EXPERTS TO MEET IN OAXACA, MEXICO TO ADVANCE SEXUAL HEALTH

To advance in the understanding and implementation of actions that improve sexual health around the world, the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) will host an International Expert Consultation in Oaxaca, México this coming May, 2006.

The last World Congress of our Association produced, as it is known, the declaration "Sexual Health for the Millennium" where the goals to achieve a sexually healthier world in the new millennium are outlined.

The main goal of this forthcoming meeting is to produce a carefully drafted document that shows to the world, with clarity and technical precision, how the achievement of sexual health is central to the attainment of wellness and well-being, central to the achievement of sustainable development, central for the implementations of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and a co-adjuvant to the eradication of individual and societal poverty.

A series of technical documents will provide the decision makers around the globe with specific guidelines to implement actions necessary to advance sexual health in their nations.

The WAS Advisory Committee, which will participate in full during the expert consultation, will also meet to advance in the plan of action for the following years.

The final documents of this effort, which has been made possible with a grant from the Ford Foundation, will be available for use and consultation.

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WAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS SHOWS INTENSE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD

As sexual health is being more and more recognized all over the world, the number of scientific meetings devoted to sexuality continues to increase. As a service to its members, the WAS offers its calendar of events for 2006.

This is a good way to get in shape for our next World Congress in Sydney, April 15-19, 2007. See page 2.

Monte Alban, an ancient City in Oaxaca, Mexico
## WAS Calendar of Sexuality related Events 2006

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LATIN AMERICA TO MEET IN BRAZIL: XIII CLASES

CESEX, Centro de Sexologia de Brasilia, will host the XIII Latin American Congress of Sexology and Sexuality Education.

Under the presidency of Dr. Ricardo Cavalcanti and the Vice presidency of Dr. Jaqueline Brendler and Dr. Oswaldo Rodrigues, the Latin American Federation of Societies of Sexology and Sexuality Education will hold its 13th Congress.

The full program can now be viewed at: http://www.cesex.org.br/programac.htm. This meeting will provide the opportunity to all members of Latin American Sexological Societies and individuals interested in sexology and sexuality education to assess the progress in the field.

The meeting will take place in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil from 19 to 22 of April, 2006.

A programação está a mais abrangente possível e enfoca a sexualidade sob uma perspectiva multidisciplinar, avaliando todos os aspectos da clinica sexológica diária (terapia e medicina sexual), assim como questões de ordem educacional (educação sexual nas diferentes instituições, etc.), política (gênero e sexualidade, direitos sexuais e reprodutivos, etc.) e social (cultura e sexualidade, etc) says Ricardo Cavalcanti, Congress President.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION TO MEET IN PRAGUE

“Sexology is a scientific discipline in its own right operating to considerable effect in many areas. It is easily understandable because human sexuality is part of the fundamental drives motivating human beings. Studies of human sexuality enjoy a long tradition in the Czech Republic. In the year 1921 the Institute of Sexology was established at the medical faculty of Charles University and still exists...,” says Jaroslav Zverina, Honorary President of the 8th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology.

The meeting will take place from June 4th to 8th, 2006 in the Prague Congress Centre, Czech Republic.

Ondrej Trojan, Congress President says “We plan to invite many excellent speakers from around the world. So one of the impacts of upcoming Congress will also be that it will bring together many scientists from East and West Europe. Such a conference can open new questions of cooperation among cultures and states with different economies, cultural background, religion and attitudes towards minorities.”

AFRICA IN NAIROBI, ASIA IN BANGKOK

The newly created African Federation of Sexual Health and Rights will have its 2nd Congress in Nairobi, Kenya June 19-21, 2006. The call for abstracts can be read on http://www.asiasrc.org/abstractview.php?key=53

Abstracts should be sent to: Conference Organizer Africa Regional Office

Planned Parenthood Federation of America International 1st Floor, Chaka Place, Argwings Kodhek Road P. O. Box 53538-00200 Nairobi, Kenya

Tel: 254 20 2727049-52
Fax: 254 20 2717013
Email: conference@ppfa.or.ke

In November, the Asia Oceania and Pacific Federation of Sexology will meet in Bangkok, Thailand, Nov 1-4 2006, under the Presidency of Verapol Chandeying, FAOCS. The website contains instructions for authors and other relevant information: http://www.cottisa.org/
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Selected Abstracts of the XVII World Congress of Sexology now published in The Journal of Sex Research

As a result of a joint effort between the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), owner of the Journal of Sex Research, one of the oldest and more prestigious scientific journals in the area of human sexuality, and the World Association for Sexual Health, a selection of the abstracts of scientific presentations during the last XVII World Congress of Sexology was published in the February 2006 issue of the Journal.

The publication of original research is a critical step in the process of building knowledge. Disseminating what is being discovered and articulated in one part of the world for the rest to know is critical.

The WAS appreciates the efforts of SSSS for the successful competition of this project and invites its members to read this in the JSR.