



ASSERT NSW NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2005

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We have come to the end of another year at ASSERT NSW.

I would like to thank the committee for their participation and efforts throughout the year and we look forward to another successful year in 2006. I take this opportunity to wish all our members, friends, sponsors and colleagues a very Merry Christmas and a safe, prosperous New Year.

ASSERT NSW EDUCATION MEETINGS

Our Education meetings have been very successful and interesting throughout the year. We attracted a total of \$1200-00 in sponsorship this year from Scheering Pty Ltd and Loving Angles, and hope to continue on a larger scale next year. It would be helpful if members can contribute new ideas for new sponsors for next year. We encourage all members to attend our meetings and bring along a friend or nominate an organisation that may be interested in attending. We are very grateful to The Albion St Centre for allowing us the use of their premises. All enquiries to 92800151 or 0408680847 (Maria Caetano).

Sexpo 2005

Assert NSW had its first stand at sexpo this year.

We thank members who volunteered their time and effort to man the stand.

We received a few enquiries from the public and professionals as well.



ANATOMY OF A REVOLUTION

Sydney Morning Herald Sept 8, 2005.

Helen O'Connell has changed the way students learn about the female body, writes Anne Fawcett.

Anatomy lecturer Dr Norman Eizenberg, who was instrumental in developing multimedia teaching materials for the new curriculum, says the clitoris itself is the same as it ever was. "The anatomy of the body doesn't change," says Eizenberg. "What changes is the way we understand anatomy."

When it comes to the clitoris the catalyst for that change was Dr Helen O'Connell, the first female urologist in Australia. As a urology trainee she observed that surgeons took special care when removing the prostate in men with prostate cancer to preserve their sexual function by avoiding particular nerves and blood vessels. But O'Connell quickly found that sparing sexual function in women undergoing pelvic surgery was a matter of guesswork. None of the available textbooks described the nerve or blood supply to the clitoris. O'Connell began her own research, painstakingly dissecting cadavers and mapping the tissue in detail. When she compared her findings to illustrations in textbooks, she realised that anatomists not only had overlooked the finer structures of the clitoris, but also that what they had documented was grossly inaccurate. Indeed, some hadn't mentioned the clitoris at all.

You may read more of this article on smh.com.au/health 8th Sept 2005.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 2006

7th March Erectile Dysfunction

April Tantric Sex and Sex Aids

Kerry Riley and Jo-Anne Baker

August Non-Monogamous Relationships

Kath Albury

Further information in the new year.

MEMBERSHIP

Fees for 2005-2006 are now overdue. Please send your fees in to 240 Riley Street, Surry Hills if you have not yet paid.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 7th February 2006 at 7-00pm at 240 Riley Street, Surry Hills 2010. All members welcome. We are looking for members and new members to join our committee and contribute new ideas to Assert NSW. At the AGM new Accreditation guidelines will be discussed and members will have the opportunity to discuss the document presented.

ASSERT NSW CHAT GROUP

Assert NSW is offering a chat group for members as an opportunity to network and supervision for those members who don't live or practice in the Sydney metropolitan area. Please register at Yahoo.com and forward your details to info@assertnsw.org.au. We will advise members when the chat times are organised.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SEXUAL HEALTH

Assert NSW continues its association with the university in development, maintenance and teaching of Counselling Strategies in Sexual Health. For further information on courses available go to www.usyd.edu.au/sexualhealth/

WORLD CONGRESS OF SEXOLOGY 2007

Dr Margaret Redelman has been very busy promoting our conference. Under the direction of Dr Margaret Redelman Assert National President we look forward to a very successful conference and an opportunity for all of us in Sexology to be involved. The World congress in Sydney 15/19 April 2007 will offer many opportunities for members to become involved in a wide range of social and educational activities. We encourage your participation. Please register your interest through the Assert NSW office. For more information see www.worldsexology.org

LETS GO SHOPPING

As an Assert Member discounts are available for the following:

A Sponsor at our education meeting, LOVING ANGELS is offering ASSERT NSW an opportunity to raise some money by offering ASSERT NSW a small commission on any purchases made by members. Any money raised will go towards benefiting our members.

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Snippets from this years press 2005 by

SMH Thurs 9 June 2005

I'll have what she's having – the treat in Mum's genes

Studies in Australian and British female twin studies have found that the ability to achieve sexual satisfaction is largely inherited.

The many genes involved could be linked to differences in sex organs, hormone levels or psychological factors such as mood or anxiety.

Dr Dawood, from University of Chicago, said the division between genes and environment seemed about 50/50.

Tim Spector, St Thomas's Hospital, London suggested that the female orgasm could have evolved as a way for women to weed out unsuitable life partners. With women taking on average 5 times as long to climax as men – test of men's dependability, patience and caring? An Australian study by Dr Gemma O'Brien found that genes accounted for 31% of chance to orgasm during intercourse and 51% during masturbation, when complicating factors of partner's presence and skill were taken out of the equation.

SMH Weekend 16-17 July 2005

Cancer Vaccine for girls before sex life starts

Experts note unease over treating children before they are sexually active.

Early trials of a vaccine to protect women against cervical cancer show it could virtually wipe out precancerous disease as long as it was taken before they become sexually active.

? parental unease with inoculating prepubescent daughters.

SMH Weekend 16-17 July 2005

Condom campaign on the ball

India is mixing cricket and humour in a campaign to promote safe sex and fight AIDS.

In conservative rural India open talk about condoms is taboo. A recent ad in the national daily showed 3 wooden wickets covered by condoms with the caption "Save your wicket from unwanted googlies of life. Even in your favourite sport, you never know when you'll lose your stumps. Life is also unpredictable in the same manner. Why take chances?"

The Find SMH

Shop 'til you sleep

Compatibility Blanket, a half cotton half wool blanket to cope for the differences between the genders at night!!!

www.sleeplessnomore.com

Newsletter of Andrology Australia Issue 14, Autumn 2005

Low libido most common sexual problem in men

Australian research in 2003 revealed that 24.9% men experienced a lack of interest in sex for at least one month in the previous 12 months. This made low libido the most common male sexual problem for men between 16 and 59 years.

CONFERENCES COMING UP

International Society for Study of Aging Male (ISSAM)

Salzburg, Austria

From February 9-12

www.kenes.com



15th Annual Medico Legal Congress 2006

20-22nd February, 2006 Crowne Plaza Sydney

www.iir.com.au/law

Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR)

Philadelphia, Penns Landing

31st Annual Meeting. March 16-19, 2006. Hyatt Regency.

Contact ACOG for further info: YCousins@acog.org

Website: www.sstarnet.org

Sexual Dysfunction Clinical Practice Research and Trends

6-9 April 2006 Queenstown NZ

www.conferenceteam.co.nz/sexualdysfunction/

XIII Congresso Latino Americano de Sexologia FLASSES

Bahia of Salvador, Brazil

19th -22nd April, 2006

Dr. Ricardo Cavalcanti (Brasil)

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The 8th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology.

Prague, Czech Republic June 4-8, 2006. www.efs2006.czz

WPA international congress

Istambul, Turkey 12 - 16 July 2006

Website: <http://www.wpa2006istambul.orgg>

9th International Conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO)

6 - 9 September 2006

Website: <http://www.iatso.org/upcoming>

Men's Health Education Groups

Impotence Australia will be running Men's Health Groups. Partners are welcome to attend. The aim of the groups is to cover sexual matters. Information gained will assist Impotence Australia in determining needs of its consumers. Impotence Australia staff will run these groups.

For further enquiries please call

Impotence Australia on 92800084 or email: admin@impotenceaustralia.com.au

Albion Street Centre Education Unit

HIV, Hepatitis and Infection Control Courses see website for information and registration.

Email: albeducation@sesahs.nsw.gov.au

www.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/albionstcentre



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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