

The team led by Jacques Montagut, Director of Institute IFREARES in Toulouse, is pleased to inform you of the first French birth of twins following oocyte vitrification to preserve fertility.

One month after approval was granted by bioethics law (July 7th 2011) to perform oocyte conservation using this new technique, a first attempt was indicated for a 40-year-old woman. The attempt at in vitro fertilization of oocytes kept for eight months at minus 196 degrees was made in March 2012 and two embryos were transferred. Beautiful boy/girl twins (Nael and Yasmina) were born at Clinique St Jean-Languedoc on December 4th 2012.

To preserve the happy parents, the team waited one month before announcing this success: this gives tremendous hope to women who for medical reasons will now be able to preserve their fertility, an option which so far only benefited men.