The World Association for Sexual Health is calling for expressions of interest for organizing and hosting the 2021 Congresses of the World Association for Sexual Health.

**Introduction of WAS:**
Since 1978 WAS has been the pre-eminent global organization concerned with sexual health and rights. Our membership represents thousands of experienced & trainee sexologists from a variety of disciplines. With biennial congresses held in different regions of the world, WAS has facilitated sexual health through education, health promotion and networking for three decades. In recent years, WAS constituency has become involved in advocating for changes in public policy to recognize sexual health and rights as key ingredients in overall health and social justice. Financial support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and governments has sustained this work around the world. WAS works to promote sexual health for all. Sexual health is a goal not only for clinicians. It is the common goal of many disciplines. Sexuality education is meant to foster human development and facilitate sexually healthy lives for people at all stages of the life cycle. Interventions in clinical sexology have the goal of promoting, maintaining and restoring sexual health. Sex research is involved in the creation of evidence-based knowledge that supports others to attain and maintain sexual health.

**History of WAS Congress:**

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1981  Jerusalem  Israel  1 000  
1979  Mexico City  Mexico  1 600  
1978  Rome  Italy  3 000  
1976  Montreal, QC  Canada  
1974  Paris  France  

It is planned that the WAS Congress will be held in June or September for 4 days, on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The date might be changed upon agreement between WAS, PCO and the local host. The conference anticipates 800 - 1200 participants.

The proposed dates shall avoid clash with the following events:
- Congress of the European Society for Sexual Medicine
- Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research
- Biennial Meeting of the Asia Pacific Society for Sexual Medicine
- General Assembly and Congress of the International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Europe Conference on Sexually Transmitted Infections
- World Congress of Medical Sexology
- European Congress on Menopause and Andropause
- World Congress on Menopause
- SLAMS (Latin American Congress Sexual Medicine)

Requirements:
Scientific aspects
A recognized local active community/society/institution, WAS member society in the field of sexual health with at least one member based in the proposed city is a must.

City:
- Well organized and supportive convention bureau
- Support from city authorities, convention bureau
- Easy accessibility for international participants (international airport and other means of transport)
- No other major events taking place on preferred dates

Hotels:
- Availability of diverse accommodation options and proximity to the congress venue and the city centre
- Competitive rates

Venue
- The number of rooms required for the congress will depend on the programme which will be decided by the WAS usually at the site visit.
- There must be main room for plenary sessions able to seat at least 800 - 1000 participants (theatre style), and a number of smaller rooms (50 – 200 participants, theatre style) for more interactive sessions as determined by the programme and space for 50 posters and exhibition.
All rooms should have:
- Good sight-lines to the screen and speakers and good acoustics;
- A computer able to project all recent versions of PowerPoint, which accepts data on USB-sticks;
- A projector and screen clearly visible from all seats in the rooms;
- A laser pointer;
- A remote control for the slide presentation;
- A slave monitor on which the speaker can see the presentation without having to look back at the screen. In the smaller rooms the lap-screen might be sufficient for this purpose;
- A technician who is immediately available in case of problems. This does NOT imply the need for one technician per room;
- A table and seats for all speakers and chairs of the session – unless the chair of the session specifically request otherwise;
- Water, glasses, for the chair and each speaker.
- WiFi Internet access for all participants

Where necessary rooms should also have:
- A sound amplification system (may not be necessary in rooms seating fewer than 50 people);
- A microphone for the speaker – preferably with a wireless connection to the sound system to allow the speaker to move about – (this is compulsory for interactive sessions);
- Microphones for session chairman or members of panels where necessary;
- A “roving microphone” or sufficient static microphones to allow the audience to ask questions without delay.

Venue for Social Events
- Welcome reception for all participants (Sunday night)
- Gala Dinner: Seated dinner for 200 – 300 participants (Monday night)

Structure of the program:

Saturday
08:30 - 09:30  Opening Ceremony
09:30 - 10:00  Plenary Session
10:00 - 10:30  Coffee break
10:30 - 12:30  Plenary Session
12:30 - 13:30  Lunch
13:30 - 16:00  Plenary Sessions
14:00 - 16:00  Parallel Session
16:00 - 16:30  Coffee break
16:30 - 18:00  Plenary Session
16:30 - 18:00  Parallel Sessions
Sunday
08:00 - 09:30  Plenary Sessions
08:00 - 09:30  Parallel Sessions
09:30 - 10:30  Coffee break
10:30 - 12:30  Plenary Sessions
10:30 - 12:30  Parallel Session
12:30 - 13:30  Lunch
13:30 - 16:00  Plenary Sessions
16:00 - 16:30  Coffee break
16:30 - 18:30  Plenary Sessions
16:30 - 18:00  Parallel Sessions

Monday
08:00 - 10:00  Plenary Sessions
08:00 - 09:30  Parallel Sessions
10:00 - 10:30  Coffee break
10:30 - 12:30  Plenary Sessions
10:30 - 12:30  Parallel Sessions
12:30 - 13:00  Lunch
13:00 - 16:00  Plenary Sessions
13:00 - 16:00  Parallel Sessions
16:00 - 16:30  Coffee break
16:30 - 18:00  Parallel Sessions
16:30 - 18:00  Plenary Sessions

Tuesday
08:00 - 10:00  Plenary Sessions
08:00 - 10:00  Parallel Sessions
10:00 - 10:30  Coffee break
10:30 - 12:30  Plenary Sessions
12:30 - 13:00  Lunch
16:30 - 18:00  Parallel Sessions
16:30 - 18:00  Plenary Sessions

Additional information:
The WAS works with AMC/Core PCO GUARANT International and meanwhile no other PCO/AMC can be involved without preliminary agreement with the WAS.
Bid applications can be submitted only by WAS members, the local national society of sexual health. Successful applicants will fully address and demonstrate compliance with the following specifications and criteria as requested in the attached files.
The venue, hotels and other local suppliers including potential sponsors and exhibitors will be contracted by GUARANT International.
The WAS has right not to select any venue/destination in case the venues/destinations will not meet the desired criteria for any of the above mentioned years.
Shortlisted candidate cities will be visited by representatives of the WAS and the PCO. The expenses related to the site inspection shall be borne by candidate cities.

Please find attached document:
Application form (please fill in)

Deadlines and submission:
Bids should be submitted to: Ms. Pavla Kozakova, WAS Future Congress Administrator at pkozakova@guarant.cz no later than April 14th, 2017
Any questions concerning the bidding procedure shall be sent to pkozakova@guarant.cz no later than March 31st, 2017.

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