



**Call For Expressions Of Interest
March 2015**

Congress of the World Association for Sexual Health, 2017, 2019, 2021

The World Association for Sexual Health is calling for expressions of interest for organizing and hosting the 2017, 2019 and 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:

Date	City	Country	Attendance
2015	Singapore	Singapore	800 - 1200
2013	Porto Alegre, Rs	Brazil	1100
2011	Glasgow	United Kingdom	1250
2009	Göteborg	Sweden	1000
2007	Sydney, NSW	Australia	2500
2005	Montreal, QC	Canada	1200
2003	Havana	Cuba	3000
2001	Paris	France	2500
1999	Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China-P.R.	1000
1997	Valencia	Spain	2000
1995	Yokohama	Japan	730
1993	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	1500
1991	Amsterdam	Netherlands	1200
1989	Caracas	Venezuela	1800
1987	Heidelberg	Germany	1200
1985	New Delhi	India	1000
1983	Washington, DC	U.S.A.	1600
1981	Jerusalem	Israel	1000
1979	Mexico City	Mexico	1600
1978	Rome	Italy	3000
1976	Montreal, QC	Canada	
1974	Paris	France	

It is planned that the WAS Congress s 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 an 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 (Saturday night)
- Gala Dinner: Seated dinner for 200 – 300 participants (Monday night)

Structure of the program:

Saturday

8:30 - 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: Mr. Tomas Raboch, WAS Future Congress Administrator at raboch@guarant.cz no later than May 4th, 2015

Any questions concerning the bidding procedure shall be sent to raboch@guarant.cz no later than in April 17th, 2015.

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