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1. Message from our President

A very Happy New Year to all of our members around the globe and welcome to our biannual newsletter.

During the late summer of 2012, I was asked by Rosemary Coates to take over as president.

It has been a privilege to step into this position with the support of so many wonderful people during the process and I appreciate the strong support I have received from the team that lead WAS.

Here is the official announcement issued by the Executive team.

Rosemary has stepped down from the Presidency for reasons of ill-health. Kevan Wylie has taken over as President. This transition is partially covered in the Statutes and By-Laws in reference to a President voluntarily leaving office. However, the Statutes do not provide any guidance regarding the various positions of an existing administration when the President voluntarily resigns during their term.

For the remaining period of this administration's term of office, the Executive Officers have determined that:

- *Kevan Wylie has moved from the position of Vice President to that of President.*
- *If the vice president becomes President because of a President's resignation, he or she is able to run for a full term as President.*
- *Pierre Assalian remains as Secretary General/Treasurer.*
- *Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles remains as Immediate Past President (a member of the executive committee, a member of the advisory committee and chair of the council of past presidents).*
- *Rosemary Coates continues as a member of the Advisory committee and will join the Council of Past Presidents.*
- *The elections for a new administration will occur as usual at the next General Assembly to be held in Porto Allegre, September 2013.*

The first event that required my immediate involvement was a trip to Brazil to finalise the location and a new PCO to secure our next congress. Our planning for the biannual congress had begun the previous year with the intention of holding the congress in Rio de Janeiro but there has been a change in venue for a number of operational and financial reasons.

I am delighted to confirm that under the presidency of Jaque Brendler, and in association with the key societies in Brazil, our meeting will go ahead in September at the new venue in Porto Alegre. We have renegotiated the contract twice to enable us to have a more meaningful financial settlement and the opportunity to invite a larger number of guests to make this a congress with a programme well worth attending. More information will be uploaded onto the website over the next few weeks. Abstracts can now be submitted.

The trip was followed by the chance to meet more of our colleagues in Medellin at the regional meeting of CLASSES with celebrations in a country with deep traditions and a culture respectful of sexuality.

Alongside this, we have renegotiated with our partners at Sexual Health Visual for the recording of our biannual event. Whilst income is modest, we are starting to realise a positive income from our three previous congresses in Sydney, Gotenberg and Glasgow. Looking to the future, our friends in Singapore are starting to identify potential opportunities for the congress planning process for 2015.

We will be calling for bids to host the 2017 congress shortly.

I am indebted to the many members of the EC and AC who have continued to provide energy and enthusiasm to ensure the ongoing success of WAS. We are currently establishing vice chair positions to support our industrious chair persons who provide excellent resources for the wider membership and people at large. Our Sexual Rights Committee has been preparing statements on a number of matters and I encourage you to look at our website for the details.

Our website is currently under redesign as we prepare to move forwards with this important source of information for the public.

We are seeking further collaboration and planning with our key partners for further agreements and possible grants for the years ahead and developing our public relations strategy as we review our current progress on our strategic plan. We will be presenting more about this in our next newsletter.

Thank you to all of our extensive global team members who are dedicating their time and energy for WAS and the activities we undertake, and to each of you supporting the work and objectives of our Association.

Kevan.

Kevan R Wylie

President, World Association for Sexual Health.



2. WAS World Congress 2013
Porto Alegre



**Deadline Abstract submission
20 January 2013**

In September Porto Alegre in the South of Brazil will host our own 21st World Congress for Sexual Health.

In high speed the various details of the congress are introduced in the Congress website www.2013was.com

Venue:

Centro de Eventos do Hotel Plaza São Rafael

Congress President

Jaqueline Brendler, Brazil

WAS Executive Committee

President: Kevan Wylie, UK

Secretary-Treasurer: Pierre Assalian, Canada

Past-Pres.: Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, Mexico

International Scientific Committee

Chair: Pierre Assalian, Canada

WAS Scientific Committee

President: Maryanne Doherty, Australia

Deputy Chair: Pedro Nobre, Portugal

Members:

Alexander Stulhofer, Croatia

Andrea Salonia, Italy

Anne Katz, Canada

Ganesan Adaikan, Singapore

Nadine Terrein-Roccatti, Mexico

Padaruth Ramlachan, South Africa

Local Scientific Committee

President: Ricardo Cavalcanti

Vice-president: Oswaldo Rodrigues

+ the leaders of the 8 Tracks

Track 1 **Bio-medical research (basic, physiological, pharmacological):**

Cláudio Teloken

Track 2 **Clinical approaches (medical, psychological and sexological):**

Carmita H. N. Abdo

Track 3 **Sexuality Education:**

Tereza Cristina Fagundes

Track 4 **Social, Behavioural & Historical research (non clinical) :**

Hugues de Costa França Ribeiro

Track 5 **Public Health / Epidemiology / Public Policies:**

Elisabeth Meloni Vieira

Track 6 **Sexual Health & Sexual Rights actions and advocacy:**

Jane Russo

Track 7 **Ethics, principles, practices & issues**

(all disciplines):

Antonio Celso K. Ayub

Track 8 **Miscellaneous:**

Martin Portner



Why attend WAS in Porto Alegre?

For most of us Porto Alegre will be rather far away. However, the WAS World Congress will give you a lot of opportunities:

- Witness the newest developments in your field.
- Meet face-to-face the real experts of our tribe.
- Learn about various other cultures and get more grip on aspects of diversity.
- Exchange in discussions among people with the same clinical or research problems.
- Develop your international network.
- Enjoy being among colleagues.

Any extra reason to think of Porto Alegre?

For nature lovers without additional travelling: Porto Alegre's Botanical gardens are fascinating.

For the more adventurous nature lovers : Porto Alegre is only 600 Km away from Iguassu Falls, the most beautiful falls in the world, surrounded by lush tropical forest.

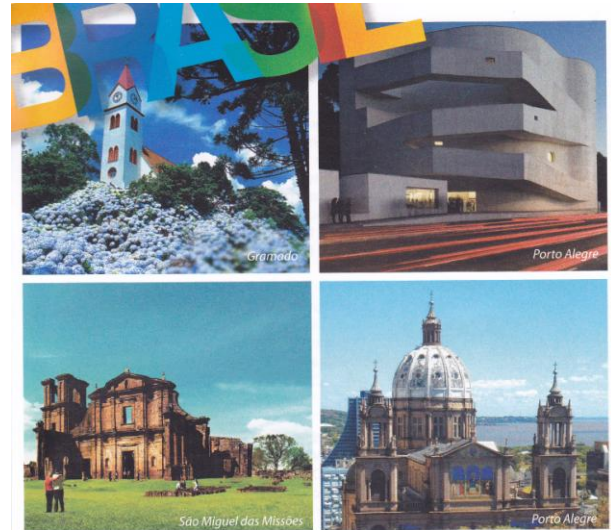
Brazil of course has much more. The Pantanal in the North West and the Amazonas.

Imagine making a trip with your love or your colleagues on the Amazonas, swimming between the piranhas and the dolphins.

For city-lovers: This is your opportunity to combine the pleasure of WAS and Porto Alegre with the vibrant life of Rio de Janeiro.

Rio is just 1100 Km away and situated directly between North America or Europe and Porto Alegre. Rio has its beachlife, the Girl from Ipanema, the big statue of Christ Redemptor, the inviting smiles of so many beautiful people, and so much more.

So, why not consider Brazil and give it a try?



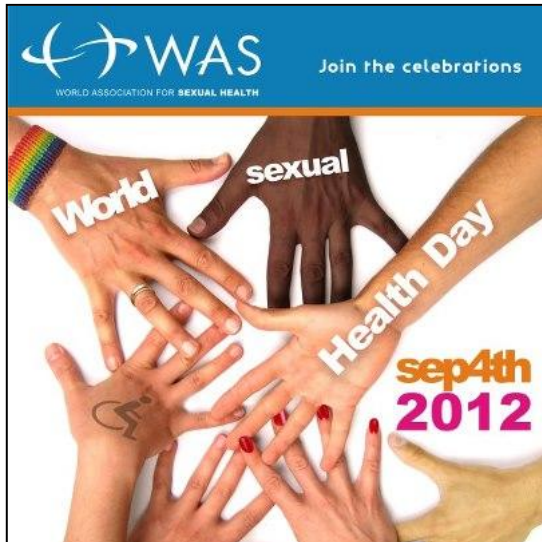
Porto Alegre

RS / Région : Sud
RS / Region: South



3. World Sexual Health Day

Around September 4th 2012 WAS celebrated the 3rd World Sexual Health Day with the theme ***In a diverse world Sexual Health for all.*** In the first two editions WSHD was celebrated in



25 countries and around 40 different venues. There is increasing use of the modern media. In many countries Facebook pages have been established and You-Tube clips uploaded. Here we will highlight some of the celebrations. This year our colleagues in the Middle East succeeded to attract a lot of attention. The Persian branch of BBC World Service dedicated two hours to the WSHD-topic. Millions of Farsi-speaking people all over the world could listen to explanations on the benefits of sexual health and the talks of our own Sara Nasserzadeh on WSHD and women empowerment. In Turkey several newspapers addressed WSHD, focusing on topics like "Respect for different sexual preferences" and "Sexual violence: experienced by 6 out of 10 women". Professor Mehmet Sungur was interviewed by a very popular Turkish TV-journalist about the significance of Sexual Health. The protagonists in Turkey succeeded to get a lot of attention by the media. The president of the Turkish Education and Health Journalists Association was part of a extensive public round table discussion on 'Media and sexual health', where many other sexual

health topics were also covered by various experts.

In Mexico, one of the major Newspapers carried a note on WSHD, recognizing the growing importance of the Global day. The Minister of Health made a relevant contribution via twitter. In Argentina, the WSHD celebrations focused on the one hand on adolescent sexual health. Another campaign payed extensive attention to erotism and sexuality of the aged population.



Brasil had again an extensive WSHD participation in 3 different cities. In Porto Alegre the focus was on health promotion for various minorities. In Curitiba the focus was on 'Sexuality Education', 'Gender equality in school' and 'Dealing with sexism and homophobia'. In Sao Paulo WSHD was celebrated with an extensive scientific meeting, covering various social aspects of sexuality. In Sweden there was a small celebration in Stockholm, but the real profits happened in Malmö where over the last years WSHD is establishing firm ground. Swedish culture is especially good in sustainability and long-term planning. One month before the actual date, Japan paid already much attention to WSHD during the AOFS Congress, anticipating on the big celebration that took place in Tokyo in September.

There were other celebrations in Lithuania, Germany, Croatia, and for sure we have forgotten to mention some others.

Extra information and pictures can be found at the Global Facebook page of World Sexual Health Day!

www.facebook.com/pages/World-Sexual-Health-Day-The-Global-Page/117746971636978

As a courtesy to WSHD, Taylor & Francis opened free access to all their sexuality journals – including the International Journal of Sexual Health.

4. News from the Federations

AFSHR

African Federation of Sexual Health & Rights

Windhoek in Namibia and NAPPA, the Namibia Planned Parenthood Association, were 17-21 September host of the successful 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights. The Opening Ceremony was graced by the President of the Republic of Namibia and the First Ladies of Namibia and Zambia. The official statement of Babatunde Osotimehin, UNFPA Executive Director, was presented by Bunmi Makinwa UNFPA's Africa Region Director. Over 500 delegates from 60 countries attended the conference with more than 250 youth from 36 African countries.

Many of the pre-conference activities focused on youth (with Youth Skills Building) and women. One of the highlights was a virile youth pavilion.

The meeting made clear that future conferences should focus on girls, youth and women; especially those in rural and conflict areas, but also on migrants and other marginalized populations. Highlighted issues at the conference have to include Comprehensive Sexuality Education, Youth Friendly Health Services, Youth Participation, and Child Marriage.

The next, 6th African Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take place in Yaoundé, Cameroon, 17 – 21 February, 2014 with *Women in Alternative Action (WAA)* as Chief Host.

AOFS

Asia Oceania Federation of Sexology

In August, the Kunibiki Messe in Matsue, Japan was host to the 12th AOCS (Asia-Oceania Congress of Sexology). Over 270 participants from 16 countries attended the meeting.

An annex 'Sex Education Annual Assemblée' attracted more than 300 participants, On August 4, OAFS had its General Assembly. Whereas in EFS and FLASSES the board changes every 4 years, in AOFS the board of directors changes every 2 years.

The new AOFS Office Bearers 2012-2014

President: Reiko Ohkawa

President Elect: Margaret Redelman

Vice President: Nam-Cheol Park

Immediate Past President: Arif Adimoelja

Past President: Peicheng Hu

Secretary General: Kyoko Yamanaka

Ass Secretary Gen: Srilatha Balasubramanian

Membership Secretary: D. Narayana Reddy

Assistant Membership Secretary: Atsushi Nagai

Treasurers: Joanna Mak & Stanislaus D.K. Lai

Probably in October 2014, the next AOCS will take place in Brisbane, Australia and in 2016 Korea will host AOCS.

The Australian Society of Sexuality Educators, Researchers and Therapists (ASSERT National) Inc. is changing its name to Society of Australian Sexologists (SAS) Ltd. with Jocelyn Klug as the new SAS Ltd President.

EFS

European Federation for Sexology

The XIth EFS congress was successfully held in Madrid from 20th to 22^h September 2012.

Miren Larrazabal, president of the Spanish Federation of Sexology, the local host, provided, with the help of EFS's Scientific and Executive Committees, a vital forum for debate on the many different areas of Sexology.

About 500 participants from 39 different countries attended the Congress, enlivening the different meetings, workshops, plenary sessions and symposia.

EFS awarded 3 Gold Medals for important contributions in the field of sexology:

- Piet Nijs (Belgium)
- Luca Incrocci (the Netherlands)
- Petr Weiss (Czech Republic).



L to R: Past Pres. Antonio Palha; Pres. Chiara Simonelli; Elsa Almas; Madrid Pres. Miren Larrazabal Murillo; Vice Pres. Kevan Wylie

In the General Assembly, Istanbul was selected as the next EFS Congress to be held in 2014 under the local presidency of Professor Mehmet Sungur. The EFS Executive Committee supported the idea of a joint congress with ESSM (European Society for Sexual Medicine).

The massive participation of young sexologists caused the creation of a new group: EFS Youth Initiative Committee. Its aim, apart from supporting all EFS initiatives, is to inform about and actively promote youth's sexual health in Europe.

The Unesco Chair "Sexual Health & Human Rights" was presented to the Madrid audience by Alain Giami, the Chair's Scientific Director.

The EC meeting elected Prof. Moshe Mock as Secretary General. Now, the officers are:

Chiara Simonelli (President),
Kevan Wylie (Vice-President),

Moshe Mock (Secretary General & Treasurer).

Last, but not least: The new EFS website is online!

With a new graphic design, new contents and a new approach to better involve our members in the activities and initiatives.

www.europealsexology.com

FLASSES

Latin American Federation of Sexology and Sexual Education

Highlight for the Ibero-americans was the 16th CLASSES (Latin American Congress of Sexology and Sexual Education) that took place in Medellin, Colombia (10-13 October).

The congress attracted approximately 500 participants.

During this meeting, FLASSES held its 2012 Assembly, chaired by Leon Roberto Gindin (in the absence of President Antonio Casaubón). One of the important remarks was on the gradual taking over of tasks and responsibilities by the younger generation.

During the congress it was announced that one of the 2013 WAS Gold Medals will go to Leon Roberto Gindin from Argentina for a lifelong service to sexology. One more congratulation for the FLASSES community!

For the 2014 CLASSES meeting, the Dominican Republic won the votes.

A major task for the South Americans will be to promote and support the World congress for Sexual Health in September 2013 in Porto Alegre.

5. Relation with our neighbours

Sexual Medicine, the more somatic oriented branch of our field, has beaten the drum with some very important developments in the European area. Whereas all European medical specialities have their legal organisations and rules, there was no authorized body for the definition of a curriculum and a qualification exam/certificate in Sexual Medicine with legal recognition.

Under auspices of the European Union of Medical Specialists a Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Sexual Medicine was created. The Educational Committee of ESSM developed various training opportunities.

- The Sexual Medicine Summer School, since 2007 every year given as the 'Oxford Course' under John Dean.
- An annual ABC-course on Sexual Medicine during the ESSM congresses (since 2011)
- A 1220 page Syllabus on Sexual Medicine
- A 3-day pre-exam course in Amsterdam

Amsterdam saw on the 5th of December 2012 the first qualification examination to become Fellow of the European Committee on Sexual Medicine (FECSM). After having been screened on their qualifications, a total of 323 physicians from all over the world took the exam with a 87% success rate. Congratulations!

Is this an impending take-over of our field? For part of the (non-physician) sexual health professionals this can be felt as a threat, whereas others will be aware of the benefit of cooperation and shared power. We see several signs of a (trendsetting?) change.

1. EFS, the European regional Federation, and ESSM, the Sexual Medicine counterpart have for January 2014 planned their next European congress together.
2. NVVS, the Dutch society for sexology and WVSD, the Dutch-Belgian Sexual Medicine Society have decided to merge into one organisation (together with the Dutch Society for Forensic Sexology).
3. ESSM succeeded in establishing a European package of Standards, Education, Accreditation requirements and Exam for physicians. It is not unlikely that the USA and other regions will adapt and adopt such a set. Being aware that a comparable European set for psychologists is missing, the Educational Committee of ESSM is working on that!

6. People

Obituaries

Robert T. Francoeur (USA 1931-2012)

Robert / Bob Francoeur died October 15 from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Born in 1931, Bob started his career as a Catholic priest. Via a study in biology and a PhD in experimental embryology he moved to human sexuality. He was Professor Emeritus of Human Sexuality at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ.

USA. A real teacher who continuously distributed knowledge on human sexuality, believing in the power for individual development that comes from such knowledge.

With co-editor Ray Noonan he developed the



Bob Francoeur

Continuum Complete International Encyclopedia of Sexuality (2004). This representation of sexual behavior, attitudes and customs from around the world is one of the most used features of the Kinsey website to a worldwide audience.

Bob Francoeur authored 22 books, among which The Complete Dictionary of Sexology (1991, 1995). We honor his global contribution to advancing sexual health and knowledge.

Axel Fugl-Meyer (Denmark 1934 – Sweden 2012)

In July this year, sexual medicine lost one of its greatest pioneers.

Axel born in Denmark received his MD and PhD in the University of Copenhagen. He then moved to Sweden and to rehabilitation medicine. He ended his university career as professor in Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Uppsala.

Axel was a real "old-fashioned" scientist, with knowledge in many areas of medicine. Next to rehabilitation he became very interested in the area of life satisfaction and sexual dysfunction.

He made significant contributions with his epidemiological studies describing sexual problems and his work in developing assessment scales for sexual dysfunction, often in collaboration with his wife Kerstin Fugl-Meyer.

On behalf of ISSM, he was co-chair of the standards committee's subcommittee on Female Sexual Dysfunction.

Axel was cofounder of the Swedish Society of Sexology and received in 2009 ESSM's 'Career Award'

New Members

WAS membership increased with 2 organisations and 4 individual members:

- **ASHA** (American Sexual Health Association) USA
- **ECIS** (Education, Clinica e Investigacion en Sexualidad), Paraguay
- Lud Allen, Australia
- Jeanne Diaw,,MD Dakar, Senegal
- Dennis Lin, MD, USA
- Emily Power Smith, Ireland

7. For Your Agenda

Living with Sexuality and Cancer

Febr 15, 2013

The Christie Hospital, Manchester, UK

www.issc.nu/index.php?page=next-meetings

ISSWSH Annual Meeting 2013

Internat Soc. Study Womens Sexual Health

Febr 28 – March 3, 2013

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

www.isswsh.org

Meeting SASSM

South Asian Society for Sexual Medicine

Mar 29 - Mar 31, 2013

Bangalore, India

www.sassm.in

5th Pan Arab Congress of Sexual Health

PASSM (Pan Arab Soc Sexual Medicine)

April 18 – April 20, 2013

Dubai, Bangalore, India

www.passm.org/Dubai2013

1st Global Conference on Contraception, Reproductive and Sexual Health.

ESCRH (Eur Soc Contraception Reprod Health)

May 22 - 25, 2013

Copenhagen, Denmark

www.escrh.eu

1st World Congress on Pelvic Pain

May 30 – June 1, 2013

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

www.pelvicpain-meeting.com

14th Biennial Meeting of APSSM

Asia-Pacific Society for Sexual Medicine

May 31 - June 3, 2013

Kanazawa, Japan

www.apssm2013.com

Intern Symp on Prostate, Androgens & Men's Sexual Health (ISSM/ESSM)

Jun 20 - 23, 2013

Berlin, Germany

www.issmessm2013.org

12th Congress of SLAMS

Latin American Soc. for Sexual Medicine

Aug 28 – Aug 31

Cancun, Mexico

www.slams2013.org

World Congress for Sexual Health

WAS World Association for Sexual Health

September 21-24, 2013

Porto Alegre, Brasil

www.worldsexology.org

www.2013was.com

2nd Biennial meeting MESSM

Middle East Soc for Sexual Medicine

October 3 – 5, 2013

Cairo, Egypt

www.messm.org

Australasian Sexual Health Conference

23-25 October 2013

Darwin, Australia

www.shconference.com.au

Fall Meeting SMSNA

Sex Med Society of North America

November 7-10, 2013

New Orleans, LA, USA

www.smsna.org

3rd World Congress of Medical Sexology

WAMS (World Ass for Medical Sexology)

November 8-10, 2013

Málaga, Spain

www.cippsv.com/pdfs/congreso.pdf

2nd Meeting of ASSM

African Society for Sexual Medicine

Nov 20 - Nov 21, 2013

Durban, South Africa

www.assmweb.org

2014

14th EFS congress

16th ESSM Congress

January 29 – February 2, 2014

Istanbul, Turkey

www.essm.org

www.europansexology.com

23rd WPATH Symposium

World Professional Ass. Transgender Health

Febr 14 – Febr 18, 2014

Bangkok, Thailand

'Transgender Health in Global Perspectives'

www.wpath.org

6th African Conference

on Sexual Health and Rights

17-21 February 2014

Yaoundé, Cameroon

14th Congress of AOFS

October 2014

Brisbane, Australia

17th CLASSES meeting

Domenican Republic

2014

2015

22nd World Congress for Sexual Health

World Association for Sexual Health

June 6 – 10, 2015

Singapore

www.worldsexology.org