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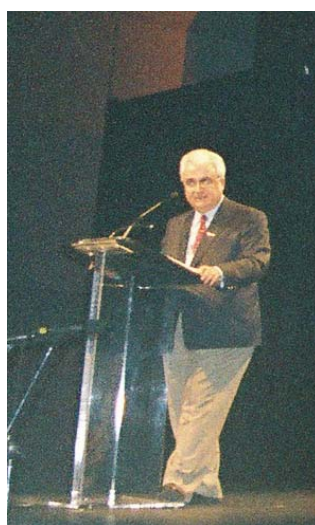
## MONTREAL CONGRESS ISSUES THE DECLARATION: "SEXUAL HEALTH FOR THE MILLENNIUM"

*"The promotion of sexual health is central to the attainment of wellness and well-being and to the achievement of sustainable development and more specifically to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. Individuals and communities who experience well-being are better positioned to contribute to the eradication of individual and societal poverty"* states the Declaration "Sexual Health for the Millennium" issued at the end of the XVII World Congress of Sexology (WCS).

Following an initiative of Pierre Assalian, M.D, President of the XVII WCS, the WAS established a task force lead by Eli Coleman, Ph.D. with the active participation of representatives from The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and The Sexuality

Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS). During the Congress, attendees participated in roundtables that examined the areas of concern, which translated into the Declaration.

Eight goals were identified:  
1. Recognize, promote, ensure and protect sexual rights for all.  
2. Advance toward gender equity.  
3. Eliminate all forms of sexual violence and abuse.  
4. Provide universal access to comprehensive sexuality information and education.  
5. Ensure that reproductive health programs recognize the centrality of sexual health.  
6. Halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).  
7. Identify, address and treat sexual concerns, dysfunctions and disorders.  
8. Achieve



Pierre Assalian, M.D. President of the XVII World Congress of Sexology, reading the Montreal Declaration

recognition of sexual pleasure as a component of well-being.

For the complete text of the declaration see our website [www.worldsexualhealth.org](http://www.worldsexualhealth.org)

### THE PROMOTION OF SEXUAL HEALTH IS:

- central to the attainment of wellness and well-being
- central to the achievement of sustainable development
- central to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.
- co-adjuvant to the eradication of individual and societal poverty

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## NEW ADVISORY BOARD ELECTED IN MONTREAL

During the WAS General Assembly a new Advisory Board was elected. The new board will have the responsibility to conduct the day to day work of the Association and to make decisions until the General Assembly meets in our next World Congress in 2007.

With 17 countries repre-

sented, a strong representation and balance of continents, countries, professional background and gender was achieved. A powerful team to make significant advancement in the fulfillment of the WAS mission.



The new advisory board of the WAS meets for the first time in Montreal on July 13th, 2005



The new logo of the Association reflects the changes: a couple acting as a world in a non-sexist design

WAS CHANGES ITS NAME TO WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

WAS (formerly the World Association for Sexology) has changed its name. Although we are keeping our WAS acronym, the realization that Sexual Health represents a common goal and reflects in a more direct way our vision and mission, has led to the historic decision of the WAS General Assembly, celebrated in Montreal on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, of changing the name of the Association.

several international documents, much more than the clinical aspects of human sexuality. Sexual health is not a goal for clinicians only. Sexual health is the crystallization of our common goal. Sexuality Education has the objective to facilitate sexually healthy lives of those who are being educated. Interventions in Clinical Sexology have the goal of restoring sexual health. Sex Research, although objectively driven, has

as its justification the creation of knowledge that supports others to attain and maintain sexual health.

WAS will continue to work for sexology, with sexologists and promoting sexology throughout the world. However, stated in a more definite manner, with the new name, the end goal is having a better world by promoting Sexual Health.

Sexual health is, as stated in

SCIENCE AND TRANS- DISCIPLINARY, HALLMARKS OF THE MONTREAL CONGRESS

“THE SCIENTIFIC QUALITY OF THE PRESENTATIONS WAS REMARKABLE AND A HIGH NUMBER OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS CHARACTERIZED THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM”

More than 700 presentations constituted the heart of the Montreal Congress of the WAS. In its XVII Congress, the World Congress of Sexology gathered 1200 attendees who had the opportunity to share the knowledge and experience generated around the world.

The scientific quality of the presentations was remarkable

and a high number of original research presentations characterized the scientific program. Of particular interest were the 9 plenary sessions, which covered the most important topics in the field. Structured with a novel format that included specialists who addressed the topic from the biological, psychological and sociological points of view,

and an integration of approaches at the end that reflected well the Trans-disciplinary character of the field.

The abstracts of all the presentations can now be consulted for reference at <http://www.worldsexualhealth.org/doc/sexoabstracts.pdf>. A selection of research abstracts will be published in *The Journal of Sex Research* in 2006.



Margaret Redelman, M.D. President of the XVIII WAS Congress 1st World Congress for Sexual Health

SYDNEY IS READY FOR WAS: 2007, APRIL 15-19

The next WAS Congress will be the First World Congress for Sexual Health.

We will meet in Sydney, Australia, on April 15 – 19, 2007. As WAS continues the long tradition of gathering experts in hu-

man sexuality and related professions from all over the world, the Congress in Sydney promises to be a unique experience for visiting Australia, a must have life experience. Also, the energetic area of the world represented by Oceania and Southeast

Asia, will have one more opportunity to show to the World the way in which they are dealing with the challenges that are captured by the Congress theme: *Achieving Health, Pleasure and Respect*.



## ADVISORY BOARD ACCEPTS 10 POINT PLAN OF ACTION

The Strategic Plan of Action developed by the WAS translates into a new plan of action with specific tasks and goals. Ten very ambitious goals articulate the ideas for invigorating the activity of the Association and they are in the box at the right.

The work involved in the plan is enormous. WAS is counting on all its members to help to achieve them.

- Define the various areas of specialty in sexology
- Establish guidelines for the ideal profile of each specialty and make recommendations for the training and education of professionals for each specialty
- Strengthen the development of exemplary scientific standards
- Achieve international recognition of the WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights
- Publicize position statements on current, global sexual issues and problems
- Utilize mass media to promote the position of WAS
- Strengthen WAS links with the regional federations
- Establish a more effective system of information exchange among all member organizations
- Create new bonds, and strengthen existing ones, with international organizations related to sexual health and sexual rights
- Develop a program of fund raising through a variety of existing and new sources

“THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF ACTION DEVELOPED BY THE WAS TRANSLATES INTO A NEW PLAN OF ACTION WITH SPECIFIC TASKS AND GOALS. TEN VERY AMBITIOUS GOALS ARTICULATE THE IDEAS FOR INVIGORATING THE ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION”

## EUSEBIO RUBIO-AURIOLES, MD, PHD ELECTED PRESIDENT

Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, M.D., Ph.D was elected as the new President of the World Association for Sexual Health

Eusebio earned his medical degree at Universidad La Salle in Mexico City (1978) México D.F., and his Ph.D. in the Program of Human Sexuality at New York University (1988). He completed

the post-doctoral training course in sex therapy at the Department of Psychiatry of the Mount Sinai Hospital of New York City (1983). Since 1984, he continues to work at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

In 1987 he founded the Asociación Mexicana para la Salud Sexual, A.C. a leading institution in Sexual Health in

his native Mexico.

Since 1993, he has completed 22 clinical trials for the development of drugs for the treatment of sexual dysfunction in males and females.

He has previously served WAS as Secretary General/Treasurer from 1997 to 2001 and as President of the Scientific Committee from 2001 to 2005.



Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, the New WAS president in his first address to the Association at the Closing Ceremony July 15th, 2005

## WAS DELIVERS ITS BIANNUAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

Following what is now a long tradition, the WAS delivered its bi-annual recognition to life-time achievers to 6 distinguished professionals of the field.

The recognition, named the Gold Medal Award, this time went to the following professionals:

1. William Masters (post mortem) and Virginia John-

son (USA).

2. Roy Levin (England)

3. Igor Kon (Russia)

4. Walter Everaerd (Holland)

5. Lorraine Dennerstein (Australia).

Lillemor Rosenqvist, Chair of the Gold Medal Committee and Marc Ganem, WAS president at the time of the ceremony, delivered

awardees this recognition during the opening of the XVII World Congress of Sexuality in Montreal. The award to Virginia Johnson and William Masters was received by Michael Perelman, due to Virginia Johnson being unable to attend the ceremony.



The recipients of the 2005 WAS Gold Medal Award after the Ceremony



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The World Association for Sexual Health is an international organization founded in Rome in 1978. WAS membership is composed of Regional Federations, National Societies and Institutes. WAS currently has 83 active members Societies around the World and many Individual Supporting Members.

### WAS MISSION:

**The World Association for Sexual Health promotes sexual health throughout the lifespan and throughout the world by developing, promoting and supporting sexology and sexual rights for all. WAS accomplishes this by advocacy actions, networking, facilitating the exchange of information, ideas and experiences, and advancing scientifically-based sexuality research, sexuality education and clinical sexology, with a trans-disciplinary approach.**

### WAS ADVISORY BOARD

**President:** Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles. **Vice-President:** Rosemary Coates.  
**Secretary General/Treasurer:** Beverly Whipple. **Past-President:** Marc Ganem.  
**WAS Secretaries:** Mónica Rodriguez (Americas) Antonio Palha (Europe) Emil Ng (Asia - Oceania) Uwemedimo Esiet (Africa). **President of the Scientific Committee:** Kevan Wylie (United Kingdom). **Members:** Pierre Assalian (Canada), Walter Bockting (USA), Jacqueline Brendler (Brazil), Francisco Cabello (Spain), Mariela Castro (Cuba), Prakash Kothari (India), Reiko Ohkawa (Japan), Oswaldo Rodrigues (Brazil), Lillemor Rosenqvist (Sweden), Chiara Simonelli (Italy), Ondrej Trojan (Czech Republic). **Ex officio members:** Margaret Redelman (XVIII WAS CONGRESS), Andres Flores Colombino (FLASSES), Robert Porto (EFS), Joseph DiNorcia (NAFSO) **Past Presidents of WAS:** Romano Forleo (Italy), Fernando Bianco (Venezuela), AJ Wabrek (USA), Ruben Hernandez-Serrano (Venezuela), Eli Coleman (USA) **Committee Chairs:** Sexual Rights Committee Juan Jose Borrás, International Liaison Committee Esther Corona



### HELP WAS TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE CONTACT DATABASE

Beverly Whipple, Ph.D., our very active Secretary General/Treasurer, is conducting a big effort to create an accurate database of our membership. Please contact her at [beverly.whipple@worldsexualhealth.org](mailto:beverly.whipple@worldsexualhealth.org) to inform us of any change in your contact information. If you know members who did not receive this Newsletter, please ask them to contact her with their correct e-mail address. All WAS correspondence will be done primarily by e-mail.

## NEW ETHICAL GUIDELINES ACCEPTED IN MONTREAL

The General Assembly approved a new set of Ethical Guidelines that the Association now endorses. These new guidelines were developed by a team led by Rosemary Coates, Ph.D. Vice-President of the WAS. The spirit of the previous Code of Ethics is preserved, but the language and the structure of the document utilized is intended to help both professionals and lay public to easily recognize ethical professional behavior.

As the more representative reference group for all matters associated with human sexuality, the World Association for Sexual

Health (WAS) is committed to ethical practice in all areas. The Guiding Ethical Principles have application for clinicians, researchers, therapists, educators, and administrators. WAS acknowledges that most professions enunciate a specific code of conduct for their members, the WAS Guiding Ethical Principles are designed to enhance existing codes and provide guidance in the sensitive area of human sexuality and sexual health.

The Guidelines are constituted by 18 principles. Each of them is explained in the document and their applications and limitations are also

spelled out.

The ethical value of professionalism, the implementation of practices based on science, the obligation of professionals to reveal their training and to maintain confidentiality, as well as the need to adhere to ethical standards when conducting research are some of the issues considered.

The full text of the WAS ETHICAL PRINCIPLES is available at the WAS web page, the direct link is: <http://www.worldsexualhealth.org/ethics0303.asp>



Rosemary Coates, Ph.D. Vice-President of the WAS and Chair of the Ethics Committee that prepared the New Ethical Guidelines accepted in Montreal during the WAS General Assembly