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SEXUAL HEALTH IN THE WORLD: AN UNMEET NEED, EXPERTS AGREE IN CONSULTATION



Sexual Health Consultation Group in Oaxaca, May 2006

During a Sexual Health consultation held in Oaxaca, Mexico, experts from around the globe examined the evidence that points to the burden that sexual ill-health represents for Global Development.

There is a considerable amount of evidence that demonstrates that unmet needs exist in

many regions of the World, especially in the areas of sexual equity; sexual violence, sexually transmitted infections, including HIV; access to comprehensive sexuality education; and access to a sexually fulfilling life.

Recognition and promotion of sexual rights is necessary for

sexual health, but the very concept of sexual rights encounters resistance in many audiences, experts considered.

Despite considerable success in some areas such as reproductive health, many of the critical elements for the achievement of sexual health in communities await specific and effective responses.

Recognition of sexual pleasure as a source of wellbeing, and as a main component of human development seems to be one of the key components missing from the public health view of sexuality-related wellness and wellbeing.

A full technical report of the consultation, with a detailed consideration of published evidence will soon be ready.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS AND REVISES MAIN TASKS TO BE ADDRESSED BY WAS

During the previous days of the Oaxaca Consultation an official meeting of the Advisory Committee of the WAS took place. Items related to the ongoing work of the Association were reviewed and new tasks assigned for the following months were identified. An important part of the meeting was dedicated to finalize details of the organization of our World Congress in Sydney.



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WAS promotes
Sexual Health
throughout the world.

WAS Calendar of sexuality related events 2006-2007 (updated)

DATES	CONGRESS NAME	VENUE	WEB PAGE/CONTACT PERSON
NOV 3	9TH ANNUAL CONTROVERSIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HIV-INFECTED PATIENT	New York, New York, United States	Eduardo Baez edb2005@med.cornell.edu
NOV 1-4	9TH ASIA OCEANIA CONGRESS OF SEXOLOGY	BANGKOK, THAILAND	http://www.cottisa.org/
NOV 9-12	SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEXUALITY	Las Vegas, Nevada U.S.A	www.sexscience.org
NOV 17	UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY & TEACHING SEX ED	Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada	http://www.sexpressions.ca
NOV 24-26	6TH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SEXUALITY AND SEX-	Istanbul, Turkey	www.cetadkongre2006.org
NOV 29-DEC 2	3RD GLOBAL CONFERENCE: SEX AND SEXUALITY- EXPLORING CRITICAL ISSUES	Cracow, Poland	http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ci/sexuality/s3/cfp.html
NOV 30	THE CENTER FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CONFER-	Somerset, NJ, U.S.A.	http://tinyurl.com/kzch8
NOV 30-DEC 3	II CONGRESO NACIONAL DE SALUD SEXUAL / IV CONGRESO AMSSAC BIENESTAR SEXUAL: ALCANZANDO EL EQUILIBRIO	Veracruz, Mexico	www.amssac.org
DEC 2-3	SEXUALITÄT UND CHRONISCHE ERKRANKUNGEN	Vienna, Austria, Austria	http://www.assm.at
DEC 3-8	CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE ANDROLOGÍA (ANDRO 2006)	LA HAVANA, CUBA	Dr. Ramiro Fragas rfragas@infomed.sld.cu
DEC 3-6	9TH EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR SEXUAL MEDICINE	Vienna, Austria	http://www.essm2006.org/
JAN 6-7	ENCOUNTERING HUMAN RIGHTS: GENDER/ SEXUALITY, ACTIVISM AND THE PROMISE OF LAW	London, United Kingdom	http://www.kent.ac.uk/clgs/events/clgslibertyHRconf.htm
JAN 24-27	4TH CONGRESS OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE AGING MALE	BALI, INDONESIA	
FEB 4-8	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN LINKAGES BETWEEN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS	Mumbai, India, Maharashtra, India	vichin@vsnl.com
FEB 21-23	ISSWSH 2007 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION	Orlando, Florida, Usa	
MARCH 8-11	SOCIETY FOR SEX THERAPY AND RESEARCH: SSTAR 2007: 32ND ANNUAL MEETING	Atlanta, Georgia, USA	http://www.sstarnet.org/2007Meeting.cfm
MARCH 9-10	PRIMERAS JORNADAS HISPANO – COLOMBIANAS DE SEXOLOGIA. MÉDICA "UNA CITA CON LA SEXOLOGIA "	BOGOTA, COLOMBIA	centralmedicasexologia@yahoo.es
APRIL 15,19	18 WAS CONGRESS, 1ST WORLD CONGRESS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH	SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA	http://www.sexo-sydney-2007.com/
JULY 11-12	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITIES IN CHINA: INSTITUTE OF SEXUALITY AND GENDER, RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA	Renmin University of China, Beijing, China	yyingsu@yahoo.com.cn , pansuiming@yahoo.com
June 21-24	THE 39TH AASECT ANNUAL CONFERENCE: THE SOUL OF SEXUALITY:EXPLORING THE DEPTH & DIMENSIONS OF PLEASURE	Charlotte, NC, USA	http://www.aasect.org/



SEXUALITY EDUCATION FINDS LEGAL SUPPORT IN LATIN AMERICA WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM SEXUALITY ORGANIZATIONS

During the last months, several countries in Latin America have witnessed intense discussions in their parliaments where the institutionalization of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) has been included in the law. In Argentina, a recent law has made it compulsory both for

private and state run schools to implement programs in CSE (<http://ipsnoticias.net/nota.asp?idnews=38955>) In Ecuador, a recent attempt to prohibit sexuality education was stopped with the active participation of several groups, including the

Sociedad Ecuatoriana de Sexología (SESEX). In Mexico, a law passed by the Senate is proposing the inclusion of CSE in all levels although it is pending approval by the Lower Chamber. In other countries, intense discussions are also occurring.

WAS Awards during Sydney

Sexuality Education Award

See guidelines for submission at www.worldsexualhealth.org/index.asp

WAS best Manuscript Award

See instructions at www.sexo-sydney-2007.com/callabstracts.htm

FLASSES MEETS DURING THE XIII CLASSES, IN BRAZIL

The Latin American Federation of Sexuality Education and Sexological Societies (FLASSES) held the 13th edition of its biannual meeting on April 19-20, 2006

CESEX, Centro de Sexologia de Brasilia, hosted the meeting under the presidency of Dr. Ricardo Cavalcanti.

Attended by close to one thousand delegates, and with a substantial participation of Latin American and European

professionals. Ruben Hernandez-Serrano MD, WAS Past-President and newly elected as FLASSES' President characterized the Congress as the meeting of Joy, Love and the new generation of sexologists.

A hallmark of the Congress was the participation of a group of Women Members of Latin American Parliaments that produced during the congress the "Carta de Bahia" a very significant

document stating their commitment to Sexual Health Promotion (see the full text at <http://www.kinsey.com.ar/noticia.php?id=336>)

Also, FLASSES elected its Executive Board of Directors, with a new team including members from many Latin American countries and Spain.



EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEXOLOGY MEETS IN PRAGUE

From June 4th to 8th, 2006 in the Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic the European Federation of Sexology (EFS) held its 8th biannual meeting.

With a participation of close to 700 attendees, the European Congress of Sexology (EFS) showed the diversity and strength of sexology professionals all over Europe.

During the Congress, the

EFS awarded gold medals to Willi Pasini, Maj-Briht Bergstrom Wallan and Erwin Haerberle at the 2006 EFS General Assembly.

During the General Assembly a new Executive Committee was elected. Antonio Pacheco Pahla, from Portugal is the new President of the EFS.

More information on the EFS and the new committee can

be found in the Federation Web page: www.europeansexology.com

The EFS official journal *Sexologies: European Journal of Sexual Health* extended an invitation to submit papers, for more information please visit: <http://authors.elsevier.com/JournalDetail.html?PublID=707397&Precis=>



2ND AFRICA CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS

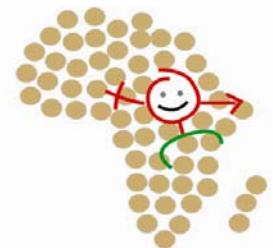
Held on June 19 – 21, 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya, the 2nd Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights. Convened by the Africa regional office of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA – International) and the Africa Federation of Sexual Health and Rights (AFSHR), the Conference focused on the theme *Sexually, Economics and*

Development in Africa. The sub-themes included sexuality, culture and religion; sexuality, sexual health and rights; sexuality education; sexual abuse and gender based violence, HIV/AIDS, family planning; adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights; and abortion.

The 2nd Africa Conference on

Sexual Health and Rights brought together over 400 professionals, practitioners, scholars, local and international media practitioners, and political activists from over 20 countries in Africa and other parts of the world.

AFSHR is the WAS Regional Federation in Africa.



2nd Africa Conference on Sexual Health & Rights

June 19 -21 2006, Nairobi - Kenya





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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 and individual supporting members WAS currently has 124 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.

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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 bwhipple@pics.com 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.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SEXUAL HEALTH, THE OFFICIAL WAS JOURNAL IN PREPARATION OF ITS FIRST ISSUE

The First issue of the International Journal of Sexual Health, the newly appointed WAS journal, is already in preparation and is scheduled for publication in the first quarter of 2007. Each member organization of WAS will be receiving copies of this journal and special subscription prices will be available for individuals who are members of WAS organizations.

A large, multidisciplinary and international editorial committee has been constituted under the leadership of Eli Coleman, Ph.D. The journal publishes peer-reviewed scientific papers, editorials, and reviews, using quantitative and qualitative methods, descriptive and critical analysis, instrument development, surveys, and case studies to exam-

ine the various elements of sexual health. For more information please check: <http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J514>

Inquiries and submissions to the journal can be sent to: ijsh@umphysicians.umn.edu

