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1 A message from the President

Welcome to the July issue of President's briefing. We have been busy in Porto Alegre with Jaque Brendler, Oswaldo Rodrigues, Pedro Nobre and Pierre Assalian, developing the programme for what will be an outstanding congress in September.

We have > 115 Speakers; > 550 Abstracts accepted and another 43 late abstracts are still being reviewed. By now, we have > 800 registrations with many more anticipated. Look out for some wonderful speakers as well as the gold medal winners León Roberto Gindin & Lars-Gösta Dahlöf and the John Money lecture from Pepper Schwartz. The programme is now available on line at: www.2013was.com.

As always for international congresses, for some people the travel will be considerable; so why not plan a short break either side of the meeting? Most travellers will fly via Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo or even Buenos Aires. Nearby are the wonderful Iguacu Falls.

Charlotta Lofgren-Martensson, Antón Castellanos Usigli and I have just delivered a WAS symposium at the First Global Meeting on Contraception, Reproductive and Sexual Health in Copenhagen. This was a fine venue for Anton to share the fascinating findings from the first three consultations from the Youth Initiative Committee.

My immediate realisation was the lack of a youth member in the organisational committee that I had just attended in Brazil. So this is something we should address for future events. When speaking about Youth and young adult issues, we must involve the young meaningfully in our planning.

We are looking at some amendments to the statutes. Rosemary Coates is leading on this process. If you have suggestions in advance then please let us hear them so the executive team can consider these further during the preparation of the revision.

We have been preparing for receipt of bids for the 2017 World Congress.

Regarding our website, we have commissioned a project leader to progress the development of a revision to our existing offering and we hope to be able to launch this at our congress at POA. If you have any specific thoughts or suggestions about the website, please send them for consideration. We continue to search for a solution to make our administration more streamlined and I have been in contact with a number of association managers in recent months. We do hope that a solution can be identified for an affordable secretariat to manage our membership so reducing much of the voluntary work undertaken by our executive officers. This in turn will increase time to facilitate

the progress and implementation of our strategic plan.

I want to remind you that our collaboration with the World Health Organisation has progressed with the field studies. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and Department of Reproductive Health and Research are forming a global network of health professionals to help inform the development of the next version of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), which is currently planned for publication in 2015. For the ICD-11, substantial changes have been proposed that impact the classification of conditions related to sexual disorders and sexual health. For example, proposals include moving some categories related to sexuality and gender identity out of the ICD-11 chapter on Mental and Behavioural Disorders to another part of the classification, integrating 'organic' and 'nonorganic' sexual dysfunctions, deleting some categories, and substantially reconceptualising others. As a member of WAS, your input on the clinical implications of these proposed changes is crucial. Please consider registering from the following link: http://kuclas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9tQSTU8sPJBfibH

WAS has developed a close contact with 'Love Matters'. This is a web / mobile platform for sexuality education and information. In many countries there is a huge information deficit in the area of sexual health. Presently, 'Love Matters' is broadcasting and informing in English, in Hindi and in Spanish via various communication channels and social media.

We have other emerging news and we will keep you informed as these stories develop, including the resurgence of the North American Federation (NAFSO).

I hope you will enjoy your summer (or winter depending on where you live) and that you will be able to join us in September in Porto Alegre.



Kevan Wylie
President WAS
(World Association
for Sexual Health)
www.worldsexology.org

2 WAS General Assembly in Porto Alegre

During the World Congress in Porto Alegre the General Assembly of the World Association for Sexual Health will meet on Sunday, September 22nd at 18.30 hrs.

Relevant topics to be addressed will be

- Report of the President
- Financial Report
- Approving the 2011-2013 applications for membership
- The location of the World Congress in 2017. Representatives of the bidding organizations will give a brief presentation.
- Modifications to the Statutes and Bylaws for ratification. Some changes will immediately come into force. There will also be a proposal for a statutory change on the President-Elect position. In case this is approved, the actual election will not occur until the mid-term Congress – that is the GA in 2015 in Singapore.
- Announcement of the duly elected new Advisory Committee. This group will shape the 2013-2017 WAS administration.

Immediately before the General Assembly, delegates with voting rights have to vote for the 19 candidates for the Advisory Committee. From now, nominations for the AC can be made. Obviously, candidates must be a member of an organisation affiliated to WAS, or an individual member of WAS.

Interested readers are advised to consult the procedures that shortly will be posted on the WAS website (and distributed to all members).

The procedure for this AC election is in the last stage of review by Eusebio Rubio Auriolles, Chair of the Council of Past Presidents.

WAS Member Organisations are eligible to vote (**only when their annual dues are up-to-date!**). Member organisations should authorize a delegate to hold the voting card(s). The number of votes for each Member Organisation depends upon the number of members in that organisation. Voting credentials may be collected from the WAS booth in the Exhibition Hall before 18:00 on Sunday September 22nd.

3 September 4th World Sexual Health Day

Three years ago WAS launched World Sexual Health Day, to be celebrated on September 4th.

Every year another area gets attention (with another slogan). Topics and slogans were:

2010: Communication between the generations ('Let's talk: an intergenerational discussion').

2011: Youth ('Youth's sexual health. Shared rights and responsibilities').

2012: Diversity and minorities ('In a diverse world, sexual health for all!')

Since 2010, in spite of being relatively new, more than 35 countries have participated in WSHD celebrations, including

Argentina	Croatia	Puerto Rico
Australia	Cuba	Spain
Austria	Italy	Sweden
Brazil	Japan	Turkey
Chile	Libanon	Venezuela
Colombia	Mexico	Vietnam

Country organizers have taken WSHD activities to schools, media, hospitals, libraries, universities, public squares, art halls, theatre groups, etc.

For this year 2013, the theme is the fundamental importance of sexual rights in order to achieve sexual health. The WSHD 2013 slogan is: "To achieve sexual health, picture yourself owning your sexual rights".

The WSHD 2013 organizers are:

- Luis Perelman Javnozov
- Nadine Terrein Roccati
- Antón Castellanos Usigli
- Graciela García Hernández

Everyone is invited to participate to make this day and message more global.

Information in detail can be found in appendix 1 of this Newsletter and via:

worldsexualhealthday@gmail.com

4. WAS World Congress in Porto Alegre



Another 2½ months and many of us will be on the road to Porto Alegre, home of our 21st World Congress for Sexual Health.

Be guaranteed that we will be inundated in a dazzling Brazilian dance of networking, science, pleasure, education and social gathering.

There will be many highlights with symposia organized by a variety of professional organisations including AASECT, AISM, FLASSES, ISSC, ISSM, PAHO, SBRASH, SSSS, UNESCO, WHO and WPA. By now, the entire scientific program is available on the website: Take also a look at:

www.youblisher.com/p/661070-Programacao_preliminar_was2013/

Saturday 21st September

In the morning: the Opening Ceremony

In the evening: the Welcome Cocktail

Sunday 22nd September

In the evening: the WAS General Assembly.

Monday 23rd September

In the evening: the Gala Dinner at Lake Guiaba.

Tuesday 24 September

At 18.00 hrs: the closing Ceremony

Here are some of the major aspects:

The Photo Contest.

Inspired by the congress theme "Sexual issues straight from the Heart" many pictures have been sent on one of the 4 themes: 'Couples', 'Diversity', 'Mother-baby relationship' and 'Erotic photo'. The photo contest will close July 10th.

Love, pleasure and eroticism

In Porto Alegre, these aspects of sexuality will get more than average attention in the presentations and workshops.

Eli Coleman, for instance, will deal with the importance of pleasure in sexuality education. In the *John Money Lecture*, Pepper Schwartz will look into the sexual and emotional habits of extremely happy couples.

Cooperation

All major global organizations that play a role in sexology / sexual health / sexual medicine have been invited to present their society and to discuss our shared targets and challenges.

Dancing, sharing and relaxing

That Brazilians know how to feast will be shown at the Gala Dinner on the shore of Lake Guaíba in beautiful Yacht Club 'Veleiros do Sul'. Don't miss this exquisite opportunity for socializing and joyful moments. Bring your dancing shoes (and don't forget to purchase tickets for this dancing dinner, since the space is limited).

Youth activities

On Tuesday afternoon, the WAS Youth Involvement Committee will offer a (free of charge) session on sexual health and sexual rights, open to all young people of Porto Alegre.

The Global WAS

WAS is a World Association, and that is clearly visible both in the attending professionals and in the topics. People will congregate from all areas of the world and so are the topics, expressing a wide range of cultural diversity. Two sessions are dedicated to '*Sexuality around the world*'.

'But Porto Alegre is so far away!'

Yes! So, when considering WAS, why not use the extra distance to attach some tourism. POA, in the country of soccer and the Amazonas, is relatively close to Iguassu, the most beautiful falls in the world. And, by the way, POA is situated exactly in the middle between the samba of Rio de Janeiro's and the tango of Buenos Aires.

In short: *Welcome!*

Bem-vindo à Porto Alegre, WAS and Brazil

5. WAS Youth Initiative

During the 2013 Federation congresses of EFS (in Madrid), AOFS (in Matsue) and FLASSES (in Medellin), WAS Youth Initiative organized Round Tables of Discussion as part of an International Consultation on Youth's Sexual Health in the 21st Century. Youth leaders and young sexologists discussed the sexual health challenges of young people in the 21st Century, the current state of public policies in relation to youth's sexual health and the factors needed to enhance youth advocacy and involvement in sexual health promotion. The Round Tables were coordinated by: Masayoshi Yanagida (Japan), Stefano Eleuteri (Italy) and Antón Castellanos Usigli (Mexico, co-chair of WAS Youth Initiative Committee, YIC). At the congresses of EFS and FLASSES Youth Symposiums were organized by the YIC, with a range of young presenters from different countries.

In May 2013, at the First Global Conference on Contraception, Reproductive and Sexual Health in Copenhagen, the results of the those Round Tables of Discussion were presented by Antón Castellanos Usigli (co-chair of WAS YIC), Kevan Wylie (President of WAS) and Lotta Löfgren-Mårtenson (Member of the WAS Advisory Committee).

The YIC is preparing youth activities for the World Congress for Sexual Health in Porto Alegre. There will be a Symposium for local youth in Porto Alegre, addressing the sexual health realities of young people in Latin America and the importance

of sexual diversity. That Symposium will constitute the first effort to establish a specific space to promote proper sexuality education of young people living in the city where a WAS World Congress takes place.



Katarzyna Peichert
(Poland)



Mameta Endo
(Japan)

The WAS YIC announce its two new Members:
Katarzyna Peichert (Poland): Katy is a PhD student in Barcelona and Co-Founder and Board Member of the Let's Talk About Sex Foundation for Promoting Sexual Health and Preventing from Sexual Pathologies in Poland.

Mameta Endo (Japan): Mameta is a Female-to-Male transgender activist who began his career as a trans activist in his teens. Mameta is a representative of International Day against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO) in Japan and he is part of White Ribbon Campaign, which focuses on preventing LGBTQ youth from committing suicide. Welcome Katy and Mameta! For more information about the WAS Youth Initiative and its activities, please "like" and follow our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/youthsexhealth

6. News from the regions

The WAS Federations tend to be more quiet in the year of the World congress because their regional bi-ennial congresses take place in the alternating years. Here are the dates for the Regional Congresses in 2014.

29 Jan-1 Feb	EFS	Istanbul, Turkey
17-21 Febr	AFSHR	Yaoundé, Cameroun
10-13 Sept	FLASSES	St Domingo, Dominican Rep
22-25 Oct	AOFS	Brisbane, Australia

EFS

Presently, the EFS, the European Federation of Sexology, is hanging between good memories of the last congress in Madrid and high running expectations of the next Congress in Istanbul. Madrid was characterized by a high percentage (21%) of students, indicating the importance of integrating the next generation in our field.

Istanbul will be the first congress where we will have a joint venture with the European Society for Sexual Medicine. For more reasons this will be a memorable meeting of merging. Istanbul is the only city in the world that is situated on two continents. A place where history meets modern times and where West meets East. A city with the romance of the Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque and the Hagia Sophia, but also with the highbrow science of 14 (!) Universities.

This unforgettable event in Istanbul will be held from 29 January to 1 February 2014 thanks to the Turkish Association for Cognitive and Behavioural Psychotherapies (TACBP) and the Turkish Society of Andrology.

We have no doubt that Istanbul, sharing the spirit of old and new European and Asian culture, will inspire both the science of the congress and the social program as well.

A strong focus of this congress will be the merging between sexual medicine, sexology and sexual health professionals and organizations, to improve interdisciplinary knowledge, skills and attitudes. We hope that this mixture of pioneers, leaders and students in the combined fields of Sexology and Sexual Medicine will become a secret recipe of the permanent successes for future EFS and ESSM congresses.

Mehmet Sungur (President of the Congress for the EFS), Ateş Kadioğlu (President of the



Congress for the ESSM), Harmut Porst (President of the ESSM) and Chiara Simonelli (President of the EFS) are very honored to welcome you all for this meeting.

And the bonus for attending the congress?

On January 28, the day before the congress, there will be UEMS examinations for physicians to become Fellow in the European Committee of Sexual Medicine (FECSM) and ESSM/EFS examinations for psychologists to get a qualification in Clinical Sexology.

7. The 2013 WAS Awards

The Gold Medal is the most prestigious honour awarded by the World Association for Sexual Health. It is given for lifelong achievement in the areas of sexual health, sexuality education, research, counselling, the promotion of sexual rights or any other area pertinent to human sexuality. At each World Congress medals are awarded. The recipient is invited to give a presentation at the World Congress.

The two persons awarded with the 2013 WAS Gold Medal are (in alphabetical order):

- Dr. Lars-Gösta Dahlöf from Sweden
- Dr. León Roberto Gindin from Argentina

Dr Lars-Gösta Dahlöf

He is a PhD psychologist based in Goteborg in Sweden, where he was for more than 30 years professor in sexology. He has been teaching sexology to thousands of Swedish students, and was also very active in promoting proper sexuality education and training programs outside his own University unit.

His research areas were sexual dysfunctions, sex therapy and counselling with special interest in asexuality and in pheromones. He was also a clinician and worked as clinical sexology consultant, advisor and supervisor for hundreds of professionals in the fields of sexual health, sexual prevention and therapy.

He is one of the sexual health pioneers in Sweden and established sexology as an academic subject

at Goteborg's University, in Sweden, in the Nordic countries and in Eastern Europe.

Lars-Gösta is one of the charter members of the Swedish Association for Clinical Sexology and of the NACS, the Nordic Association for Clinical Sexology.

In 2009, he was President of the 19th WAS World Congress for Sexual Health in Goteborg, Sweden. A very substantial contribution was the receipt from the Swedish Government of a \$ 470 000 grant for scholarships that allowed 100 delegates from developing low-income countries to participate.

Lars-Gösta formally retired in 2010, but of course he continues to promote sexual health in various ways.



WAS Gold Medal

Lars-Gösta Dahlöf
Goteborg, Sweden

Dr León Roberto Gindin

He graduated as physician in 1963 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was trained as a psychoanalyst and already early in his career he became interested in clinical sexology. He started CETIS, the Centre for Sexuality Education, Therapy and Research, where many of the Argentinian sexologists have been trained in the fields of Sexuality Education and Sex Therapy. He wrote several books and is an expert in the diagnosis and treatment of Unconsummated Marriage and Vaginismus.

Dr Gindin has been a major factor in the developments in sexology and sexual health in Argentina and in Latin America.



WAS Gold Medal

León Roberto Gindín
Buenos Aires, Argentina

The 2013 WAS Awards for Excellence & Innovation in Sexuality Education.

A considerable number of applications has been received. Since they are of the highest quality, it takes the jury more time to review all applications. The winners of the Awards will be announced on July 31st (and not on June 30th as mentioned in the call for submissions)

8. Obituary

On the 10th of June this year Dr. Cecilia Cardinal de Martin died in Bogotá, Colombia.

Dr Cardinal was one of the most important pioneers in Latin America in all fields related to human sexuality, particularly, comprehensive sexuality education. She was the founder and director of CRESALC, the Sexuality Education Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean, the institution that trained and supported the first projects in that region and to which many individuals working in the field are in some way related.

She was a member of the group that drafted the original (WHO) sexual health definition back in 1975. She will be missed as a teacher, scholar, friend, mother and wife.



Cecilia Cardinal de Martin
Bogotá, Colombia
Died June 2013

WAS Gold Medal recipient in 1999

9. Call for Bids for the 2017 WAS Congress

We are now seeking bids from our Society members to host the WAS Congress 2017. If you are interested, please contact Pierre Assalian, our Secretary General & Treasurer. You'll receive an example of the contract that has been developed by WAS for you to review. In case you would like to host the 2017 Congress, you will be asked to do a presentation to the Executive Committee and to the General Assembly during the upcoming WAS congress in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Presently we are in the process of appointing a professional congress organiser (PCO), who will be responsible for the day to day organisation of the congress in collaboration with your committee.

WAS reserves the right to appoint its own PCO.

10. Sexual Medicine connections

The relative distance that existed between the (usually medical) professionals from the sexual medicine societies and professionals from the sexology / sexual health societies is gradually disappearing. In Europe both societies (ESSM and EFS) are aware of the importance of interdisciplinary work and they invest in training and the qualification standards. Here we'll inform about several of their relevant activities.

- The ESSM Oxford School of Sexual Medicine
- The UEMS exam for physicians (FECSM)
- The ESSM/EFS exam for psychologists

The Oxford Course of Sexual Medicine.

Since 2007, every summer this course was run in Oxford under auspices of ESSM/EFS and under guidance of John Dean. In a period of 2 weeks groups of 20-35 clinically experienced professionals were initiated in the wide area of sexual medicine. Skills, attitude and experience tend to get a different meaning in these very international groups with so much cultural variety. This year, time and place had to be changed for financial reasons. So, in 2013 the Oxford School for Sexual Medicine will take place in Budapest,

Hungary (**11-20 October**).

This 10-day residential course is given in English language. The Oxford Program is intended for devoted professionals with relevant post-graduate clinical experience and with interest in Sexual Medicine. Previous experience in the clinical practice of Sexual Medicine is an advantage. Board, lodging and the course will cost € 1.900 (transport not included). Only for ESSM members, there are some scholarships available. For information go to www.essm.org

The UEMS exam for physicians (FECMSM).

A European Fellowship in Sexual Medicine was created under patronage of the European Medical Specialists. In December 2012 the first exams took place in Amsterdam, after which 283 physicians received the FECMSM qualification. The next exam of the Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Sexual Medicine (MJCSM) will take place in Istanbul on **January 28, 2014**.

In the days before, a 3-day course will be given where all the relevant topics once more will be reviewed (**24-27 January, 2014**).

For information go to www.essm.org

The ESSM/EFS exam for psychologists

ESSM and EFS collaborate to guarantee and promote high standards of healthcare in the field of Sexual Medicine. Following the process for physicians, an educational program and a qualification exam were set-up. This year the first examination for psychologist qualification will take place.

Domains and contents for the exam will appear in a new Syllabus on Clinical Sexology that will be published in November 2013.

The first exams for ESSM/EFS Psycho-sexologist Certification will take place **in Istanbul on January 28, 2014**.

In the days before, a 3-day preparation course is planned (**25-27 January, 2014**) where all subjects of the curriculum will be reviewed.

More details will follow on the ESSM website www.essm.org

11. Miscellaneous

Job Position

There is a full-time academic position on the topic 'Sexual psychology, sexual psychopathology and sexual psychophysiology' open at the Institute for Family and Sexuality Studies, Leuven, Belgium. More information can be found in the link: <https://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/jobsite/vacatures/52490873?lang=en> or directly via Prof Dr Paul Enzlin paul.enzlin@uzleuven.be

'Pink Therapy'

This UK based independent therapy organisation focuses both on the full spectrum of gender clients and on the wide spectrum of other sexual diversity clients. The Pink Therapy website offers a list with qualified therapists around the UK who adopt a sexuality-affirmative stance and do not see sexual or gender variation as a sickness.

www.pinktherapy.com

Whereas most therapy training organisations in the UK fail to address in sufficient detail issues of sexual diversity in their curricula, Pink Therapy runs two Post Graduate courses for mental health professionals working with Gender and Sexual Diversity Clients. The accompanying Diploma in Gender and Sexual Diversity Therapy is accredited by Middlesex University and is now on its third cohort of students. In alternate years, Pink Therapy runs a course in *Relationship Therapy with Gender and Sexual Diversities*. In addition they run a variety of other short courses and workshops.

Pink Therapy will be a member of WAS.

12. For your agenda

Upcoming sexual health related meetings and activities.

Sexology / Sexual Health meetings

World

21st World Sexual Health Congress
21-24 September, 2013
Porto Alegre, Brasil
www.2013was.com

Europe

EFS combined with ESSM meeting
29 January – 1 February, 2014
Istanbul, Turkey
www.europeansexology.com

Africa

5th Congress Afr Fed Sexual Health & Rights
17-21 February, 2014
Yaoundé, Cameroun
www.africalsexuality.org

Latin America

17th CLASES meeting
10-13 September, 2014
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
www.clases2014.com

Asia-Oceania

13th AOFS Congress
22-25 October, 2014
Brisbane, Australia

World

22nd World Congress for Sexual Health
June 6 – 10, 2015
Singapore
www.worldsexology.org

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Sexual Medicine Meetings

Latin America

SLAMS 2013
28-31 August, 2013
Cancún, México
www.slams2013.org

Middle East

2nd Biennial MESSM meeting
3-5 October, 2013
Cairo, Egypt
www.messm.org

Africa

2nd Biennial ASSM meeting
20-21 November, 2013
Durban, South Africa
www.assmweb.org

North America

SMSNA 2013 Annual Fall Meeting
November 21- 24, 2013
InterContinental New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
www.smsna.org

Europe

ESSM combined with EFS meeting
29 January – 1 February, 2014
Istanbul, Turkey
www.essm.org

Asian-Pacific

15th APSSM meeting
Date: not yet known
Venue: (probably) Beijing, China

World

16th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine
8-12 October, 2014
Sao Paulo, Brasil
www.issm.info

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Other meetings

IASR 2013 Annual meeting

7-10 August, 2013
Chicago, USA
www.iasr.org

Australasian Sexual Health Conference

23-25 October, 2013
Darwin, Australia
www.shconference.com.au

ISSWSH 2013 Fall Course

25-27 October, 2013
Westin Gaslamp Quarter
San Diego, California, USA
www.ISSWSH.org

World Congress of Medical Sexology

8-10 November, 2013
Málaga, Spain
www.congresomundialdesexologia.com

Gender Dysphoria Study Day

15 November, 2013
Manchester Conference Centre
Manchester, UK
Info via: richard.linford@cwpc.nhs.uk

SSSS 2013 Annual Meeting

14-17 November, 2013
San Diego, California, USA
www.sexscience.org

International Conference

Living with Sexuality and Cancer
(Focus on Prostate Cancer)
15 February, 2014
Manchester, UK
www.issc.nu

23rd Biennial WPATH Symposium

14-18 February, 2014
Bangkok, Thailand
www.wpath.org

ISSWSH 2014 Annual Meeting

20-23 February, 2014
Westin Gaslamp Quarter
San Diego, California, USA
www.ISSWSH.org

39th Annual SSTAR Meeting

April 3-5, 2014
Pittsburgh, PA, USA
www.sstarnet.org

IASR 2014 Annual meeting

25-28 June, 2014
Dubrovnik, Croatia
www.iasr.org



Compact timetable

2013

7-10 Aug	IASR 2013 Annual meeting	Chicago, USA
28-31 Aug	SLAMS 2013	Cancún, México
21-24 Sept	21 st World Sexual Health Congress	Porto Alegre, Brasil
3-5 Oct	2 nd Biennial MESSM meeting	Cairo, Egypt
23-25 Oct	Australasian Sexual Health Conference	Darwin, Australia
25-27 Oct	ISSWSH 2013 Fall Course	San Diego, California, USA
8-10 Nov	World Congress of Medical Sexology	Málaga, Spain
15 Nov	Gender Dysphoria Study Day	Manchester, UK
14-17 Nov	SSSS 2013 Annual Meeting	San Diego, California, USA
20-21 Nov	2 nd Biennial ASSM meeting	Durban, South Africa
21-24 Nov	SMSNA 2013 Annual Fall Meeting	New Orleans, Louisiana

2014

25-27 Jan	Pre-exam Courses for UEMS/ESSM Exams	Istanbul Turkey
28 Jan	Exams for physicians & psychologists	Istanbul, Turkey
29 Jan–1 Feb	European Congress EFS & ESSM	Istanbul, Turkey
15 Febr	Internat.Conf Living with Sexuality and Cancer	Manchester, UK
14-18 Febr	23 rd Biennial WPATH Symposium	Bangkok, Thailand
17-21 Febr	5 th Congr. African Fed. Sexual Health & Rights	Yaoundé, Cameroun
20-23 Febr	ISSWSH Annual Meeting	San Diego, California, USA
3-5 Apr	39 th Annual SSTAR Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA, USA
25-28 June	IASR Annual meeting	Dubrovnik, Croatia
10-13 Sept	17 th CLASES meeting	Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.
22-25 Oct	13 th AOFS Congress	Brisbane, Australia

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6-10 June	22 nd World Congress for Sexual Health	Singapore
8-12 Oct	16 th World Meeting on Sexual Medicine	Sao Paulo, Brasil

ATTACHMENT 1

World Sexual Health Day 2013

September 4th

“To achieve sexual health, picture yourself owning your sexual rights!”



World Sexual Health Day 2013 will focus on sexual rights!

This year's slogan for WSHD *“To achieve sexual health, picture yourself owning your sexual rights”* aims to constitute a reminder on the fundamental importance that sexual rights have in order to achieve sexual health. We invite everyone to imagine, to picture themselves owning their sexual rights!

In this sense it is important to remember the WAS/WHO working definition of sexual health (2002): *Sexual health is a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity. Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence. For sexual health to be attained and maintained, the sexual rights of all persons must be respected, protected and fulfilled.*

The WAS/WHO definition states that sexual health is attained through sexual rights, and in 1999 the WAS proclaimed eleven sexual rights in its Universal Declaration of Sexual Rights:
<http://www.worldsexology.org/content/sexual-rights-0>.

Read the Sexual Rights Declaration and picture yourself owning your sexual rights!

What can I do to celebrate World Sexual Health Day 2013?

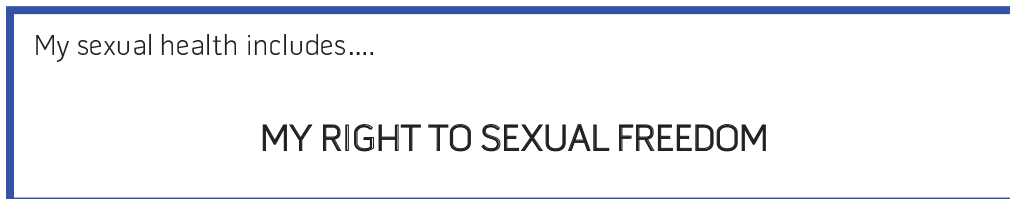
As World Sexual Health Day is a global and volunteer celebration, the possibilities are limitless. You can use the theme of this year's WSHD and take it to wherever you find suitable, and in the ways that are easier for you. You can organize workshops, a conference, a press conference, a round table of discussion, a media appearance, or an activity like the one that is proposed below...

Picture yourself owning your sexual rights! An activity proposal for WSHD 2013

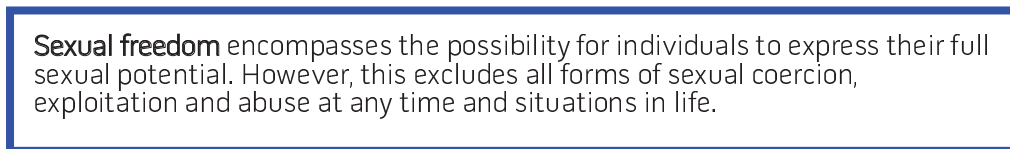
In the following paragraphs you will find the description of a more specific, playful, dynamic and educational activity that could work well to celebrate WSHD 2013. Read it and give it a thought!

1. First of all, you have to select the place where you want to develop the activity. We recommend a public space within your community/city that has visibility (such as a public landmark), but you can also select a school, an office or your own house!
2. Print all the sexual rights in banners. On the top of the front side of the banner you can add the phrase "My sexual health includes..." followed by the name of the sexual right in a bigger size, so people can understand that sexual health encompasses sexual rights. On the backside of the banner you can add the definition of the sexual right. This is an example of a banner...

Front side:



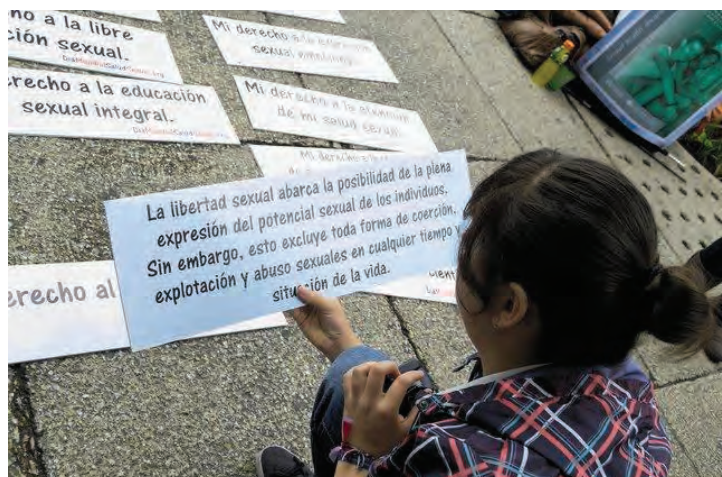
Backside:



You also have to print one poster containing the definition of sexual health, other one containing the definition of sexuality, and another poster containing the slogan of WSHD 2013. We recommend to print these posters in a larger size.

3. Place all the banners on the selected location, so that people can grab them, read them, discuss them, understand them, and take a picture with the ones they select, having as a visible background the location of the event. See the following pictures...

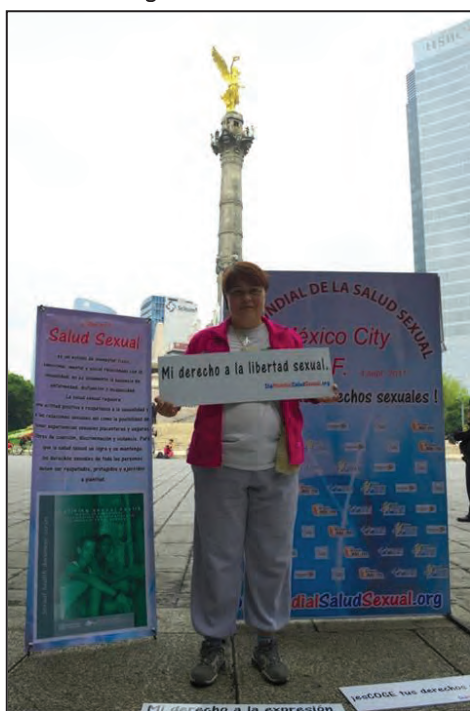
All the sexual right banners are placed on the ground:



A woman grabs one of the sexual right banners to read it:

4. Then you take the picture with your sexual right, having as a background the selected location and the poster containing the slogan of WSHD 2013. Look at this Mexican woman who took a picture with “**her right to sexual freedom**”, having the famous Angel of Independence in the background. The setting is more elaborated, as the banners containing the sexual health definition and the slogan of the activity were printed in plastic and stood alone with support:

4. Explain to the people who participated, that all the pictures will be uploaded to the official WAS Global Facebook page of World Sexual Health Day (<https://www.facebook.com/4sept>). Each country organizing committee can send the best picture that they have for an exhibition in the 21st World Congress for Sexual Health.



Always remember: This is just an alternative...

This activity is only a proposal... Possibilities to celebrate WSHD are limitless!

The activity we suggest does not have to take place in public spaces necessarily. You can promote the idea in more private spaces, such as an office or a classroom. You can think of different ways to take a picture with the sexual right you choose. For example, if you are going to do the activity in a classroom, you can write the sexual rights in the blackboard and take a picture with them.

Through social networks, WAS will encourage people to take an individual picture of them with a sexual right (and the phrase “My sexual health includes...”), in order to put them as their profile picture in Facebook and to upload them to the Global Facebook page of WSHD.

If you have more and different ideas, please let us know! WSHD activities rely on everyone’s creativity!

Timeline for your consideration.

*Please inform the organizers of WSHD 2013 if you are willing to undertake the role of National WSHD Coordinator in your country. Our e-mail is: worldsexualhealthday@gmail.com

Month	Activities
May-June 2013	-Plan the activity that you would like to carry out in accordance to your cultural needs, translating all the information you’ll need to spread the idea (such as a press release).
May-June 2013	-Select the location(s) to carry out your activity to celebrate WSHD 2013.
June 2013-August 2013	-Contact all the possible media (magazines-TV-newspapers) in order to start spreading the idea.
July 2013-August 2013	-Prepare all the materials and human resources that you’ll need (such as the banners and posters of the suggested activity or the photographer who would be willing to take the pictures). Be sure to include the logo and information of WAS everywhere you can, as well as the slogan of WSHD.
September 4 th 2013	-Take all the pictures that you can to document your activity. Upload them to the WSHD Global Facebook Page, as well as the articles that are published about the activity in local media.

By September 10th, National WSHD Coordinators should send their country reports to the global Organizers, in order to integrate a Global Report for the 21st World Congress for Sexual Health in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Our e-mail is: worldsexualhealthday@gmail.com

Finally, remember...

- a) **KISS (KEEP IT SMART AND SIMPLE)!** Whatever you decide to do, it does not have to implicate big expenses, it can easily be arranged with a very small amount of money.
- b) If you plan to carry out the suggested activity, be sure that all the letters that you print on the banners have a good size in order to be readable when you look at the taken picture.
- c) Use the WHO/WAS definitions of sexual health and sexuality in the to guide everything you decide to do and in all the materials you decide to use! You can download the document through this link: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/sexual_health/defining_sexual_health.pdf
- d) Access to the WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights to obtain the name and definitions of all sexual rights: <http://www.worldsexology.org/content/sexual-rights-0>
- e) If you feel that the wording of the WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights may not be suitable for local sensibilities, you can also use the sexual rights proclaimed by WHO in the same document:
- f) Promote that people from ALL ages can get engaged in the activity you organize. Children, teenagers, adults, seniors, we want all of them to *picture themselves owning their sexual rights!*
- g) A good strategy of promotion is to try to involve celebrities, government officials and politicians in the activity that you organize.
- h) If you wish to see other pictures of the Mexican activity that inspired the suggested activity, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dia-Mundial-de-la-Salud-Sexual/147505115262006>
- i) Be sure to accurately translate the name and definition of the sexual rights, as well as the WHO/WAS working definitions of sexuality and sexual health into your own native language.
- j) The core idea behind WSHD is that people have to understand and inform themselves about sexual rights! If you carry out the suggested activity, you will see that by reading a sexual right, manipulating it and proudly taking a picture with it, people can own it. Whatever you decide to do: Let's own our sexual rights!
- k) And... Don't forget to LIKE and SHARE the official Global WSHD Facebook page: www.facebook.com/4sept



Upload all the pictures you take to our Facebook page!

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