

**Editors:** Cristina Tania Fridman

Sara Nasserzadeh

Contributors: Kevan Wylie, Federation Presidents, Jaqueline Brendler; Andrés Flores Colombino, Rafael García Alvarez; Lillemor Rosenqvist; Chiara Simonelli;

#### Topics Covered

1. A message from the president.
2. The World Congress in Porto Alegre
3. Report of the Second Annual Meeting of BSSM
4. The 2013 WAS Gold Medal winners.
5. News from the regions
6. Education Awards and New Education Committee

#### 7. Youth Committee

8. Miscellaneous: Inauguration Center for Sexology Research Dr. B. Whipple. Other Issues
9. For your agenda
10. Welcome from the Media Committee

#### 1 A message from the President

Dear colleagues

Welcome to our first newsletter from the new administration of WAS. We had an extremely successful congress in Brazil led by Jacqueline Brendler in association with a number of local hosts and for the first time in a number of years were able to confirm a small profit for the event. Well done to everyone for the very hard work involved in ensuring an excellent programme and participation at the event following a number of difficulties in securing a venue for the congress. A full report is included within this newsletter as well as details of our next congress in 2015. During 2014 I hope you will be able to support your regional Federation congress and details are enclosed within the newsletter.

We have been busy establishing the leaders and members of our committees that collectively will undertake much of the work of the administration over the forthcoming 4 years. As well as the 4 statutory committees, we have consolidated the scientific committees into one committee and introduced three new ad hoc committees. All of this information is on our new website that was launched in October. My thanks to Tommi Paalanen who has led the work for this change and I hope you will all have a look at the site and

offer your comments and feedback. If you have materials we can add to the website to enrich the experience and ensure the history of the association is as detailed as possible please send this to us.

My only official duty to date has been to share a weekend with the teams in Sofia in a joint collaboration with EFS and I enclose a short report within the newsletter outlining the excellent work already underway in Bulgaria.

As always, please share your thoughts and ideas with me if you have some suggestions about enhancing the role and work of the Association in any of the many aspects that we represent collectively. We have a number of initiatives in hand to share with you in the forthcoming months.



Kevan Wylie  
President WAS  
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

## 2 The World Congress in Porto Alegre

All Continents Participated in The World Congress of WAS with the interest in Sexual Health for All.

The 21th World Congress for Sexual Health organized by the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) was held on 21-24 September at the Hotel Plaza San Rafael and San Jose Event Center in Porto Alegre, Brazil. To date WAS conferences are the only multidisciplinary International Congresses within the field of human sexuality. A tribute to John Money was conducted throughout the conference following the main theme of the event: "Sexual Issues Straight from the Heart."

At the opening ceremony Lars-Gösta Dahlfö and Leon Roberto Gindin have been honored with the WAS most prestigious professional award, the *Gold Medal* for their life-long contribution to the field.

The three nominees for the *WAS Award for Innovation and Excellence in Sexuality Education* were then introduced alongside of the authors for the *Best papers for oral and poster presentation*.

The ceremony has ended with a representation of the lively Brazilian dance Samba to celebrate the expression of body and movement.

The conference brought together a varied mix of most recent studies and high-level discussions on seven tracks. In general there were 255 oral presentations and 299 posters were approved. Besides the self-submitted abstracts,, the Local Scientific Committee, the Scientific Committee of the WAS and the International Scientific Committee led by Drs. Maryanne Doherty , Pedro Nobre and Pierre Assalian respectively came together to nominate and invite a number of world-renowned scholars in the field to share their state of the art lectures with the participants.

The summaries of the abstracts were published in *The International Journal of Sexual Medicine* (online version and on CD) and the main lectures have been recoded to be made available to colleagues for a small fee who were not present at the event. These were enriched by the participation of the most influential organizations

within the field including: PAHO, UNESCO, WHO, WPA, ISSSM, WPATH, AISM, FLASSES, SBRASH, AASECT, SSSS and more.

A new feature at this conference was a collective autograph session with the authors of chapters and books in Portuguese, English and Spanish. Another interesting fact about the WAS 21<sup>st</sup> congress was that we had the pleasure of hosting ten colleagues from the developing countries free of charge. There were a few activities that were specifically focused on young people including a Durex & MTV sponsored symposium "Staying Alive Foundation (UK)" which was coordinated by Kevan Wylie and the Youth Initiative at WAS led by Anton C. Usigli. This panel created huge interest.

A new board and council were elected by the General Meeting of WAS for 2013-2017 and will work with President Kevan Wylie (UK), Maria Perez Conchillo (Spain) Vice President and Treasurer Adaikan Ganesan (Singapore), among the 19 that make up the new board and council .

The conference had a rich social angle to it as well with a presidential dinner, cocktail, in addition to the delicious canapés and drinks which included the "Caipirinha" and the Gala Dinner which was received great applause by colleagues.

I feel honored to have brought the World WAS to South America after twenty years and very happy with the work of the Brazilians, the WAS and the support of FLASSES, that made the 21th World Congress of WAS a high quality one. I wish that the success of Porto Alegre repeat in the next event at WAS Singapore in 2015.

Loving hugs



Dr. Jaqueline Brendler.  
WAS's Congress President, 2013

### 3 Report Second Annual Meeting of BSSM

Zdravko Kamenov and the Bulgarian Society for Sexual Medicine held the second annual meeting of the society in Sofia, Bulgaria between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2013.

The meeting involved colleagues from the Bulgarian Association for Family Therapy led by Roumen Bostandjiev. Both societies have identified experiencing a lack of sexological information and there are very few trained specialists throughout the country. The need for close working relationships between clinicians from the fields of medicine, psychotherapy and psychology is appreciated by the executive teams of both societies.

Sofia is a city with a fascinating history and the importance of the city is often forgotten given the difficulties it has faced in recent decades. In a manner similar to the specialties of sexual health and sexual medicine the future is emerging with a sense of greater confidence and prosperity.

This meeting was an excellent example of collaboration to ensure a wide audience despite the well-recognised difficulties of obtaining funding for meetings in this speciality. The congress allowed the opportunity for over 100 clinicians to meet and share ideas and good practice. Guest speakers included Professor Joseph Shenker from Jerusalem who is President of the International Academy of Human Reproduction as well as myself representing WAS & EFS.

The topics of urology, gynaecology, endocrinology, cardiology, sexology and interdisciplinary confirmed that this group is thinking in an interdisciplinary manner and we will be encouraging and supporting the collaboration between both societies and the regional federations and societies over the coming years.

Kevan Wylie  
President WAS  
WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

### 4 The 2013 WAS Gold Medal winners

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.

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

Each recipient was invited to give a presentation at the World Congress.

Proceedings from the 21st congress of the World Association for Sexual Health, Porto Alegre, Brazil, September 21st to 24th of 2013

Dr Lars-Gösta Dahlöf

Title: 40 YEARS OF ACADEMIC SEX – STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART

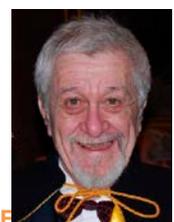
As a psychology and medicine student in the sixties and early seventies I realized that sexology was missing in the education and training curriculum for most health professionals. This concern encouraged me to ask my own department and the University of Gothenburg to modify the current curricula making sexology a compulsory subject in the academic training for physicians and psychologists in the first place.



Pretty soon it became very obvious what a charged issue sexology was in the academic world with an array of prejudices and obstacles, like old-time moralism, to overcome. 40 years and almost 7000 sexology students later I have the privilege to share with you my personal travelogue filled with decisive experiences, including people, places, institutions, failures and successes, in all a very exciting journey. Hopefully my story will inspire the young congress delegates to explore thoroughly the fascinating field of knowledge called sexual health.

Dr León Roberto Gindin

Title: TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF SEXOLOGISTS



From the early series of World Sexology Congresses (1921) until now, there was continued expansion of sexological knowledge, which enabled it to become a science with its own rules. No knowledge becomes obsolete by the mere passing of time. It is other research basis that allows reaching to accurate knowledge today. These are the clinical applications that we use for the benefit of our patients.

The main objective of this Conference is to pay tribute to all those who received W.A.S. Gold Medal, and other specialists. The Conference is dedicated to young professionals, who have been attending to WAS World Congress only recently. They will have opportunity to know the sexological contributions from many pioneers that W.A.S has awarded with the Gold Medal. We will also show what happened in the early Sexological Congresses before the W.A.S. was created.

The breakthrough came in the twentieth century. At the end of this century W.A.S. introduces gold medals, in their life time, for the pioneers of sexology. There have been 45 pioneers in 20 years. Most of them, I had the pleasure to know them personally and know their work.

I will speak of some of them and some others colleagues who have not yet received the medal but play a part in my training. Some of them are from my country and others from distant countries. Almost everyone knows about Masters & Johnson, Helen Kaplan, John Money, Bianco, among others. But few of the young people know the contributions of Richard Green, Gerard Valles, Prakash Kothari, Helen O'Connell, Ricardo Cavalcanti, Laura Caldiz, Cristina Fridman and others. I will show through clinical examples some very difficult cases where I had to resort to the help of these wise colleagues who helped me solve them.

I especially thank the Director W.A.S. Awards Selection Committee Director, Lillemor Rosenqvist, to those who nominated me, and to the Congress President Jaqueline Brendler.

#### 5. News from the regions

The WAS Federations tend to be more quiet in the year of the World congress because their regional

bi-annual congresses take place in the alternating years. Here are the dates for the Regional Congresses in 2014.

29 Jan-1 Feb EFS Istanbul, Turkey  
 3 -7 Feb. AFSHR Yaoundé, Cameroun  
 10-13 Sept FLASSES Punta Cana, D.Dominican Rep  
 22-25 Oct AOFS Brisbane, Australia



EFS - European Federation of Sexology - 2014  
 EFS - Congress and ESSM - Congress  
 29Jan.1Feb. Turkey



For the first time the EFS congress will be joint by the annual congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM).

Istanbul, one of the world's largest cities, has been a cradle of multicultural civilizations, a melting pot of different cultures and religions integrating in an admirable way occidental and oriental history and traditions. Features and symbols of sexuality are present in many places of Anatolia and witnessed by books, shrines, statues and other cultural relics. We have no doubt that Istanbul, appointed as cultural capital city of Europe in 2010, and 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.

An innovative scientific program reflecting sexual problems and beyond that addressing hot topics of sexuality has been developed by the scientific committee to update you in person and the whole scientific community with latest and exciting achievements in Sexology and Sexual Medicine.

The mixture of pioneers and leaders as well as new upstarts in the field of Sexology and Sexual Medicine longing for recognition and success is finally the secret recipe of the permanent successes of the EFS and ESSM congresses. By tradition the EFS and ESSM congresses are not only the stage for high level science in Sexology and Sexual Medicine but also provide the opportunity to meet old and to become acquainted with new friends. It's our pleasure to welcome you to the 12th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology (EFS), to be held in Istanbul from 29 January to 1 February 2014.



**Chiara Simonelli**, *President of EFS*  
**Mehmet Sungur**, *Chairman of EFS 2014 Congress*  
**Hartmut Porst**, *President of ESSM*  
**Ateş Kadioğlu**, *Chairman of ESSM 2014 Congress*  
<http://www.europeansexology.com/efscongress2014>



AFSHR -The African Federation for Sexual Health and Rights - Next Conference February 3-7, 2014 Cameroon

The African Federation for Sexual Health and Rights (AFSHR) is pleased to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights (6ACSHR). The theme of the conference is **“Eliminating Women and Girls’ Sexual and Reproductive Health Vulnerabilities in Africa”**. The conference will be held in Yaoundé, Cameroon from February 3-7, 2014, and hosted by the Women in Alternative Action (WAA), Cameroon.

The conference is part of a long-term process of building and fostering regional dialogue on sexual



health and rights that leads to concrete actions and enhances stakeholders' ability to influence policy and programming in favour of a sexually-healthy continent. AFSHR has collaborated with several Core Conference Partners (CCP) and other key stakeholders in sexual and reproductive health over the past ten years to organize this regional conference. The conference was previously held in Johannesburg, South Africa (2004); Nairobi, Kenya (2006); Abuja, Nigeria (2008); Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2010); and Windhoek, Namibia (2012).

The conference will start with a two- day capacity building workshop on sexual and reproductive health and rights for young people on 3-4 February, 2014. Various Sexual and Reproductive Health constituencies will also hold expert meetings and consultation during these days.

The main conference will hold from 5-7 February, 2013 and will involve plenaries, concurrent sessions, skills-building workshops, and exhibition among others. The conference will deliberate on Sexual and Reproductive Health of all categories of women and girls including women living with HIV, women and girls in conflict situations, women and girls with disabilities. It will also focus on excluded and marginalized populations, early marriage, adolescent motherhood, gender-based violence as well as maternal morbidity and mortality.

[conference@africasexuality.org](mailto:conference@africasexuality.org)  
[www.africasexuality.org](http://www.africasexuality.org)



FLASSES - Next CLASES 2014  
Latin - American Congress of  
Sexual Education and Sexology  
República Dominicana  
10-14 de Septiembre de 2014

The Organizing Committee of the XVII Congress of Sexual Education and Sexology is pleased by the interest shown by the scientific community in the area of Sexual Education and Sexology, who during the months of October and November have made a total of 8,034 visits to our website ([www](http://www)).



classes2014.com). At the moment we have more than 20 international speakers who have confirmed their participation and more than 30 ambassadors have been promoting the conference with great success and enthusiasm.

The XVII CLASES

will be held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in the Convention Center at Hotels Barceló Bávaro, located in one of the most beautiful beaches in the world and in the comfort of two five stars hotels where you will enjoy "the all - inclusive modality" at a very affordable price.

In addition to the listed facilities we have prepared a comprehensive program to meet the academic expectations of all participants. The program will be supported in terms of credit hours by the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo.

We are working to offer a memorable encounter of sexology and sex education where we will share clinical, academic and research experiences. We reiterate the invitation to all stakeholders to submit their abstracts which will be published in the conference book.

We wait for you; do not miss this meeting that will be celebrated from 10 to 14 September 2014.

**Rafael García Alvarez**  
Presidente CLASES 2014  
FLASSES  
www.flases.net; More information: Instituto de Sexualidad Humana, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD)  
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana:  
[classes2014@gmail.com](mailto:classes2014@gmail.com)

AOFS 2014 - Brisbane, Australia  
The 13th AOFS Conference - 22-25 Oct



The 13th AOFS Conference is the biennial meeting of the AOFS and is hosted in rotation among the member countries. In 2014 the conference will be hosted in Brisbane, Australia. This will be the first time that the conference will be held in Australia. The hosting organization is the Society of Australian Sexologists (SAS) which is the national multidisciplinary organization for people working in sexology in Australia.

The conference is being held at the Mercure Hotel, Brisbane which is situated on the river and is across from the Brisbane recreation and entertainment Centre.

It is expected that sexologists and people working in fields that intersect with sexuality and sexual health from all over the Asia Pacific region will attend this meeting.

The organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you. The 2014 AOFS Conference page is currently under construction, to send through your expression of interest please [aofsasia@gmail.com](mailto:aofsasia@gmail.com) - [www.aofs-asia.org](http://www.aofs-asia.org)

**6. A. The 2013 WAS Awards for Excellence & Innovation in Sexuality Education – Report of the Education Committee 2012-2013**

Members of the Education Committee	
Nike Esiet	Nigeria
Cristina Tania Fridman	Argentina
Felipe Hurtado	Spain
Lotta Löfgren-Mårtenson	Sweden
Sara Nasserzadeh	USA/Iran
Matt Tilley	Australia
Esther Corona, Chair	Mexico

One of the major tasks of the Education Committee during this period- October 2012- August 2013 - has been the promotion, information dissemination, reception of submissions and evaluation of candidates for the WAS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION IN SEXUALITY EDUCATION 2013. This Award has become very prestigious with excellent submissions from programs all over the world.

In this cycle ten very high quality submissions were presented from the African Region, Argentina, Australia, The Netherlands, Spain, and United States. These submissions went through a very meticulous evaluation process by several members of the Committee to finally recommend the Award to be given to:

#### Non-Governmental Organizations:

**Love Matters (LM):** a series of web, mobile and social media sites that provide information and news on sexuality and sexual health for 18-30 year olds in India and Latin America.

<http://www.lovematters.info/>; <http://www.lovematters.in/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/lovematters.india>  
<http://www.hablemosdeamor.mx/><https://www.facebook.com/HablemosDeAmor>

#### Academic Programmes:

**Impact! :** The LGBT Health and Development Program associated to the Northwestern University Department of Medical Social Sciences

<http://www.impactprogram.org/>

#### Governmental Programmes:

**Programa de Educación Sexual SEXUMUXU:** Sponsored by the Autonomous Basque Community, Spain

<http://www.uhinbare.com/index.php/es/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sexumuxu/1379925948905581>  
<https://twitter.com/Sexumuxu>

And a special posthumous Award was given to Dr. Douglas Kirby for his contributions to the field of Sexuality Education.

#### 6. b. Sexuality Education (still in the developmental phase) 2013 – 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2014

Chairs: Osmo Kontula (Finland) and Charlotta Löfgren-Mårtenson (Sweden)

Members: Esther Corona (Mexico) Matt Tilley (Australia) Sharful Islam Khan (Bangladesh)

The Sexuality Education Committee (SEC) is a statutory committee of the World Association for Sexual Health. The purpose of this committee is to provide advice and support in the area of

sexuality education and health promotion and to oversee the quality of educational activities undertaken on behalf of WAS. This committee is also responsible for the Excellence in Education Awards.

In addition to sexuality education SEC supports formation in sexology and collects information of worldwide training. SEC provides advice and assistance to educators, health promoters and trainers in sexology. SEC disseminates monitors and maintains the currency of the International Standards of Practice in Sexuality Education, Health Promotion and Training in Sexology. SEC members participate in international meetings where these issues are discussed and new educational standards developed.

The Chairs are responsible for the initiation and conduct of the Excellence in Sexuality Education awards. They promote the call for nominations through the WAS web site and other means. After evaluations of the applicants they make a recommendation to the AC regarding the awardees, one in each for each of the three categories. These categories are Governmental Programmes, Academic Programmes, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

#### 7. Update from the Youth Initiative Committee



Antón Castellanos Usigli, Cátia Coração Da Torta y Stefano Eleuteri en Porto Alegre, Brazil.2013.

In the last WAS Congress for Sexual Health, held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, the Youth Initiative Committee (YIC) had a very strong participation. These are the details of the YIC participation at the Congress:

-The Youth Initiative Committee organized a Youth Symposium. The speakers were: Katy Peichert (Poland), Stefano Eleuteri (Italy) and Antón Castellanos Usigli (Mexico). It was the first time that a Youth Symposium took place at a WAS World Congress for Sexual Health!

-The YIC organized another Symposium for local Brazilian youth. Katy Peichert and Stefano Eleuteri talked about sexual diversity in this Symposium, while Antón Castellanos Usigli talked about the sexual health panorama of Latin American Youth.

-Both Katy and Antón also participated at the Symposium "Your love, your life: Sex education for the new generation", organized by the MTV Staying Alive Foundation and Durex.

On different news regarding the YIC, the Executive Committee has decided that Antón Castellanos Usigli will remain as Chair of the Committee, while Stefano Eleuteri from Italy has stepped up as Vice-Chair. Antón was also elected to be a Member of the WAS Advisory Committee in the General Assembly held in Porto Alegre.

For more information about the Youth Initiative Committee activities, please write to:

Antón Castellanos Usigli (Chair): [ac3638@columbia.edu](mailto:ac3638@columbia.edu)

Stefano Eleuteri (Vice-Chair): [stefano.eleuteri@gmail.com](mailto:stefano.eleuteri@gmail.com)

## 8. News - Miscellaneous

### 8.1 Keeping and studying the history and tradition of WAS

Here we want to acknowledge and thank both Woet Gianotten- former treasurer of Was at 1991 -, and Liana Zhou, M.L.S. Director of Library and Archives of The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction of Indiana University. They achieved the digitalization of the 94 Audio tapes from the 10th World Congress for Sexology that took place in Amsterdam in 1991. The material contains, among others presentations from: Carol Rinkleib Alison, Ronit Aloni, John Bancroft, Fernando Bianco, Walter Bocking, Eli Coleman, Romano Forleo, Louis Gooren, Julia Heiman, Shere Hite, Igor Konn, Prakash Kothari, Hannie Lightfoot-Klein, John

Money, Herman Musaph, June Reinisch, Lilian Rubin, Theo Sandfort, Lesley Schover, Ami Sha'ked, Frank Sommers, Leonore Tiefer, Richard Udry, Frans de Waal, Alan Wabrek, Beverly Whipple, Ken Zucker; etc.

The digital files will be available at the Kinsey Institute to WAS members and scholars. Besides, we report here that this material will be available for other interested centers; as long as they indicate that the original tapes are in the possession of the Kinsey Institute and that the Kinsey Institute took care for digitalization of the tapes.

### 8.2 CSS - Center for Sexology and Sexuality Studies

A new Center for Sexology and Sexuality studies, CSS, is starting at Malmö University, Sweden, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 2014 with the aim of making new interdisciplinary research with both national and international collaborators. Charlotta Löfgren-Mårtenson -member of the advisory board and the regional representative of Europe - will be the director of this center.

### 8.3 Inauguration Center for Sexology Research

Dr B. Whipple - October 18, 2013

The Center for Research in Sexology: Dra. B. Whipple had it's inaugurations on Friday October the 18th in the University of Puebla (BUAP). The opening ceremony had the distinguished presence of Dra. Beverly Whipple, emeritus professor at Rutgers University (New Jersey), who was the special guest. The event also featured the presence of: sexology researchers, the minister Leticia Cervantes Hernandez whom organized the first international meeting of sexology (Puebla 2013), the sexologist Alfonso Aguirre, president of the CiSex center. More guests were invited as honored members of the center; these were: Eli Coleman (Director of the Human Sexuality Program from Minnesota University), Barry Komisaruk from Rutgers University, Eusebio Rubio who is the



founder of the Mexican Association of Sexual Health, David Barrios (founder of Caleidoscopia), Esther Corona the coordinator of WAS' sexual education committee (World Association for Sexual Health), Alma Aldana & Rinna Riesenfeld renowned sexologists in the national and international spectra. It is important to highlight that Jaime Meneses Guerra M.D (The director of the University of Medicine) in representation of BUAP's University President, and answering a petition from CiSex, formally opened "Dr. Beverly Whipple Center of Research in Sexology" pointing out the importance to have a center of this type since it is one of a kind in Mexico.

The main goal for the "Research Center in Sexology of Dr. Beverly Whipple" is to encourage, sponsor and participate in the elaboration and development of research projects in the field of sexology, with the aim of promoting the exchange and collaboration of professionals within different fields of expertise. Among other objectives, some that stand out are: the will to participate in the capacitation of professionals interested in the theoretical and methodological aspects of the discipline, the integration of a scholarship fund, promotion through the available media, availability of the investigation results (All these goals have the common backbone of reaching out to the general population). The center wants to be a plural and multidisciplinary point of encounter, reflection, local and international collaboration among the professionals of different areas of knowledge interested in the different areas and fields of sexuality. It is a commitment of the center to be a reference point in the field for anyone who wants to approach the world of sexuality.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. B Whipple said:

"I hope that this research center will provide the incentive for many of you here in Puebla, and in other parts of Mexico, to conduct more research studies and to publish your findings. The field of sexual health has so much that we don't know about and there is the need for much new research. . . . We need to have your findings published, not only in Spain, Central and South America, but internationally." "I don't know how I can ever thank you enough for this amazing

honor. I appreciate it more than I can say. Thank you, thank you, and thank you".

Beverly Whipple, PhD, RN, FAAN, is Emeritus Professor of Rutgers University.

She has been Vice- President, Secretary General and Treasurer of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), President of the Association of American Educators, Counselors and Therapists in Sexuality (AASECT) and Director of the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH). She is a certified sexuality educator, sexuality counselor, and sex researcher, and is the co-author of the international best seller, *The G Spot and Other Discoveries about Human Sexuality*. Her other co-authored books are: *Safe Encounters: How Women can say Yes to Pleasure and No to Unsafe Sex; Smart Women, Strong Bones; Outwitting Osteoporosis; The Science of Orgasm* (2006); and *The Orgasm Answer Guide* (2010). Her concern with women's health derives naturally from her more than forty years of helping women to feel better about themselves, as a nurse, a nurse educator, and researcher.

#### 8.4 New Platform of Love Matters: "El toque"

**Love Matters (LM)** one of the groups presented with the Awards for Excellence & Innovation in Sexuality Education is launching a new platform on the web: The name of the site is "el toque"; they invite you to experience this resource and to be in touch.

<http://www.rnw.nl/espanol/dossier/eltoque>

#### 9. For your agenda

Upcoming sexual health related meetings.

#### Sexology / Sexual Health meetings

##### Europe

EFS combined with ESSM meeting

16th Congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM) and 14th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology (EFS).

29 January – 1 February, 2014

Istanbul, Turkey

[www.europealsexology.com](http://www.europealsexology.com)

##### Africa

AFSHR - 6th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights.

3-7 February, 2014

Yaoundé, Cameroun

[www.africalsexuality.org](http://www.africalsexuality.org)

**Latin America**  
17<sup>th</sup> CLASES meeting  
10-13 September, 2014  
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
**www.clases2014.com – www.flases.net**

**Asia-Oceania**  
13<sup>th</sup> AOFS Congress  
22-25 October, 2014  
Brisbane, Australia  
**www.aofs-asia.org**

**World**  
22nd Congress of the World Association for Sexual Health  
July 22 – 28, 2015  
Singapore  
**www.worldsexology.org**



**Compact - timetable**

**2014**

29 Jan–1 Feb	European Congress EFS & ESSM	Istanbul, Turkey
3-7 Feb.	5 <sup>th</sup> Cong. African Fed. Sexual Health & Rights	Yaoundé, Cameroun
14-18 Feb.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Biennial WPATH Symposium	Bangkok, Thailand
20-23 Feb.	ISSWSH Annual Meeting	San Diego, California, USA
28 Feb.	Internat. Conf Living with Sexuality and Cancer	Manchester, UK
3-5 Apr	39 <sup>th</sup> Annual SSTAR Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA, USA
25-28 June	IASR Annual meeting	Dubrovnik, Croatia
10-13 Sept	17 <sup>th</sup> CLASES meeting	Punta Cana, Dominican Rep.
8-12 Oct	16 <sup>th</sup> World Meeting on Sexual Medicine	Sao Paulo, Brazil
22-25 Oct	13 <sup>th</sup> AOFS Congress	Brisbane, Australia

**2015**

25 – 28 July	22 <sup>nd</sup> World Congress for Sexual Health	Singapore
--------------	---	-----------

## 2014

7th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) **January 21-24**, Pasay City, Philippines

23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial -WPATH — Symposium **14-18 February**, 2014 Bangkok, Thailand

International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH) 2014 Annual Meeting. **February 20 - 23**, San Diego, California, US

International Conference Living with Sexuality and Cancer (Focus on Prostate Cancer) **28 February**, 2014 Manchester, UK

The 3rd Biannual Irish Sexuality Studies Conference, Thursday **13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March** 2014, Ireland

39th Annual SSTAR American Society for Reproductive Medicine Meeting **April 3-5**, 2014 Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Adolescent Sexuality Conference **April 7-8**, 2014: Building Blocks of Youth Sexual Health, Seaside, Oregon, USA

29th Annual EAU Congress **April 11-15** —Stockholm -Sweden

The European Society of Contraceptives and Reproductive Health, 13th ESC Congress "Challenges in Sexual and Reproductive Health" **May**, 2014, Lisbon, Portugal

ASPSH's 11th Biennial Western Canadian Sexual Health Conference - BEING SEX POSITIVE: Moving from Exploitation to Empowerment, **May 1 - 2**, 2014 University of Alberta, Edmonton Alberta, USA

167th Annual Meeting of the American Psychiatric Association (APA 2014) **May 3-7** New York City, NY, United States,

American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists 46th Annual Conference- Monterey: **June 4 - 8**, 2014, California, USA

STD Prevention Conference **June 9-12**, 2014 in Atlanta, GA

4<sup>th</sup> Consulta Internacional Medicina Sexual **June 19-21** Madrid. Spain

36 Annual Guelph Sexuality Conferences, **19-20 June** 2014. Canada

International Academy of Sex Research The 2014 Annual Meeting- **June 25-28** Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2014

SSR 47th Annual Meeting—Fertility: A Global Challenge **July 19–23**, 2014—Grand Rapids, Michigan

AIDS 2014: 20th International AIDS Conference **July 20–25**, 2014—Melbourne, Australia

American Urogynecologic Society 35th Annual Scientific Meeting, **July 22–27**, 2014—Washington DC

American Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting, **August 16–19**, 2014—San Francisco, California

World Sexual Health Day- **September 4<sup>th</sup>** - WAS- the entire world

ICOG 2014: International Conference on Obstetrics and Gynecology, **September 4–5**, 2014—London, United Kingdom

XVI World Congress of Psychiatry, which will be held in Madrid, Spain, on **September 14-18**, 2014.

Nordic Association for Clinical Sexology, NACS 2014, **18-21 September**, Malmö, Sweden

16<sup>th</sup> World Meeting on Sexual Medicine 2014, Sao Paulo, **8-12 October**, 2014, Brazil.

The 2014 Australasian Sexual Health Conference, **9-11 October**, Sydney

North American Forum on Family Planning **October 10–13**, 2014—Miami, Florida

10 Welcome from the Media Committee



"We are pleased to send the first WAS's Newsletter corresponding to December- under the new administration. This was created to showcase the viewpoint of the new Executive Committee (2013 to 2017). The aim is to contribute to an active communication among members of this World Association for Sexual Health. We are in debt and we appreciate the excellent work done by Woet Gianotten in previous newsletters.

We acknowledge that societies organize their programs differently. Furthermore, the impact of instant communication and globalization is undeniable. We can learn from each other and seek a constant dialogue around sexuality.

To help us keep our newsletters updated, please feel free to send us any news from your regions or associations to be reviewed for inclusion in the future Newsletters. WAS Newsletters are published semiannually.

The next newsletter will be published by July 2014. Final deadline for submission of the materials is June 15th .We look forward to hearing from you.

To read more about the Media Committee and its upcoming activities please visit us at (we will include the media committee page on the website here <http://www.worldsexology.org/committees/>

This link is yet to be available; it is being built at the moment. In the meantime, please connect with Cristina Tania Fridman: [ctfridman@gmail.com](mailto:ctfridman@gmail.com); the area of MC within WAS' page will automatically update upon completion.



Sara Nasserzadeh



Cristina Tania Fridman

Co- Chairs of the Media Committee

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**World Congress in Porto Alegre**

**SEXOLOGY WORLD MEETING IN PORTO ALEGRE BRAZIL 21-24 SEPTEMBER 2013**

The magnificent review presented by the charismatic President of the 21st World Congress of Sexology of the WAS Dr Jaqueline Brendler, could have been enriched by the contribution of a Panel of Countries and Country presentations and Professional Participants which had been published in a special supplement of the Journal "The Journal of Sexual medicine". The scenario is the following, which invites many analyzes:

**PAPERS PRESENTED TO 21 WORLD CONGRESS OF SEXOLOGY-WAS**

**Porto Alegre - Brazil - 21-24 September 2013 - BY COUNTRY**

Arabia Saudita:	1	Irán:	9
Argentina:	15	Irlanda:	2
Armenia:	1	Italia:	14
Australia:	16	Japón:	1
Bangladesh:	3	Kenia:	2
Bolivia:	2	Líbano:	1
Bahréin:	2	Lituania:	1
Bélgica:	2	Malawi:	2
Brasil:	260	Malasia:	1
Canadá:	5	México:	26
Chile:	8	Nigeria:	9
China:	10	Noruega:	5
Colombia:	7	Países Bajos:	9
Corea del Sur:	4	Pakistán:	5
Costa Rica:	3	Paraguay:	7
Cuba:	1	Polonia:	9
Ecuador:	7	Portugal:	28
Egipto:	1	Puerto Rico:	2

Emiratos Árabes Unidos:	1	Rusia:	1	
Eslovenia:	3	Singapur:	3	
España:	6	Sudáfrica:	7	
Estados Unidos:	34	Suecia:	10	
Finlandia:	6	Suiza:	2	
Francia:	10	Turquía:	4	
Georgia:	1	Uganda:	1	
Ghana:	1	Uruguay:	12	
Inglaterra:	4	Varios:	1	
India:	2	Venezuela:	15	
		Zimbabwe:	2	606

Comment: The economic crisis being experienced by the first world countries did not raise the best prospects for organizing a World Congress, since the congressional audience means a huge effort. Dr Jaqueline Brendler, whom was once dismissed when she proposed the city of Rio de Janeiro to host the World. On this occasion she offered the city of Porto Alegre, where she lives and leads a strong group of sexologists and took the challenge. With efficient and intelligent work managed to overcome all obstacles and the 21st World Congress of Sexology was a resounding success. It's good to acknowledge and thank.



Dr. Andrés Flores Colombino  
Ex Advisory Committee de la WAS  
Ex Presidente de FLASSES  
Presidente de Honor de FUSEX \_Uruguay

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Happy New Year 2014**



“Structure of Shadow,” is an installation piece which presents a mix of male and female toy-like rubber figures hung with strings and marching in one direction, one after another. Hanging like puppets, the figures portray the idea of a group as opposed to an individual. A light and shadow trick is a key factor in this work: it is a metaphor of the invisible power of political tricks in our society. Using the media of light and shadow, I create an installation work in the space. A full scene of a crowd is constructed by using the whole surrounding wall as a shadow screen. This piece is an interactive work: when a viewer approaches the structure, a motion sensor will cause the light bulb to shake so that the shadows of the figurine crowd will move around the entire space. The viewer’s engagement plays an important role in completing the piece.

For more about Bo and his work, visit his web site at: [www.bohyunyoong.com](http://www.bohyunyoong.com)

**And if you like music**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhOstwxwWs>**

**Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber)**

**Sarah Brightman & Paul Miles-Kingston**