresses our deep opposition to the misinformation and discriminatory content on human sexuality and reproductive health contained in the textbook for a new subject, History and Present (HiT) by prof. Wojciech Roszkowski. We call for the correction of the content wrongly describing Medically Assisted Reproduction treatment and discriminating children born thanks to fertility treatment. Comparing highly specialised therapeutic processes used by reproductive medicine to "human production or breeding" proves the absolute lack of understanding of the essence of the problem and offends millions of people in the world – those born thanks to in vitro fertilisation, those struggling with infertility, their families, and ordinary enlightened citizens. The author's statements are in direct contradiction to medical knowledge.

Infertility is a serious disease and social problem all over the world, including Poland. 1 in 5 couples of childbearing age have problems conceiving without medical help. Treatment of infertility by IVF has been applied worldwide since 1978, and in Poland since 1987. In 2010, prof. Robert Edwards received the Nobel Prize for achievements in the field of human embryology, which enabled the development of currently used IVF techniques. Over 8 million children have been born as a result using the method of in vitro fertilisation, including over one hundred thousand in Poland.

Discriminating words about any people, especially children should be never included in any school textbook. Infertility patients in Poland deserve to have their family rights honoured as defined and described by the WHO.

We would like to show full support to our colleagues from the Polish infertility patients' association Nasz Bocian in their struggle to make Poland safe, efficient, fair and non-discriminating environment for infertility patients and their children.

Fertility Europe also strongly believes that Polish infertility patients should have access to treatment regulated only by Evidence Based Medicine and determined by patients' safety, not politics, ideology or any other biased approach.

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