Welcome to the second newsletter of the year which brings you lots of information about the work that so many of our team and colleagues are undertaking in the field of sexology. One of the highlights for me was the privilege to accept the award from the Centre for Sex Education in New Brunswick. This annual Sex Ed Impact Award is presented to an individual, organisation or media group that has positively impacted the field of sexuality education. I was joined by colleagues Eusebio Rubio and Sara Nasserzadeh and we presented a keynote symposium on Sex Ed around the world.

In September I joined the team of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner in Geneva. We hope that following this expert meeting on the Human Rights of Intersex People that we will release a joint statement. In November Pedro Nobre attended the UNAIDS & GHWA meeting on Zero HIV-related stigma and discrimination in healthcare settings. In December Eli Coleman represented the Association at the Expert Consultation on Human Rights. This three key meetings in Geneva identify the global reach and influence that WAS can bring to the international arena and are in addition to work that members are undertaking with UNFPA and
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to Yuko who has been involved with the *Blueprint for the provision of comprehensive care for trans persons and trans communities in Asia and the Pacific*.

Inside our newsletter you will read lots of information about what is been happening over the last six months, which started with our biannual Congress in the wonderful city of Singapore. The full report is provided inside and I want to thank Ganesh Adaikan and his team and our scientific committee headed up by Pedro for preparing a fantastic scientific program.

Space precludes specific mention to thank everybody for their personal contributions to our Association such as the World Sexual Health day in September but I hope you will enjoy reading about much of what is been happening within this newsletter. Our plan is to start a monthly news posting by e-mail with the aim of keeping you up-to-date with current issues and forthcoming events. This will be prepared by Association House as an additional and new benefit to members. If you feel you have got something important to contribute to our membership mailing, please do not hesitate to be in touch directly with Michaela at AH or Professor Adaikan our general secretary.

I send to each of you Season’s Greetings and hope that you have a successful 2016 in whichever area of sexual health that you work.

Kevan Wylie; President
WAS WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH

### 2- NEWS FROM WAS COMMITTEES

#### GOLD MEDAL COMMITTEE

An Ad hoc committee

**Chair:** Roy Levin (UK)

**Vice-Chair:**
Julia Heiman (USA)

**Members**
Doortje Braeken (Netherlands)
Eusebio Rubio Aurioles (Mexico)
Aminta Parra (Venezuela)
Milton Diamond (Hawaii, USA)

The Gold Medal Committee was installed after the WAS World Congress in Valencia 1997. Roy Levin is the actual Chair of the committee by the WAS Advisory Committee. For the forthcoming Congress to be held in Prague in 2017, a maximum of 4 Gold Medals will be awarded. The Gold Medal is the most prestigious individual honour awarded by the World Association of Sexual Health. Recipients are invited to give a presentation at the conference. The call for nominations is now open and will close March 31st 2016.

The procedures for nominating potential candidates are:
THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The Gold Medal is the most prestigious honour awarded by the World Association for Sexual Health. A maximum of four medals are awarded at the WAS Biennial Congress.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone experienced in the field and should be supported by two other persons who are known to WAS.

An individual cannot nominate him or herself.

The system is confidential. The person who is being nominated should not be approached for information nor should be advised of her or his nomination at any stage.

PREPARATION OF THE NOMINATION PROPOSAL

The nominator should provide a nomination letter (in English) that includes the following:

- Name, gender and country of the nominated person.
- Current, or most recent, position of the nominee, (this may be paid, honorary or voluntary work).
- A brief review of the nominee’s lifelong achievements in the field.
- Reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award.

Letters of support (in English) from two other people who are known to WAS and are familiar with the nominee’s achievements.

A copy of the nominee’s Curriculum Vitae (Resumé) in English.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Documented evidence of lifelong achievement within the field of Sexology. This encompasses either professional or voluntary work in any area of sexual health, sexuality education, research, counselling, the promotion of sexual rights or any other area pertinent to human sexuality.

The Committee encourages broad representation, inclusive of a variety of disciplines, countries, personal background and gender.

Documents should be submitted electronically to the Chair of the Committee, R.J.Levin@sheffield.ac.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: March 31st 2016
Chair: Roy Levin

We present a few brief lines about people winning in Singapore 2015. Is grateful for the collaboration of Lillemor Rosenqvist, past Chair of the WAS Gold Medal Committee

THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD IS GRANTED TO DOORTJE BRAEKEN

The World Association for Sexual Health has granted its most prestigious award to Doortje Braeken.
Doortje Braeken has almost 35 years of experience in all aspects of design and implementation of adolescent sexual and reproductive health programs, including strategic planning, program development, coordination and evaluation of youth friendly services, comprehensive sexuality education, IEC activities and policy changes particularly for Hard-to-reach youth. She has provided extensive training on sexual and reproductive productive health services for youth and sexual health education with an emphasis on peer, parents and community involvement, to UN agencies, members associations of IPPF, other NGOs, health professionals, youth peer educators, teachers and governments through out Europe and Central Asia as well as Asia, Africa, and Latin America. She is today Senior Adviser Adolescents, Young People, IPPF/Team leader Adolescents, Gender and Rights.

Blog: 24 JULY
IPPF Live

DOORTJE BRAEKEN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The World Association of Sexual Health (WAS) has awarded Doortje Braeken – IPPF’s Senior Adviser on Adolescents, Gender and Rights, Programmes & Technical - their prestigious individual Gold Medal in recognition of her lifetime’s contribution to sexual health.

She will be presented with the honor at an award ceremony at the biennial WAS Congress in Singapore this July.

Doortje tells us what this award means to her and about her career promoting the sexual rights of young people.

How significant is this award for you?

It’s very significant because WAS is serious about sexual rights and it has a wide ranging membership – including sexologists, neurologists and educators and those working in erotica, the whole spectrum of sex is represented there. They acknowledge how important it is in people’s lives.

Why have you won?

I’ve been a sex educator since 1984 when I was working for the Dutch Member Association (now known as Rutgers WPF), promoting a much more serious approach to sexology education. I worked in Romania, Eastern Europe and Central Asia promoting sexual rights for young people and fighting for youth participation in our programmes.

Why did you choose sex education?

Once I had my children I found it hard to juggle motherhood and my work at university – I saw two jobs advertised: one for traffic safety and one promoting safer sex. I applied for and then got both jobs. I worked in both for a while and found promoting safe sex more interesting so I made it my full time career. At that point the Dutch Member Association was beginning to take a more professional approach to sexuality education, since then every working year has been different. I was asked to write a sexuality education manual for IPPF and then was asked to work with the Federation promoting the sexual rights of young people.

What are you proudest of?

I’m proudest that I’ve helped change IPPF’s attitude to young people – no longer seeing them as passive recipients of services but as genuinely equal partners.
What’s next?

I have two dreams: Firstly, I’d like to see IPPF promote its sexuality education agenda, but to make it attractive and, yes, ‘sexy’ for young people otherwise we’re in danger of losing their interest. It shouldn’t be just about warning them of the dangers of risky sex, but about their sexual rights and how they can enjoy them.

Also, I’d like to revisit the young people I’ve worked with in the past and see where they are now. Some of our youth workers have gone on to work for the Ministry of Youth in Sri Lanka and at the Regional Council in Europe. Some of them are parents now, I’d love to know what they learned here and how have they used it in their lives. I’ve spent a lifetime investing in youth participation - it would be fantastic to see what impact it has had in individual’s lives.

It’s been an exciting journey and I have met so many amazing people on my way. I wouldn’t have achieved anything without the hundreds of young people I worked with in IPPF, from a princess in Jordan to a young herder in Mongolia, who were both struggling with the question whether it was OK to masturbate, from Lena from Lebanon who had the courage take a stand for abortion rights and was almost expelled from her country, to trafficked girls in Syria, a young volunteer in Nepal who asked us to schedule our meetings based on the constellation of the stars (if we held the meeting then, she didn’t have to get married) to young sex workers in Indonesia and Surinam, trans boys in Bangladesh, young midwives in Siberia and young parliamentarians in the UK and Finland.

And there are others who made my journey easy and so enjoyable; Esther Corona of WAS, Carmen Barossos of IPPF, Chandra Mouli of WHO and Mona Kadbey of UNFPA, who all mentored me and gave me the confidence to push the sexual rights agenda for young people forward.

Blog: 24 JULY IPPF Live

THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD IS GRANTED TO EUSEBIO RUBIO-AURIOLES

The World Association for Sexual Health has granted its most prestigious award to Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, MD, PhD.

Eusebio has a career in clinical sexology and promotion of sexual health through comprehensive sexuality education and the promotion of sexual rights in the mass media, and in several advocacy actions that dates back to 1979. In the 36 years that have elapsed, he has founded several organizations including the award winning Mexican Association for Sexual Health (AMSSAC- for its Spanish acronym) which was granted the Award for Excellency an Innovation in Sexuality Education by the then named World Association for Sexology in 2005. He also founded and was the first President of the Mexican Federation of Sexology and Sexuality Education (FEMESS).
Since the year of 1997 to 2013, he worked in the Advisory Board of the World Association for Sexology, where he served as Secretary General, President of the International Scientific Committee and President (2005-2009), and Immediate Past-President. Under his Presidency the WAS changed its name to World Association for Sexual Health and several important projects were completed under his administration, most notably the publication of the Technical Document Sexual Health for the Millennium.

In addition to his contributions to the organizations in the field of sexual health and sexual rights, he has contributed to the field by establishing training programs in clinical sexology and sexuality education. He has produced a theoretical model of human sexuality that today is used as the framework for the public education in comprehensive sexuality education in Mexico. He has published 28 indexed peer reviewed manuscripts, non-indexed, 5 peer reviewed manuscripts, edited 2 books including the Antología de la Sexualidad Humana three volumes of 900 pages each written by more than 80 contributors, authored 4 books on comprehensive sexuality education and written 28 book chapters.

On a more personal side, Dr. Rubio-Aurioles mentioned during an interview: I embraced sexology very early in my professional development. The lack of knowledge on the part of the medical profession, coupled with the intense need to resolve anxieties and errors of information that were prevalent among the youngsters at that time prompted me to look for a career that in those years was almost non-existent. However I had very good luck in finding incredible mentors such as Esther Corona in Mexico, Derek Calderwood and Raul Schiavi in New York. Together they showed me a path that has been fascinating to run. This recognition from WAS belongs to them and to the many members of my work-team in Mexico that have been critical in the achievements of these years.

THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD IS GRANTED TO AMINTA PARRA-COLMENÁREZ

Clinical psychologist and sex therapist, graduated from the School of Psychology at the Central University of Venezuela UCV, 1976 She pursued graduate studies in the area of Group Dynamics (Faculty of Humanities and Education UCV) and Master in sexology CIPPSV- Venezuela. Member of the Foundation Institute for the Study of Violence (FIEV) Director and Professor of the Therapy Unit and Sexual Education from 1979 to date.
She has developed important activities in the UCV in the professional area, teaching and particularly in the Office of Education in Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine (now retired). She is visiting professor at the School of Psychology and the Graduate Group Dynamics at the Faculty of Humanities and Education.
Coordinator of the National Sex Education Project (MSAS-ME / 1979-1983) and the Institutional Educational Project Promotion of Sexual Health assigned to the Secretariat of the UCV (2007-2008).

She has taught numerous courses nationally and internationally and presented scientific papers in national, international and world congresses. Met efficiency particularly the work of General Secretary of the World Congress of Sexology (Caracas 1989), Violence (Caracas 1998) of the International Symposia of Sexuality (1978 to 1991) (2004-2005-2008) and the Venezuelan

Appointed President of the XI Latin American Congress of Societies of Sexology and Sexual Education The Good Sex, held in Margarita Island, Venezuela in October 2002. She has held positions in scientific societies, both nationally and internationally level; for 10 years he served as President of the Venezuelan Society of Psychology Sexology (SOVEPSEX) (1984-1994), an organization which was its founder. Member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Friends of the School of Psychology. (SOAPSI UCV 1989 - 1992) .Member of the Venezuelan Society of Clinical Psychology. Caracas (1978) and contributing member of the Venezuelan Society of Medical Sexology. Founding President of the American Association of Psychologists Sexologists (ALAPSISEX) (1997-2001/2001-2005). And member of the Advisory Scientific Committee of the World Association for Sexology (WAS) (1998-2005) Committee. Current World Association for Sexual Health. First Vice President of the Executive Committee of the Latin American Federation of Sexology and Sexual Education (FLASSES) (2002-2006). At present she is a Member of the Committee on Sexual Rights WAS.

She has excelled in union activities in the Federation of Psychologists of Venezuela, College of Psychologists of the Capital District as a National Delegate and member of the Disciplinary Tribunal and a member of the College of Psychologists of Miranda State. She served until 2007 as Secretary of Culture, Press and Propaganda of the National Trade Union of University Professionals (APUFAT-UCV) and Chairperson of the Disciplinary Tribunal (2008 -2015). Until 2006 as Member of the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Professional Venezuela (FENASIPRUV).

Permanent, national and international programs in the mass media (radio and television), print and Internet-level guest. Assuming the professional social responsibility to the communities in order to join efforts in seeking to impart and promote mental health, education and comprehensive sexual health.

President Federation of Psychologists of Venezuela, from 2011-2013, 2013-2015 reelected. She is honored with the National Prize of Psychology, Scientific Citation (1999). Medal awarded by the Latin American Federation of Sexology and Sexual Education (FLASSES), for lifetime achievement in the field of sexology at national and international level. Alicante, Spain (2010).

Gold Medal of the World Association for Sexual Health in Singapore during the 22nd World Congress of the WAS (205), in recognition of lifetime achievement for Sexology and Sexual Health.

THE GOLD MEDAL AWARD IS GRANTED TO MILTON DIAMOND

The World Association for Sexual Health has granted its most prestigious award to Milton Diamond

Milton Diamond has throughout his professional life been involved in teaching, clinical activities and research particularly at the interface areas of global sexual health, sexual rights & universal sexuality education.
sexual behavior and reproduction and in understanding sexual development. These activities have
involved research in species from fish, rodents and birds to monkeys and humans. His research has
resulted in many publications and books. He has been consultant to public and private institutions
as well as individuals and firms regarding various sexual matters as well as legal and medical
issues as well as medical and scientific ethics. Milton Diamond has been Chairman of the " Hawai
AIDS Task Group" 1985 - 1995. From 1998-1999 he was elected President of IASR. He was

*Milton Diamond* (born March 6, 1934 in New York City is a Professor Emeritus of anatomy and
reproductive biology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. He has had a very long and productive
career in the study of human sexuality. Diamond retired from the University in December 2009 but
continues with his research and writing and also continues to travel extensively, consulting in his
field.

**Current work, appointments and awards**
Diamond has written extensively about abortion and family planning, pornography, intersexuality,
transsexuality, and other sex- and reproduction-related issues for professional sex and legal
journals, as well as lay periodicals. He is frequently interviewed for public media and legal matters,
and often serves as an expert in court proceedings, and is known for his research on the origins
and development of sexual identity. Although he has retired from teaching, he continues to research
and consult concerning transsexuality, intersexuality and pornography.

**The awards** Diamond has received include:

- 1999: the British GIRES Research Prize
- 2000: the German Magnus Hirschfeld Medal for sexual science
- 2005: the Norwegian Diversity Prize for his research efforts on behalf of transsexual and
  transgender people worldwide
- 2008: the first of a proposed annual award made by the German Intersex Society
  (Intersexuelle Menschen e.V.) “for his decades-long commitment to the benefit of intersex
  people”;
- 2009: the Regents' Medal for Excellence in Research by the University of Hawai‘i;
- 2010: the Kinsey Award for 2011, made by the Midcontinent Region of the Society for the
  Scientific Study of Sexuality.
- 2015: the World Association for Sexual Health gold medal

**Publications**

- *Sexual Behavior in Pre Contact Hawai‘i: A Sexological Ethnography*
  *some wikipedia data*

Roy Levin, Chair of the WAS Gold Medal Committee

**WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY COMMITTEE**

And Ad- hoc Committee

Co-Chairs: Luis Perelman y Nadine Terrein-Roccatti de México

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WORLD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY 2015

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FOCUS ON SEXUAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE, SEXUAL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

World Sexual Health Day (WSHD) 2015 was celebrated in around 35 countries under the topic “Sexual health for a fairer society”. These are some highlights of the Celebration:

Dr. Hisham Sharif organized a Press Conference to celebrate WSHD in Tunisia. Children and adolescents were photographed carrying out messages in support of WSHD.

- WSHD in Tokyo happened on Sunday September 6th, with a Forum organized by Masayoshi Yanagida (Member of the WAS Youth Initiative Committee), Yuko Higashi (Member of the WAS Advisory Committee), Tomoko Saotome & Takako Imafuku. Tommi Paalanen (Chair of the WAS Sexual Rights Committee) was a special guest in the celebration.

- In Mexico City, WSHD was celebrated with a whole day Forum, organized by Luis Perelman and Nadine Terrein (Co-Chairs of the WAS WHSD Committee), which had the support from various civil society organizations. Mexico’s Health Minister, Mercedes Juan, tweeted about the celebration! Also, the State of Jalisco in Mexico made WSHD an official celebration!

- In Brazil, WSHD had presence in 3 cities: Porto Alegre, Curitiba and Salvador. It was organized by Jaqueline Brendler with Sandra Scalco, Martha Narvaz, Izabel Eilert, Diego Villas-Bôas, Lina Wainberg, Cláudia Bonfim Claudia Bello, Sarturi Tereza and Cristina Fagundes.

- In New York City, Dr. Sara Nasszerzadeh organized an event at the Salvation Army Auditorium, in collaboration with UNFPA, in which the following speakers participated: Bill Taverner (Director of the Center for Sex Education), Antón Castellanos Usigli (Chair of the WAS Youth Initiative Committee) and Reverend Jes Kast-Keat.

- Sexpo Foundation in Finland celebrated WSHD with a get together party with different partners, in which information on sexual rights in the busiest area of Helsinki City was delivered.

- In Argentina, two videos were made: one on an Unusual case of reduction of punishment for a rapist and another on the "Niunamenos" campaign of femicide and violence against women. Students of psychology of 4-5 year of the Universidad Abierta Interamericana,
Buenos Aires, became involved. Also, there were online surveys about sexual health and sexual justice, who gave interesting results to be considered. SASH, a member of FLASSES and WAS Argentine society, celebrated WSHD with a Metropolitan Conference of Sexology along with professionals and students from across the country and Uruguay, giving a privileged place to students as exhibitors of conducting surveys, videos, and experiences. These activities coordinated by Cristina Tania Fridman in collaboration with Leon Roberto Gindin. There was also a workshop about sexual education and people living with disabilities.

- In Italy, WSHD was celebrated with the launching of a video, organized by Chiara Simonelli, President of the European Federation of Sexology, Roberta Rossi, President of the Italian Federation of Scientific Sexology (FISS), and Stefano Eleuteri, Vice-Chair of the WAS Youth Initiative Committee. Stefano also organized a forum in Orvieto to discuss issues related to the new WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights.

- In Valencia, Spain, there was a sexual rights discussion with adolescents in a Secondary School, which was organized by the Center for Sexual and Reproductive Health of Valencia’s Government.

- In India, there was an event conducted by Council of Sex Education and Parenthood International (CSEPI an affiliate of WAS) and the Indian Medical Association on October 25th. The program involved two discussion sessions: one with 40 health care professionals and one with 39 youth participants (19 to 30 years old). There was also a Sexual Rights Symposium and Signature Campaign inauguration at Madras University, India. A questionnaire was distributed to gain an idea of what young people were thinking and the kind of information and education that they would find useful.

- The yearly celebrating of World Sexual Health Day in Sweden occurred in the city of Malmö with public lectures at the State Library, organized by Lotta Löfgren Martenson. There was a great variety of topics all connected to the theme of 2015 “A fairer Society for all”: Surrogates mothers, grooming on the internet, youth centers for all, questions about sexuality and guidelines on sexuality for staff working with people with intellectual disability. The audience consisted of more than 80 persons, which is a top record since the start of the celebrating 2010.

- SEXtember was a social media campaign that ran throughout September, to celebrate World Sexual Health Day in Australia. Prominent Psychologists, Sexologists and Sexual Health Educators were invited to share their insights on sexuality in various contexts, with a new topic featured every day. SEXtember content remains accessible and aims to create awareness around sexual language and topics, allowing us to help influence sexual culture to create mindful, respectful and enjoyable sexual attitudes and behaviors. SEXtember will be featured as an online event for National Psychology Week 2015, conducted by the Australian Psychological Society:

Other cities/countries that also became involved in the celebration:

- Aguascalientes, México
- Catamarca, Argentina
- Chiapas, México
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
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Ireland
Lima, Peru
Mérida, Yucatán, México
Netherlands
Norway
Parral, Chihuahua, México
Poza Rica, Veracruz, México
Sabiote, España
Santiago, Chile
South África
United Kingdom
Vancouver, Canadá
Xalapa, Veracruz, México

You don’t see yourself in the list? Please send us info about what you organized to: worldsexualhealthday@gmail.com

MIDDLE EAST SEXUAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

An Ad hoc Committee

2013-2015
Chair: Dr. Sara Nasserzadeh (Iran/USA)
Dr. Faysal El-Kak (Lebanon)- Vice Chair
Dr. Elham Atalla (Bahrain)
Mr. Qadeer Baig (Pakistan)

FROM MESSM CONFERENCE

Sara Nasserzadeh PhD, Chair of the WAS Middle East Sexual Health Committee was an invited speaker at the third conference of the Middle East Society for Sexual Medicine in Egypt (October 2015). She spoke about the needs for sexuality education at medical schools and strategies to implement such education within the region. This was in the light of research that showed medical doctors are the first point of contact for people with sexual problems and concerns (among professionals after family members, religious leaders, etc.).

The Middle East Society for Sexual Medicine is dedicated to bring the professionals working within the field of sexual health together and offers opportunities for networking and exchange of knowledge within the region and beyond. The conference had moved on from its original format which mostly accommodated talks on andrology, urology and surgical techniques to address male sexual dysfunctions to embrace a more holistic and multi-disciplinary content. The Society has an initiative which could be of value to the professionals working within the field and looking for Arabic language material for their clients. The website of http://www.yoursexualhealth.me is designed and is being moderated by the editorial team of the Society and its aim is to produce evidence-based material for the Arab speaking members of the public.

Dr. Sara Nasserzadeh (Iran/USA)
WAS YOUTH INITIATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

December 2015

Contributors: Masayoshi Yanagida, Stefano Eleuteri & Antón Castellanos Usigli

The WAS Youth Initiative Committee (YIC) was very active in the last World Congress for Sexual Health in Singapore. There were three activities in which the YIC was present:

A workshop on sexual health and rights facilitated by Masayoshi Yanagida, Stefano Eleuteri and Antón Castellanos Usigli. The new WAS declaration of sexual rights was the leit motiv of the session, where the participants engaged in interactive activities to reflect on sexual rights and some of their different application to sexual behaviors.

Antón Castellanos Usigli, Chair of the YIC, co-organized a Symposium with RNW media about sexual pleasure, sex education & young people. He also participated as a speaker talking about the perspectives on sex education and sexual pleasure from eight youth activists that he interviewed (for more info, check his Blog: www.sexualobserver.com). The other panelists of the Symposium were: Doortje Braeken, Senior Advisor on Adolescents, Gender & Rights from the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF); John Santelli, Professor from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University; and Michelle Chakkalackal, Content Strategist of RNW’s Love Matters platforms.

Stefano Eleuteri, Vice-Chair of the WAS Youth Initiative Committee, was included in a Joint Symposium with the Unesco Chair of Sexual Health and Human Rights and the WAS Sexual Rights Committee that discussed the importance of human rights in sexual education. New technology was presented as an important factor to provide effective and innovative sexual health programs for youth.

The YIC was also active in World Sexual Health Day (WSHD) 2015:

Stefano Eleuteri recorded a video, along with Chiara Simonelli, President of the European Federation of Sexology, Roberta Rossi, President of the Italian Federation of Scientific Sexology (FISS), and Francesca Tripodi, Member of the Educational Committee of the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM), that was uploaded in Youtube and posted in Facebook, where they discuss the new WAS Declaration of Sexual Rights. Moreover, on Sept 12th, Stefano Eleuteri and Francesca Spadaccia, a local sexual health activist, organized a group discussion at Palazzo dei Sette (Orvieto) where about 20 people (students, sexologists, psychologists, pedagogics, professional educators, journalists, medical doctors, politicians, etc…) had the possibilities to raise doubts, difficulties and curiosities about sexual matters.

Masayoshi Yanagida was one of the organizers of World Sexual Health Day 2015 in Tokyo. The event took place on September 6th. There were lectures, discussions and exhibitions, including a Summit of the next Leaders of Sex Education in Japan.

Antón Castellanos Usigli participated as a speaker in the event organized by Dr. Sara Nasserzadeh to celebrate WSHD 2015 in New York City.

Antón Castellanos Usigli, Chair (México)
3 - NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

The WAS Federations with their regional bi-annual congresses take place in the alternating years. Here are the dates for the Regional Congresses in 2015 at this first newsletter.

EFS
European Federation of Sexology 2015

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF SEXOLOGY (EFS)

Members of the Executive Committee 2014-2018
Chiara Simonelli Rome, Italy (President)
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Miren Larrazabal Murillo, Madrid, Spain
Mehmet Sungur, Istanbul, Turkey
Francesca Tripodi, Rome, Italy
Sandra Vilarinho, Porto, Portugal

Dear colleagues and friends,

During these months EFS has been working on a rich and outstanding set of education initiative that we want to present you.

Francesca Tripodi, EFS Executive Committee Member, was the Program Co-Director of the ESSM School of Sexual Medicine, which has taken place from 16 – 25 October 2015 in Budapest, Hungary. The course not only aimed to update participants’ knowledge on Sexual Medicine, but also to enable them to change the clinical practice and attitude with the acquisition of new skills to apply to provide services for patients and to have more confidence in assessing and helping men and women with common sexual concerns. EF has offered 4 bursaries for the participation to this school given the importance of the opportunity for its members.

Participants have also found the program helpful for the preparation of the EFS & ESSM exam for qualification as Psycho-sexologist. This is an important initiative that EFS and the European Society for Sexual Medicine (ESSM) are organizing in order to provide competency certification to individual psycho-sexologists from around the world. This procedure was initiated in 2014, and is carried out once in every two years. The next exam for ‘EFS and ESSM certified Psycho-Sexologists’ will take place next February in Madrid (Spain). The candidate eligible to apply for the exam must demonstrate expertise in psycho-sexology. This year, EFS / ESSM will also offer examination preparation courses for practitioners intending to take the examination in February 2016 just before the ESSM Madrid congress.

Last but not least, our Scientific Committee is working to an innovative scientific program for our next Congress, reflecting sexual problems and addressing hot topics of sexuality, to update the
whole scientific community with latest and exciting achievements in Sexology and Sexual Health. At this link you can find a preliminary version of it: http://web.aimgroupinternational.com/2016/efs/

The mixture of pioneers and leaders longing for recognition and success in the field of Sexology as well as new upstarts is finally the secret recipe of the permanent successes of the EFS congresses. By tradition the EFS congresses are not only the stage for high level science in Sexology but also provide the opportunity to meet old and to become acquainted with new friends. It's our pleasure to invite you to the 13th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology (EFS), to be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia) from 25 to 28 May 2015.

Please follow us on: Websites:http://www.europeansexology.com/
http://web.aimgroupinternational.com/2016/efs/
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Chiara Simonelli, President of EFS

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Dear Friends

As a subsidiary of this semester WAS Latin America has been very active in the scientific field sexological.

Congress SLAMS (Latin American Society for Sexual Medicine). We have actively participated in the Congress held in Montevideo in August, 2015, with the assistance of the FLASSES CD.

We have led a Panel on sex education with 4 educators from Latin America and We were very well received with the Medical Community ISSM and SLAMS.
More than 40 representatives of FLASSES attended the event and our former WAS President and FLASSES, Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, was elected President for the term that starts this year.

CONGRESS W.A M.S. Miami October 2015 included a broad representation of FLASSES and presented more than 20 works of members of FLASSES and TWO FLASSES courses were conducted with good assistance from public and also from the FLASSES full CD.

Plenary meeting of the International Academy of Medical Sexology- AISM. Several members of FLASSES were incorporated as plenary members or adherents. The Academy published a book advances in medical Sexology with the collaboration of 15 members of FLASSES.

Local Societies federated in FLASSES made their conferences with great assistance. We can highlight the Congress of SASH (Argentine Society of Human Sexuality), FEMESS (Mexican Federation of Sexology and Sexual Education), SBRASH Brazilian Society of Human Sexuality, which held a virtual Congress, FESEA; Argentine Sexological Federation. All these institutions had sponsored and they had the presence of FLASSES Directors.

Publications in scientific journals and dissertations in various congresses of other specialties were a very good auspices for the sexological community. There are numerous publications of members of FLASSES in the daily press.

Sexology and Sexual education courses have been set both distance and face-to-face in the majority of the affiliated institutions. FLASSES published in the 2015 7 newsletters by Dr. León Roberto Gindin President- Secretary Dr .Luz Jaimes.

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FLASSES ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTION

PARTICIPATION AT THE XII CONGRESS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SEXUAL MEDICINE

The congress was held August 13 to 16 Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel in the city of Montevideo in Uruguay, being chaired by Carlos A. Arroyo Vieira the local organizing committee.

The scientific program beyond update common topics in sexual medicine involving drugs, treatments and sexual dysfunction was discussion about the differences between men and women, internet, sexual fantasies, homosexuality, Queer Theory, polyamory, countersexuality, transexuality, prostitution, fetishes and sexual education.
With all these topics vision of sexuality and sexual medicine were discussed broad and high quality. The FLASSES held a symposium on Sexual Education have been speakers Mirta Granero, Dinorah Machin, María de los Ángeles Núñez and Cristina Tania Fridman.

The SBRASH’s Symposium theme was New contributions for Sex Therapy and were speakers Itor Finotelli Jr., Rachel S. Varachin and Jaqueline Brendler. There was still Symposium of The SLAMS, Symposia of the Uruguayan Societies of Sexology, CEPCOS’s Symposium and Symposia sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry.

Besides the numerous experts from Latin America the scientific program had the presence of Americans Tobias Kohler, Wayne Hellstron, Stanley Althof.

62 abstracts of excellent quality have been approved. Several laboratories participated in the Congress with booths.

The social part began with the opening cocktail and reached its peak on Saturday Dinner 15. The excellent music took most of our colleagues dancing after dinner.

The election chosen for the next period Dr. Eusebio Rubio Aurioles (President) and John Afif Abdo (Vice president).

Congratulations to Uruguay Local Committee and Dr. Sidney Glina for the wonderful event.

I wish success to the new leaders of the SLAMS.

Report by Dr. Jaqueline Brendler (Brazil)

**FLASSES PARTICIPATION AT THE IV WORLD CONGRESS OF MEDICAL SEXOLOGY - WAMS**

In the exciting and extraordinary Miami city, on October 9 and 10 took place the IV World Congress of Medical Sexology. The JW Marriot Hotel was selected as a site located at Brickell Ave. The scenario was the BALLROOM

The World Association for Medical Sexology – WAMS - institution founded on 2009, has as main objective the promotion and development of Medical Sexology as a New Specialty in the field of Medicine; the World Congress of Medical Sexology is one of his principal scientific activities.

WAMS stated that Sexology in a field that study Sex and Sexual Function, Medical Sexology is one of its branch, having as a objective the Promotion of Sex and Sexual Function health and the prevention, anticipation, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation of the disorders of the Sex Development and Sexual Function Processes.
The Organizing Committee of the IV World Congress, designated by the Executive Committee of WAMS, was integrated by a group of important physicians that live in Miami city which were coordinated by Doctors Alberto Dominguez Bali and Paul Perito as President and Vice presidents of the committee.

The BALLROOM of the Marriot was divided in fourth saloons (The Main Ballroom with simultaneous translation, the BALLROOM A for Spanish speaking presentations and BALLROOM B for English speaking presentations) and another one for exhibiting, eating and refreshment. The environment was very academic, familiar, the discussion was deep and important learning took place following the expressions of the attendee.

Among the invitee were Drs Lucas Incrocci, John Mulhall, Ely Coleman, Hernan Carrion, Fernando Bianco Sr, Stanley Althof, Philip Sarrel, Maureen Whelinhan, Charles Nemeroff, Francisco Cabello, Jeffrey Blaustein, Edward Gheiler,Fernando Bianco Jr, Dipen Parekh, León Roberto Gindin, Ruben Hernandez Serrano, Ariel Kaufman, Hugo Dávila, Paul Perito, Juan Ignacio Martínez Salamanca y Luz Jaimes.

The scientific program runs as scheduled, form the basic themes to the details surgical techniques. During the opening session: Sexology where are we known? Where are we going? conducted by John Mulhall, a history and objectives achieved by several world associations and societies were presented: WAMS Fernando Bianco Sr, WAS Ely Coleman, ISSM Luca Incrocci, SMSNA Rafael Carrion y WPATH Ely Coleman. Without doubt many tasks as been done and the future is exigent.

Susanne Talebian, specialist in coding and ICD-10, allow us to realize that the coding of the alteration on Sex and Sexual Function Process presented in the Manual Diagnóstico en Sexología III- MDS III- (Diagnostic Manual in Sexology III, English version on progress), an official document of FLASSES, WAMS and IASM allow to establish a concordance with the ICD-10. The importance of this event force WAMS to establish a committee head by Talebian and Bianco, to work in the concordance and its importance.

The women Sexual Health and the impact of the Flibanserine, session which took place on friday Oct. 9th, during the afternoon, elicit an important discussion, the same happen with Dr. Blaustein presentation on Animals Models where sexual response and brain stimulation was study.

Several therapeutics programs where presented and discussed in different sessions, educational, cognitive/behavioral, pharmacological and surgical

A Live Sexological Impact Surgical Cases was planned, where five surgical cases were done and discussed ALIFE: Intrapublic IPP, Penoscrotal IPP, MRI Fusion Cryotherapy of Prostate and advance Implant/Peyronie’s Challenging. The session was conducted by Urological Research Network under the leadership of Paul Perito, Ed Gheiler and Fernando Bianco Jr.

Alpha Robert Production having as a head Juan Andres Rodriguez Vera did the Telemedicine Technology.

Leon Roberto Gindin, President of FLASSES (Main Latino.american Sexological Organization), coordinate Symposium 1 of FLASSES: Evidence based Medicine vs. Experience based Medicine: The Flibanserine polemic where Hernández, Cabello, Jaimes and Delgado participated. Confrontation and doubts about this new pharmacological agent and its influence on the quality of the Sexual Function Process, commonly called Desire.
The second FLASSES symposia were an educational one, very humanistic, presented by Cristina Tania Fridman, called: The body, a place of public discussion. Juan Carlos Kusnetzoff was the moderator, where the audience was the protagonist.

Finally a discussion of the two University Residency Training Program, in Medical Sexology, existing in the world (Venezuela and Colombia) took place. These training programs have a tree year duration, full time dedication, leading to the Academic degree of Specialist in Medical Sexology.

The attendees express their recognizing and affect to the organizes, speakers and exhibitors

Fernando J Bianco. MD PhD.
Former President of WAS
President of WAMS - WAS Gold Medal Recipient1997

FLASSES AND THE REPORT OF FEMESS NATIONAL 10TH CONGRESS-
MONTERREY, MEXICO.

“Sexuality is Inclusion” was the theme of the successful National 10th Congress organized by the Mexican Federation for Sexuality Education and Sexology (FEMESS) last November at the Cintermex Convention Center of the northern city of Monterrey, Mexico.

With more than 600 participants, the Congress had speakers from more than a hundred Mexican public and private institutions, more than 420 authors in six plenaries, 40 oral sessions, 38 workshops, 12 short courses and 12 book presentations. International presence included colleagues from Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Spain, Venezuela, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It was presided by Marcela Martinez Roaro and Karla Urrutia of CRESEX Monterrey as Congress President.

WAS personalities Esther Corona, Eusebio Rubio, Rafael Mazin from the Panamerican Health Organization, and Luis Perelman had active participation.

FEMESS also celebrated its 20th anniversary. The first session was a plenary dedicated to highlights of FEMESS history by its former presidents and federal authorities participated in two sessions on sexual health public policies.

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World renowned sociologist Jeffrey Weeks was a keynote speaker on the subject of tolerance and held a special session for the Ministry of Education in Mexico City on his theory of social construction of sexuality.

The congress was covered by printed and electronic media and the anniversary party was held in a rodeo saloon atmosphere.

The conference ended with the reading of the Congress Declaration, and Osmar Matsui as President of the Scientific Committee and elected President of FEMESS offered the closing remarks.

Luis Perelman- Mexico

AOFS 2015 - 2016

THE 14TH CONGRESS OF ASIA – OCEANIA FEDERATION FOR SEXOLOGY

Date: 31(□) Mar. - 3(Sun) Apr. 2016 Venue: Commodore Hotel, Busan, Korea

Think Sexual Rights,
Talk Sexual Health

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I would like to welcome you to the AOFS 2016 to be held at the Commodore Hotel in Busan, Korea. The AOFS 2016 shall offer valuable opportunities to exchange and share up-to-date academic knowledge and diverse practices in the field of sexology and sexual medicine. Our deliberations on sexology and sexual health in Asia-Oceania shall be integrated into assorted scientific programs, opening practical dialogues on various topics, challenges and vanquishments. Moreover, the congress shall offer a platform where world’s leading professionals and experts can strengthen professional networks and friendships with one another. Busan Commodore Hotel, the venue of AOFS 2016, has been home to countless conferences, events and exhibitions, encompassing the newest and largest state-of-the-art facilities in Busan, Korea.
Please visit the congress website: www.aofs2016.org for details of scientific program, various social activities, abstract submission and Registration information.

I look forward to having the pleasure of welcoming you all in 2016.

Sincerely,

Prof. Nam Cheol Park

Congress President, 2016 The 14th ASIA-OCEANIA FEDERATION for SEXOLOGY Congress
President-elect ASIA-OCEANIA FEDERATION for SEXOLOGY

Important dates
•Deadline for Early Bird Registration : before 30. Nov. 2015
•Deadline for Abstract Submission : before 31. Dec. 2015
•Deadline for Lecture Submission : before 15. Dec. 2015

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•Sexual rights •History, literature, art and sexuality •Basic science, brain and sexuality •Men's sexual health and male sexual dysfunction •Women's sexual health and female sexual dysfunction •Senescence, teenagers, handicaps and sexuality •Hormone, hypogonadism, menopause and sexuality •Cardiovascular, metabolic, neurological, psychiatric, sexually transmitted diseases, cancer, prostate and sexuality •Reproduction, contracept and sexuality •Transsexualism, transgender gender identity and sexuality •Drugs, herb, food, life style and sexuality •Surgery, sexual mutilations, trauma and sexuality •Law, politics, religion, armed service, media and sexuality •Violence, crime, prostitution and sexuality •Internet, visual technique and sexuality •Psychosocial counseling •Couple and behavior therapy •Sex education, mass media and internet •Sex economics •Controversies and consensus in sexology

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that I invite you, on behalf of the AsiaOceania Federation for Sexology, to participate at the 14th AOFS Conference in Busan, Korea. Korea is one of our founding members and has already held a successful AOFS Conference in Seoul in 1998. The program will be varied, catering for the needs of clinicians, therapists, academics and students. The participation of The Pan-Asian Men's Health Forum, The Conjoint 3rd Regional Scientific Conference of the Asia-Pacific Society for Sexual Medicine, The China-Japan-Korea Andrology Forum, The Annual Meeting of the Korean Society for Sexual Medicine and Andrology, The Annual Meeting of the Korean Society for the Study of the Women's Sexual Health, The Annual Meeting of the Korean Association for Sexology, The Spring Meeting of the Korean Society for the Study of Prostate Laser will add academic and professional strength to the conference. Busan, a bustling port town, is Korea's second largest city. On offer will be the delights of a city and also countryside rich with heritage Buddhist Temples located deep within the region's mountains. The centrally located Commodore Hotel will provide convenience and old world charm. The Local Organising Committee is working very hard to enable a productive smoothly run conference for everyone to enjoy. Gain even more from attending by submitting your research work and organising symposia. Invite your colleagues to join you. The energy and vibrancy of the AsiaOceania region will be reflected in this conference. We all look forward to seeing you in Busan.

With warm regards,

Dr Margaret Redelman OAM
President AOFS

Please send contributions to the Newsletter to Margaret Redelman <aofsasia@gmail.com>  Warm regards

NAFSO - NORTH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SEXUALITY ORGANIZATIONS

Has no news to report, as we are not yet fully reorganized and active.

Michael Reece; Ph.D., MPH; President
Professor & Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies -School of Public Health

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MARLENE WASSERMAN – REPORT FOR WAS MEDIA COMMITTEE

NEWS FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

1. SASHA (SOUTH AFRICAN SEXUAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION) continues to grow and awaits accreditation by national training board, SAQA.

2. The most noteworthy news from the African Sexual Health & Rights community is the successful ASSM (African Society for Sexual Medicine) 3rd Biannual Congress, which was held in Durban, 27-29th November 2015.

Well attended by both South African and delegates from other African countries, it was the first time an international sexual medicine meeting was held in South Africa.

The three day congress was supported by ISSM, ESSM, SASHA (South African Sexual Health Association) & KZNDHC. The first day Pre Congress was hosted by ESSM. Topics were diverse and inclusive, from traditional sexual medicine to gender work and social media.

In my role as WAS Regional Secretary for Africa, I participated in a round table discussion on Female Sexual Dysfunction with Anna-Maria Giraldi (Denmark) and Francesca Tripodi (Italy), my topic being “FSD – A South African perspective”.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CONGRESS ON AFRICAN SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS:

- **MALE CIRCUMCISION**, including ETHICS. Clear dilemmas exist as the pull between traditional and cultural norms and medical damage and legal restrictions fight for attention.
- **Medical circumcision** is well supported by the South African Government
- **African Perspectives** on youth courtship and sexuality are in the same struggle. Abstinence is taught. Yet no longer honored by youth as they become westernized. Elders feel lost as their role of mentors disappear.
- **Virginity testing** continues to be the norm in many areas of Africa, despite it decreed illegal by international laws.
- * Prof Luca Incrocci presentation highlighted state of cancer in Africa: prostate, breast and cervical most common
- **29/53 African countries** have no radiation facilities so together with prolonged life, lack of awareness and low access to health care services, cancer patients in Africa is anticipated to double in 203

- **Dr P. Ramlachan, President of the ASSM**, presented the following facts about Sexuality in Africa:
  - WHO -about 75% of population in Africa still prefer to solve health problems using traditional medicine
  - “The process through which sex is discussed is totally gendered and cultural”.
  - For example boys- rite- of passage initiation
  - Sexual pleasure is hardly addressed in the discourse on African sexuality.
By year 2020, over 70% of all cancer deaths will occur in low-and middle-income developing countries (WHO)

Developing world (Africa) is experiencing a Transition from communicable diseases dominated health care system to non communicable diseases (NCD’s) : cardio vascular, diabetes, cancer and chronic respiratory disease

All impact negatively on sexual health

Need for sexual health education and training of HCP

Strategies to develop sexual health in developing world (Africa)
  + Encourage and support the implementation of effective sexual health (SH) Programs
  + Increase public awareness on SH and its treatment
  + Promote resource mobilization for training and research in SH
  + Improve prevention and treatment interventions through research on SH

Marlene Wasserman presentation: FSD: A SOUTH AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE:

Geo- political- economic –social and cultural are primary contributors to FSD in South Africa

Despite a progressive constitution and many sexual health positive policies, we continue to have highest incidence of HIV/AIDS/STI’s, violence against women and limited access to comprehensive sexuality education and sexual health services.

My contention is that every woman is to be assessed and managed as a survivor of trauma when presenting with sexual health difficulties

PROFESSIONAL MARLENE WASSERMAN CONTRIBUTION 2015


2. Commemorated WORD SEXUAL HEALTH DAY via social media and a radio show on two radio stations

3. Consultant to National Government on local campaign for 16 Days of No Violence Against women

4. In discussion with Regional Department of Education about my proposal to launch an online comprehensive sexuality education app for learners across the country.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
AFRICAN FEDERATION OF SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS meeting
The 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial Congress of the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) was held from July 25 -28, 2015 at the Suntec City Convention & Exhibition Center, Singapore. The congress was organized by the Society for the Study of Andrology and Sexology, Singapore (SSASS) and Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, National University of Singapore under the auspicious of the World Association for Sexual Health. The congress was also supported by 19 related societies from Asia-Pacific region. It was attended by 371 health care professionals from 51 countries around the world. By coincidence, gender ratio of participants was 50% each.

The opening ceremony on 25<sup>th</sup> July started with the addresses by the Congress President, Ganesan Adaikan and WAS President, Kevan Wylie; this was followed by the eloquent speech & declaring opening of the congress by the Guest of Honor, Professor EL Yong from the National University of Singapore Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Together with the WAS scientific committee (Chair Pedro Nobre) the local scientific Chair (B. Srilatha) and the local organizing committee (LOC) and Kevan, we have planned an exciting scientific program with a spread of all aspects of sexual health matters through invited 16 plenary lectures, 4 Gold Medal lectures and a John Money lecture. This was complemented by 22 symposia sessions with 81 speakers, some of which were responses through invitations to Associated Societies of WAS. Some of the fraternity contributing to symposia sessions include ISSM, ISSWSH, SPSC, Love Matters, SASHA, FLASSES, NUS/SSASS, UNESCO Chair Sexual Health & Human Rights, ESSM, CSA, IAFS, SSSS, AASECT CSEPI, SAS and specific WAS committees. In addition there were 2 Round Table sessions, 7 free communications sessions with 86 presentations, 6 moderated Posters sessions with 57 presentations and 75 electronic posters (and 7 late breaking posters).

It was a well-balanced multi-disciplinary and comprehensive scientific endeavour. Also, there were numerous positive feedbacks from participants who were basking in the scientific festival of WAS2015. In addition, we had a very special film presentation by Prof Kothari from Mumbai of his 35 years collection of rare and beautiful erotica objects dating back to 5,500 BC.

The local organizing committee’s earnest endeavour and dedication to bring WAS2015 is to make the subject of sexology more open for discussion in our Asian region so as to clear the cobwebs surrounding the field and also to bring the science of sexology to the forefront through evidence-
based research, therapy and treatment. LOC is happy to note that more than 60% of the participants of this congress were from Asia-Oceania region.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the LOC members, Srilatha, Lau Lang Chu Baharudin and all other volunteer staff, speakers and students of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, National University of Singapore, WAS Executive Officers, Dr Kevan Wylie, Dr Rosemary Coates and Dr Pedro Nobre who worked with us over the years from attendance building to the nitty gritty of the congress organization and lately in the last one year, the PCO Guarant. My gratitude also goes to the sponsors, supporting societies and most importantly: all the participants of the WAS2015!

Prof P Ganesan Adaikan,
Congress President, WAS2015, Singapore

5 - UNFPA PROJECT- WAS IN AN UNFPA MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY (CSE)

In October, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNESCO, led by Mona Kadbey, UNFPA Technical Division Deputy Director, convened a meeting on “Advocacy for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE): Acquiring new lenses for effective dialogue with various stakeholders”. This meeting brought together international experts on advocacy and CSE to systematically provide an update on lessons learned and good practices and effective advocacy interventions from around the world.

WAS representatives featured prominently in this meeting, through the work of Sara Nasserzadeh (Advisory Board member of WAS) who as a Consultant assisted in the organization and facilitation of the meeting. Anton Castellanos Usigil (Youth Initiative Committee Chair) presented on youth’s activities featuring World Sexual Health Day and Esther Corona International Liaison Committee.
Co-chair) moderated a session and presented on the Influence of Civil Society in the development of CSE.

The meeting presented examples of initiatives that use local data, experiences and arguments to build a constituency for CSE among influential individuals such as, political leaders, religious leaders, popular figures and journalists. It also addressed successful programmes that engaged parents and other significant figures by offering them opportunities to participate in sexuality education, giving them a chance to voice their opinions and concerns. Similarly, it included initiatives that partner with youth advocates and young people to foster youth leadership and participation. It was also an opportunity to present new approaches to advocacy using Human Rights instruments and processes.

A full report will be available by the end of December 2015 for wide dissemination at http://www.unfpa.org

6 - “BLUEPRINT FOR THE PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR TRANS PEOPLE AND TRANS COMMUNITIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC”

We are thrilled to share the "Blueprint for the Provision of Comprehensive Care for Trans People and Trans Communities in Asia and the Pacific" was released in October, and that WAS was a partner in reviewing and endorsing this document. This document is the third in a series of regional Transgender health guidance documents, and builds on similar publications produced in Latin America and the Caribbean, which WAS is also credited as a partner for, thanks to Esther Corona’s active involvement. For this time, the Blueprint was collaboratively developed by UNDP through the Multi-Country South Asia Global Fund HIV Programme and the ‘Being LGBTI in Asia’ Programme; the Asia Pacific Transgender Network (APTN); and, the USAID-funded Health Policy Project (HPP), in close partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO); the World Association for Transgender Health (WPATH); the Pacific Sexual Diversity Network (PSDN); and us, the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS).

The main purpose of the Blueprint is to improve access to competent primary and specialized care for transgender people in Asia and the Pacific. This publication will be a resource enabling health providers, programme planners and managers, policymakers, community leaders, and other stakeholders to promote and address the health needs of transgender people. At the same time, enhancing the health and well-being of transgender people requires a human rights approach that seeks to end discrimination, and recognizes the dignity and equality of all.

At the last WAS conference in Singapore, SRC help a symposium “Overcoming Troubles in Promoting Sexual Rights” chaired by Co-Chairs of SRC (Tommi Paalanen and Yuko Higashi). We invited Joe Wong from APTN (The Asia and Pacific Transgender Network) to give an introduction of this powerful tool for the work we all do and he also talked about challenges to improve health and human rights for trans people and trans communities.

The document can be found here: http://www.worldsexology.org/resources/other-documents/

Yuko Higashi
7 - FOR YOUR AGENDA - UPCOMING SEXUAL HEALTH / SEXOLOGY RELATED MEETINGS 2016

February 2016
4-6
18th Congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine
Madrid (Spain)
www.essm-congress.org

April 2016
7-10
9es Assises Françaises de sexologie et santé sexuelle.
Reims (France)

May 2016
25-28
13th Congress of The European Federation of Sexology (EFS)
Dubrovnik (Croatia)
www.europeansexology.com

June 2016
15-16-17
Dublin City University: Sexuality Conference
Self, selves, and sexuality
Dublin (Ireland)
http://dcusexualityconference.voog.com/en

June 2016
15-17
The science of desire: Medical knowledge and practices of “female sexuality” from the XIX century to the present
Université de Genève
(Genève-(Switzerland)
https://www.unige.ch/sciencesdudesir/en/

June 2016
17-21
WPATH Symposium
Amsterdam, Netherlands

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http://www.wpath.org/

June 2016
26 - 29
International Academy of Sex Research
42nd annual meeting, Malmö, Sweden
Malmö, Sweden
http://www.malmotown.com/meetings-events/meeting/iasr-2016/

September 2016
22-25
20th World Meeting On Sexual Medicine
Beijing (China)
www.wmsm.org

September/October 2016
28-1
XVIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Sexología y Educación Sexual (CLASES)
Madrid (España)
www.flasses.net

December 2016
2 – 4
I Congreso de Educación Sexual Integral y Sexología en Nicaragua
Masachapa- Managua. Hotel Barceló Montelímar Beach
Instituto Nicaragüense en Sexología
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8 - WELCOME FROM THE MEDIA COMMITTEE

We are pleased to present the fifth WAS’s Newsletter (dated December 2015). The Media Committee has a team. Cristina Tania Fridman (Argentina) and Alain Giami (France) are the Co-Chairs. The Media Committee, also includes Rubén Hernandez Serrano (Venezuela) and Marlene Wasserman (South Africa) who are regular partners on this committee. The Latin American team is always ready to produce and share reports for all members of the world. Similar attitude presents Sara Nasserzadeh for informs. Kevan Wylie (President of WAS) is an indispensable coworker who does the editorial of the Newsletter.
As it was mentioned in the four previous newsletters, we believe in the demonstrative power and exchange that provides this communication tool with, the impact of instant communication and globalization. We can learn from each other and seek a constant dialogue around sexuality.

The aim of this newsletter is to contribute to an active communication among members of the World Association for Sexual Health between all WAS Federations and WAS Committees (Statutory and ad hoc) and outside WAS with individuals and partner organizations. The Newsletter disseminates news about activities (congresses, declarations, projects, etc…) but also we would like to develop the WAS newsletter as a forum for discussion about ongoing projects in sexual rights and world press on sexology around the world.

To help us keep the WAS newsletter updated, we ask you to send us any news from your regions or associations to be reviewed for inclusion in the future Newsletters. WAS Newsletters are published bi-annually. The next newsletter of this Media Committee will be published by July 2016. Final deadline for submission of the materials is 1st of June 15th. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please connect with Cristina Tania Fridman: ctfridman@gmail.com or Alain Giami: alain.giami@inserm.fr. The specific area of the MC within WAS’ website will be automatically updated upon completion.

Best wishes to all Cristina & Alain

9 - MISCELLANEOUS

OBITUARY: PAUL GEBHARD, SEX RESEARCHER WHO WORKED WITH KINSEY, DIES AT 98

By SAM ROBERTS JULY 22, 2015 (New York Times)
Paul Gebhard, right, with Alfred Kinsey in 1953. Credit William Dellenback/Kinsey Institute

Paul Gebhard, who with his mentor Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey broke American taboos by shifting sexual discourse from the bedroom to the living room and even beyond, died on July 9 in Columbus, Ind. He was 98.

The cause was complications of a heart attack, his son, Mark, said.

The pioneering research by what is now known as the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction revealed Americans’ predilections about premarital sex, postmarital affairs, homosexuality, abortion and sexual perversions — matters that were rarely discussed publicly then.

Because the Kinsey Institute’s conclusions were largely nonjudgmental, some critics vilified them as a trigger for the sexual revolution. But in reviewing one Kinsey report in 1965, a Harvard fellow wrote in The New York Times that “to have blamed Kinsey and his associates for being agents in the battle of sexual permissivity was like blaming the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the death rate.”

Dr. Gebhard, who was portrayed by Timothy Hutton in the 2004 film “Kinsey,” was co-author with Dr. Kinsey of the 1953 best-seller “Sexual Behavior in the Human Female,” a follow-up to Dr. Kinsey’s groundbreaking study of men five years earlier, “Sexual Behavior in the Human Male.” Dr. Gebhard was the principal author of “Pregnancy, Birth and Abortion” (1958) and “Sex Offenders: An Analysis of Types” (1965).

Dr. Kinsey, who died in 1956, was characterized as an austere zoologist who had specialized in the life cycle of the gall wasp before embarking on human research. One biographer, James H. Jones, wrote that Dr. Kinsey’s work on sexuality amounted to self-help because, as a homosexual and a masochist, he sought to “strip human sexuality of its guilt and repression.”

Dr. Gebhard, by contrast, was described in a New York Times Magazine profile in 1969 as “easygoing, anecdotal and not inclined to invert his glass when the wine is going round.”

He joined Dr. Kinsey’s Institute for Sex Research, at Indiana University, in 1946 as a $4,150-a-year anthropologist, having not yet completed his doctorate. Before retiring in 1982, he encountered a remarkable variety of research subjects, including the dominatrix Monique Van Cleef and a Manhattan lawyer who claimed he had an average of 30 orgasms a week for 30 years.

“A working lifetime spent submerged in sexuality has left its marks upon him,” Tom Buckley wrote of Mr. Gebhard in the Times Magazine profile. “An air of aplomb, of amused tolerance reminiscent of, say, Reginald Gardner or George Sanders, that is also reflected in his furrowed forehead, humorous pouch eyes, a cosmopolitan clipped guard’s mustache seldom seen in the central states and a Hapsburgian, only barely noticeable, hand tremor.”

Paul Henry Gebhard was born in Rocky Ford, Colo., on July 3, 1917. His father, also named Paul, was a cattle buyer. His mother, the former Eva Baker, was an elementary schoolteacher.
Dr. Gebhard graduated from Harvard in 1940 and also earned his doctorate there. His marriage to Agnes West ended in divorce. He later married Joan Huntington, who died in 2004.

In addition to his son, he is survived by two daughters from his first marriage, Karla Gebhard and Jan Worthy; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and two stepsons, George E. Huntington III and John Huntington.

His introduction to Dr. Kinsey came in New York, where Dr. Kinsey asked him what was the first thing he did on arrival. Stopped in the men's room at Grand Central Terminal, he replied. Dr. Kinsey then asked if he had noticed anything. When Dr. Gebhard said he had not, Dr. Kinsey returned with him to the terminal to observe the men’s room for a few moments — time enough to demonstrate to Dr. Gebhard that it was a gay men’s cruising site.

By today’s standards, some of the institute’s mid-20th-century findings may seem naïve. One held that homosexuality was a conditioned orientation and that “were sex restraints and taboos to fall away, the majority of our people would have both homosexual and heterosexual experiences but there would be few, if any, hard-core homosexuals.”

Dr. Gebhard said in 1969 that he believed that the original Kinsey study may have overstated the number of men who had homosexual encounters because a disproportionate number of prisoners had been interviewed.

“There is no question that homosexuality is a much more difficult way of life,” he said then. “Life is complicated enough as it is. Anyone who can avoid it would be wise to do so.”

In an interview last summer, though, he supported same-sex marriage, adding: “I can’t say we’ve made a good job of marriage. Maybe they can.”

Dr. Gebhard recalled that when “Sexual Behavior in the Human Female” was first published, “suddenly sex was no longer a taboo subject.”

“Everyone, it seemed, wanted to know more about women’s attitudes toward sex and what had influenced those attitudes,” he said. “This was a far cry from the 1940s, when we started researching the sexual practices of both men and women. The public thought we were kooks then.”

“I sometimes think,” he said, “that Kinsey’s greatest contribution was that he made it possible to talk about sex in the living room.”

Correction: July 22, 2015
An earlier version of a picture caption with this obituary misstated the date of the photo, which showed Dr. Gebhard with Alfred C. Kinsey. It was 1953, not “about 1963.” (Dr. Kinsey died in 1956.) A version of this article appears in print on July 23, 2015, on page B10 of the New York edition with the headline: Paul Gebhard Dies at 98; Worked on Kinsey Reports.
OBITUARY FOR CANDIDA ROYALLE

In September 2015 the American Candice Vadala died, well known in sexology as Candida Royalle. From age 25 to 30 she played in many hard-core porn movies. But then she became fed up because the movies were so very unfriendly for women. She changed to the other side of the camera and started writing, directing and producing her own movies under the label ‘Femme Productions’ Movies on VHS-tapes with names as ‘Three Daughters’ ; ‘Eyes of Desire’ ; ‘Christine’s Secret’ ; ‘Urban Heat’ ; ‘My Surrender’ ; ‘One Size Fits All’ and Sensual Escape. These movies (with feminist eroticism) have been recommended by a whole generation of sexologists. They were in fact the first X-rated movies suitable for couples. Candida Royalle has always been very active to diminish female sexual inhibitions. She assisted in the development of a female-friendly vibrator and wrote a book “How to Tell a Naked Man What to Do: Sex Advice From a Woman Who Knows.” Candida Royalle died at age 64 from ovary cancer.

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Pd That question is at the heart of a new documentary project about the life of Candida Royalle, a woman who refused to be defined by the labels we use to understand a complex past. For those who would like to learn more, watch the moving trailer for the documentary and donate: whileyouweregonefilm.wordpress.com

10 - PRESS OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

RELIGION, NOT SEX, A TOUCHY ISSUE AMONG TV VIEWERS
The Hindu- NEW DELHI, October 17, 2015

Anuradha Raman

Regulatory body says most complaints are with regard to ‘harm and offence’

Are Indian television viewers getting more tolerant of sex and nudity and less tolerant of insults to religion and community? Are they becoming more aware of gender stereotypes and portrayal of the minority communities?
The Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC), an independent self-regulatory body mandated by broadcasters to look into complaints on general entertainment channels, has found that the highest number of complaints have to do with a category called ‘harm and offence’ which accounted for 39 per cent of the total complaints, covering a swathe of issues like portrayal of persons with disabilities, ill-treatment of animals and stereotyping of women.

Complaints on ‘religion and community’ came second, with 28 per cent. In some ways, both categories represented a departure from the earlier years when viewers took offence to sex, obscenity and nudity.

The figures were culled from a total of 4,545 specific complaints received between July 3, 2014, and August 22, 2015.

In its second report since 2012, the BCCC said sex, obscenity and nudity now attract only eight per cent of the complaints and a large number of these were forwarded by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The BCCC addresses complaints from 350 entertainment channels.

Viewers’ objections under the ‘religion and community’ category, the BCCC found, varied from the treatment meted out to epics like the Mahabharata or when serials portrayed gods. “Viewers, mainly religious groups, object to slight departures in treatment of the epics and Gods and send in their complaints,” a BCCC official said, adding that the self-regulatory body erred on the side of creativity. At the same time, the official pointed out that a large number of viewers, mostly women, have also complained about the portrayal of women as serial schemers.

The seven categories under which complaints are received are ‘crime and violence’, ‘sex, obscenity and nudity’, ‘horror and occult’, ‘drugs, smoking and tobacco, solvents and alcohol’, ‘religion and community’, ‘harm and offence’ and ‘general restrictions’.

For the BCCC, it is not uncommon to receive 20-25 complaints every day. “The body is an alternative to interference from the government,” says its chairperson Mukul Mudgal, the former Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The BCCC examines 2-3 complaints of specific nature daily and depending on the complaint and examination of contents, the broadcaster is given a chance to explain its position when the council members meet once a month. In the hierarchy of punishments, a fine of up to Rs. 30 lakh and an apology repeated five times in the course of a single programme is the rarest of rare punishment. The maximum fine levied so far has been Rs.7.5 lakh.

Often, on receipt of a complaint and after examination, channels are asked to shift their content, especially if the programmes are found unsuitable for general viewing, to a later time slot, or asked to change the content or even drop them from future telecast.

Of the complaints received from the 350-odd channels, the BCCC found that in language channels, the maximum complaints have come from viewers of Tamil channels, mostly on the portrayal of women, followed closely by Telugu and Kannada channels.

The council’s achievement till date has been the 100 per cent compliance with its directives, sufficient proof that self-regulation works, says Mr. Mudgal, who heads the committee comprising 14 members, of whom four are broadcasters. Its decisions are made by a majority of members.
Mr. Mudgal spends half-an-hour surfing general entertainment channels when time permits. Unlike the close watch on news channels, where transgressions called forth show-cause notices, the entertainment channels enjoy an autonomous run.

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THE TEN FACES OF SEXUALITY
Kuchu Times Editor. 24th August 2015

By Sylvia Tamale
Introduction
As most of us know, Sexuality is one of the most complex and politicized issues on the African continent. If Sexuality were to look in the mirror, she would see numerous faces. In these brief notes, I map out ten different “faces” of sexuality as they have been manifested in Uganda, analyzing their intersections with human rights plus the de jure and de facto rules and norms that mould and paint their features.

1. The Erotic Face
Wearing the shroud of silence and mystery, the face of Sexuality that most of us wish to focus on is the one that exhibits erotic desire and pleasure. Most Ugandans would wish—if not openly, at least secretly in their deepest fantasies—that they were free to express their sexuality freely and derive maximum pleasure from it—provided those expressions and activities involve willing adult participants. Alas, there is the legal face that squints at the erotic one, with significant implications for our right to desire, our right to pleasure, and of course, our right to love…

2. The Legal Face
The powerful legal face of sexuality wears bold rules, restrictions, regulations and prohibitions on how, where and with whom we “do” sexuality. The face would be attractive if the rules were confined to punishing those who inflict harm through sexual exploitation, assault and violence. But they go beyond that—sometimes being patronising, at others controlling and at other points, even sexist. In the process, these restrictions step on our rights to privacy, non-discrimination, autonomy, integrity and dignity. Examples of such laws abound, including those on prostitution, criminal adultery, homosexuality, marital rape, pornography and abortion. But, like a double edged sword, this face cuts on both sides and often its other face has been deployed by marginalized groups in Uganda to challenge its restrictive twin face. Through strategic litigation, some of the stubbles and freckles on the restrictive legal face have been rendered unconstitutional. For example, in a case filed by an NGO called Law and Advocacy for Women in Uganda (LAW-U), criminal adultery that targeted wives and not husbands was declared unconstitutional in 2010.

3. The Reproductive Face
This brings me to the next face of sexuality, whose forehead wears the script of the roles of women and men in the continuity of life. That is the face of reproduction which speaks both the language of
health and the language of human rights. The forehead is creased by restrictive abortion laws, and the mouth is contorted with practices which proscribe contraception. The well-being of this face is further affected by underdevelopment and the lack of political commitment to its agenda. In Uganda, the eyes of the reproductive face are generally closed most of the time or at best squinted. While therapeutic abortion is legally permitted, the access to such a procedure remains a huge challenge, rendered more confusing by government policies that are more accommodating than the law.

4. The Violent Face
The violent face of sexuality is angry and has a permanent snarl. It is smeared with thick layers of damage and often recoils in utter stigmatised shame. The violent face is typically feminine, with a lingering look of sadness that stems from loathing control. It cannot escape the hurt in public or private spaces; in offices, schools, communities and homes; from acquaintances, from family members, from trusted individuals and from strangers alike. It is a face we see both in times of peace and in situations of conflict. This face is the ultimate persona of gender domination and it is a face acutely aware of infringements of the rights to sexual autonomy and bodily integrity. Currently, the Ugandan laws that would potentially save its life are ineffective as they are coded through a patriarchal, phallocentric culture. Sadly, a bill that was devised to improve the situation has been collecting dust in the corridors of power since the year 2000.

5. The Cultural Face
The cultural persona of sexuality is also double faced, exhibiting both positive and negative aspects. The positive side shows African traditional values that enhance sexual pleasure while the negative side exhibits practices geared to the control of women’s sexuality. In that sense this face both enhances and violates human rights. In Uganda the traditional institution of Ssenga among the Baganda, for instance, plays a significant role in promoting the right to sexual pleasure on the one hand, but on the other, despite the outlawing of the cultural practice of female genital mutilation, it is still practiced by some communities in the country.

6. The Heteronormative Face
The heteronormative face of sexuality has big beautiful eyes that are deceptive because they hide a serious disability, that is, the fact that their central vision is exclusively binary. This visual impairment means that she tends to categorize people in absolute terms as either heterosexual male or heterosexual female. When the optometrist prescribed human rights lenses that would enable this face to clearly see diversity, the legal, cultural and religious faces conspired to conceal the prescription from her. In Uganda, not only do these conspiratorial faces possess powerful platforms to promote the heteronormative ideal, stoking hatred and violence at every turn with homophobic and transphobic rhetoric; they also attempt to obliterate the rich diversity of Ugandan faces, particularly the homosexual and bisexual ones. The draconian Anti-Homosexuality Act, which was invalidated by the Constitutional Court in 2014, was the latest attempt to reinforce legal support for this face.

7. The HIV Face
From a distance, you can only see the epidemiological side of the HIV face. However, on closer scrutiny you will notice the unmistakable gender and power wrinkle marks as well as the oppressive furrows of social class. Access to the cheap affordable generic cream that the dermatologist recommended is becoming more and more difficult in the face of international intellectual property protections. As if that’s not bad enough, last year, the Ugandan government passed the HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Act (HAPCA), criminalising the sexual life and activities of this face. The irony is that such a law that purports to be based on human rights principles in fact tramples human rights. The socio-economic and cultural sides of this face clearly expose the complex
dynamics between gender, human rights and HIV. Not only does HAPCA contravene the Constitution and national policies on HIV/AIDS but it also violates several rights enshrined in international human rights treaties that the country has committed to.

8. The Political Face
The contours of the political face of sexuality serve a specific socio-political purpose of outlining the criteria of sexual citizenship. It is tinged with hypocritical rhetoric that wears the mask of “preserving traditional family values” “protecting our children” and “maintaining morality.” It has the tendency to press panic buttons, to ahistoricize and otherize faces of other sexualities and to appeal to populist sentiments. For example, the Anti-Pornography Act that was passed by the Ugandan government in 2014 emboldened vigilant groups and abusive government officials alike to maltreat women, including publicly undressing them. In short, this face instrumentalizes sexuality for political ends and in the process, disenfranchises and inflicts untold damage to diverse minority groups in Uganda. The political face, which is a close ally of the religious and cultural faces, usually rears its ugly head covered in partisan feuds, sectarian hatred, ageism, neoliberalism, patriarchy and militarism.

9. The Religious Face
Closely resembling the political face is the religious one. The message on this face tells us that sex that is non-genital, non-procreative, outside marriage, and between same-sex individuals, is sinful. Its personality is heavily influenced by the Natural Law moral principle that makes it particularly attractive to the legal face. But sexual morality is deployed based on double standards for men and women. Examples of such laws include laws that govern criminal adultery and prostitution. In Uganda, for instance, the offence of prostitution criminalizes sellers of sex (majority being women) without touching the buyers (most of whom are men). Legal positivism and feminist jurisprudence have heavily criticised this face for its moral-based sexual laws in favour of rights-based laws. In Uganda, this face is personified by Reverend Father Simon Lokodo, the Minister of Ethics and Integrity, who polices women’s sexualities with an iron hand. This face is also in constant political struggle with the next one…

10. The Subversive Face
The subversive face of sexuality wears a permanent wink! It carries an undercurrent of rebellious, unrestrained sexuality. Often characterised by great creative skills, subversive sexuality consciously breaks sexual taboos and crosses bright red lines. It ignores norms and throws prejudice to the winds; it is not afraid to use four-letter words and to relish in the embarrassment that it causes, while knowing that what it is doing is exposing the innate hypocrisies of human beings: “F-them!” it tells the world, and knows that secretly, the world actually agrees. This face organizes and plots in radical ways, constructs counter-“truths” about its realities, in an attempt to topple the lies peddled about its persona. But the subversive face does all this at a huge price of swift and fierce backlash from the legal, political, religious, heteronormative and violent faces. These faces gang up against her to squash all her sexual rights. In fact they are not satisfied with simply plotting, but try to completely efface her image. And the tools used range from acid to the sharp knife of the traditional genital surgeon. Established in October 2009, the Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and Constitutional Law is the most visible side of this face in Uganda, although the whole alphabet movement of sexual minorities (LGBTI), and of sex workers is really at the forefront in leading the way in this regard.

Conclusion
The diagnosis is simple: Sexuality suffers from a chronic case of schizophrenia! The prognosis is not good. Most of the time her condition inflicts huge human rights costs. It causes profound disruption not only in her life but also in the lives of Ugandans who come face to face with her. The
prescription for stabilizing sexuality is to place her in a state of induced comatosia before undergoing major surgery that will provide her with a completely fresh and clean face. The new face will be constructed from unblemished diverse threads of human rights and social solidarity that weave a complex web of justice, tolerance, equality, integrity, dignity, liberty and autonomy, safety, free choice, access to health services and most importantly to pleasure. It will reflect the true complex social nature of sexuality. But the challenge is a daunting one. The fresh, reconstructed face must not be viewed as the end of the struggle; rather, as only one battle that will have to be joined by many kin, neighbors and acquaintances of sexuality.

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11 - PUBLICATIONS AND COURSES

NEUROLOGY OF SEXUAL AND BLADDER DISORDERS 2015


Sexual disturbances and lower urinary tract disturbances have a lot in common. Both are accompanied by great silence from the majority of patients and from the majority of medical professionals. Both are also abundantly present in the majority of patients who suffer from neurologic diseases. This 500-page book covers extensively and systematically the current knowledge on sexuality in various neurological conditions. The first chapters offer detailed information on anatomy and physiology of genital organs and the urinary tract. The middle part offers chapters on sexual function / dysfunction in peripheral nervous system lesions; spinal cord lesions; brain lesions and strokes; Parkinson Disease; Alzheimer Disease and other dementias; Huntington’s Disease; parkinsonism and other neurodegenerative disorders; multiple sclerosis; epilepsy; and genital / sexual pain in women. Most disease chapters have a twin chapter on lower urinary tract dysfunction.
That is not only relevant because of the common neurologic pathogenesis, but also because a dysfunctional urinary tract frequently is an extra reason for disturbed sexuality. In simplified bedside terms: urinary incontinence frequently happens also during sex, especially during orgasm.

The last chapters cover many aspects of management and rehabilitation. Being rather expensive, this book is not so relevant for the average sexologist. However, for clinicians and basic scientists dealing with neurology and rehabilitation, this book is extremely precious and relevant.

For those who deal with only one specific area, separate electronic chapters can be purchased.

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COURSES, ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES.

ECHOES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SEXOLOGY

The IAMS (IASM in Spanish) was founded in 2001 in Margarita Island, Venezuela and officially installed in Salvador Bahia, Brasil in 2003. It has 30 seats, 25 of them currently occupied by Academics and has 20 Corresponding Members.

At 8.00 am on October 11, 2015, in the Hong Kong Room of the JW Marriott Hotel the Annual Meeting of the IAMS was formally installed by Drs Fernando Bianco and Manuel Lucas, President and Secretary General of the Board.

The 2011-2015 period report was presented by President Bianco emphasizing in the openness and normalization of Academy’s finances, in the 2012 Almeria meeting organized by Dr. Manuel Lucas and in the several zonal meetings held during the various world and regional sexological events which were attended by different group of academics in each scientific meeting. The President stressed the policy of the institution to assess the positive and move forward with work done by the various committees. Emphasis in the team spirit of the Academics shown during the drafting of the different chapters of the book Advances in Medical Sexology and in the unitary and
participatory behaviour that kept the members of Executive Committee (Llanos, Lucas and Bianco) throughout his management period.

The progress of the work done by committees studying Desire, Flibancerine and the Curriculum for studies in Sexology at undergraduate and graduate levels in the medical career were reported.

Drs. Raul Belen and Silvina Valente presented their incorporation scientific paper to became Corresponding Member of the Academy. The Assembly resolved to accept it, publish and place them in the respective file.

After it, began the Ascent Academic Act to be a Titular Member of the Academy of Doctors Angel Luis Montejo and Mario Lourenco, where the the Yellow Cape was imposed, the Gold Medal placed and an Academic Certification Diploma were given. Academic rigor and words of acceptance filled the room with a spirit of greatness and love.

After that the baptize of the Book: Advances in Medical Sexology, whose chapters were written by academics and commemorating the first 10 years of the founding of the institution was done. With rose petals bathed this historical book published by Editorial Synthesis in Spain.

Session ended with the election of the new Executive Committee of the Academy, where were elected Drs. Francisco Cabello as President, Mauricio Delgado as Secretary General and Mario Lourenco as Vocal/Treasurer in ceremony presided by an adho Electoral Commission, chaired by Dr Leon Roberto Gindin

Fernando J Bianco, MD, PhD
President IAMS (2011-2015)

THE 56º BRAZILIAN CONGRESSO OF GINECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS
NOVEMBER 12-15 OF 2015

Brasilia, example of well-planned city in the world was the venue, for the 56º. Brazilian Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, with 6000 participants in a well-planned Convention Centre, with a high standard of organization.

Thanks to SYLVIA CAVALCANTI o 6 pm. She put the theme SEXUALITIES in a very wide scientific program, in a preferent place, during the 4 days of the Congress, every day from 7.30 am to 6 pm Conferences, Round Tables, Debates and Clinical Case Presentations were discussed in a room full of energy, and Always with more than 300 participants.

Punctuality and a highest scientific quality must be recognized; The Scientific Program was so wide that it was impossible to publish it, and an application in Internet had to be done in a cellular phone of each participant; Ricardo Cavalcanti, Jaqueline Brendler, Camita Abdo, Gerson Pereira Lopes, Balbina Lemos, Alfonso Arias, Theo Lerner, Etelvino de Souza, Nilson de Melo, Antonio Paes and other Executives of Febrasgo, FLASOG, Johan Blitzer, Sylvia Cavalcanti and my self were speakers;

This shows that when you work with anticipation, planning and in an efficient way you will get good Results, overcoming crisis affecting everywhere including BRAZIL. We must continue this lessons.

Dr Ruben Hernandez Serrano
The attachment shows monthly visitors by countries. Tommi Paalanen/ Michaela Jurčeková | association development manager World association for sexual health | www.worldsexualhealth.org
The Danish Girl is a 2015 British-American pseudo-biographical drama film directed by Tom Hooper, based on the 2000 novel of the same name by David Ebershoff. The film stars Eddie Redmayne as Lili Elbe, one of the first known recipients of sex reassignment surgery, Alicia Vikander as Gerda Wegener, along with Matthias Schoenaerts as Hans Axgil and Ben Whishaw as Henrik.

It was screened in the main competition section of the 72nd Venice International Film Festival, and it was shown in the Special Presentations section of the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival. The film was released in a limited release on November 27, 2015 by Focus Features. The film will be released on January 1, 2016, in the United Kingdom by Universal Pictures International.

In early 1920s Copenhagen, the illustrator and artist Gerda Wegener (Alicia Vikander) asks her husband, Einar Wegener (Eddie Redmayne), to stand in for a female model. The popularity of the portraits leads to Gerda painting her husband in further pictures as a woman. Einar develops an attraction for the female physical appearance and begins living as a woman named Lili Elbe. Ultimately Elbe becomes the first ever recipient of male to female sex reassignment surgery, and Gerda supports her decision, although their marriage becomes strained when Gerda comes to the realization that Lili is no longer the person she married. A childhood friend of Lili, Hans Axgil (Matthias Schoenaerts), shows up and forms a complex love triangle with the couple.

Wikipedia has a relevant material about films related to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender from before 1920 till 2015.

This is a list of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender-related films released before the 1920s. It contains theatrically released cinema films that deal with or feature important gay, lesbian or bisexual or transgender characters or issues and may have same-sex romance or relationships as an important plot device.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_lesbian,_gay,_bisexual_or_transgender-related_films_pre-1920
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