



ASSERT NSW NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2007

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Maria Caetano

Happy New Year and welcome to 2007.

This year promises to be an exciting year as the WAS conference will soon be upon us. At our recent AGM I was elected as President for another term as was Margaret Redelman as Vice President. Other committee members are Brett McCann, Jo-Anne Baker, Heide McConkey, Georgie Whelan, Serina Cauchi, Caroline Haski and we welcome new to the committee Allison Macbeth. We look forward to a productive year with support from our committee and our members. Members are an integral part of this association and we endeavour to meet our member's needs. However, it would be great to receive some feedback as to what we are doing well and what we are not doing well, so that we can better serve your needs.

At the WAS conference in Sydney on April 15-19, 2007 ASSERT/WAS members will have a separate stall to promote books they have had published in the last 4 years. There will be allocated times to talk about the book and sign copies. It will be a great opportunity to promote your work to your colleagues and overseas visitors. If you are interested in this opportunity please let us know.

The scientific programme for the conference is excellent and I would like to thank Dr Chris McMahon who has put in an enormous effort and time to create this excellent programme.

Don't miss out, register today on www.sexo-sydney-2007.com/register.htm

ASSERT NSW EDUCATION MEETINGS

Our next education meeting will be on **Tuesday the 13th March 2007.**

This session's topic will be on "Married Men who Have Sex with Men" a PHD study being conducted at Sydney University by Mr Jeff Hudson. This represents an excellent learning opportunity for those who are new to the field and those of you who are students.

Future dates for education meetings will be....

22nd May 2007

21st August 2007

6th November 2007

Please note your diaries and bring along a friend who maybe interested. Don't miss it!

Enquiries Phone: (02) 9280 0151.

6-30pm for 7-00pm start.

Albion St Centre Crown St Surry Hills

Cost: \$10.00 for members.

Light Refreshments available.

ASSERT NSW MEMBERSHIP

Renewal fees for 2006-2007 are now well overdue.

If you have not paid your 2005-2006 fees, then both will have to be paid to continue your membership. Please forward your payments as soon as possible.

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 or contact Georgie Whelan on whelang@bigpond.net.au
Chat group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8-00pm EST. We are currently looking at an alternative day of the week.

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/

Assert NSW, Impotence Australia, Sydney University and Healthpac Medical centre are collaborating on a project to training Traditional Chinese Medical Physicians and Allied Health professionals in sexual health. We are very happy to be part of this project.

WORLD CONGRESS OF SEXOLOGY 2007

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. If you are attending an International conference, please advise us as you maybe able to assist us in promotion of Sydney.

The Sexual Attitudes Reassessment Seminar (SARS) will be part of the congress program. Workshops are now closed.

Accreditation

Accreditation documents are currently being reviewed and hope to be finalised at the very latest in April 2007.

LETS GO SHOPPING

As an Assert Member discounts are available for the following:

The Pleasure Spot

Great books, sex toys and videos for the therapist. 10% discount to members: order via pleaspot@ozemail.com.au

The Written Word

Great books and tapes on sex, sexuality and relationships and other. 12.5% discount to members.

Order via email: customerservice@writtenword.com.au

Web Site: www.writtenword.com.au

Gelworks

Lubricants with different flavours and textures at a discount price.

Order thru Impotence Australia: admin@impotenceaustralia.com.au

CONFERENCES COMING UP

The Royal Australian College of Physicians, The Australian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine 2007 NSW Scientific Meeting

Friday 2nd March 2007

For more Information

Email: sexualhealthmed@racp.edu.au

Web: www.racp.edu.au

1st Global Conference Persons, Intimacy and Love, Probing the Boundaries

Tues 20th - Thurs 22nd March 2007

Salzburg Austria

www.inter-disciplinary.net/ptb/persons/pil/pil1/cfp.html

Sex, Love and Intimacy Working More Effectively with Individuals and Couples

13 to 19 May 2007

Sorrento, Calabria, Italy

Website: www.italyseminars.com

Contact name: Ronald Pilato, PsyD

2nd Annual African HIV/AIDS Update and Church Leadership Development Conference

07 June 2007

Nairobi Kenya

A multi-tracked conference focusing on HIV/AIDS, Womens Issues, Child Advocacy, Disabilities and Church Leadership Development. I.M.A.G.I.N.E. you can change the world.

March 2007

11 [ARV Drug Supply Management Training Dates](#) Pretoria South Africa

23 [Interrogating Diversity: Understanding Issues of Contemporary Surveillance and Policing](#) Washington DC

25 [HIV Vaccines: From Basic Research to Clinical Trials](#) Whistler Alberta Canada Canada

April 2007

14 [Best Practices To Achieve Global Goals - A Unite For Sight Conference](#) Palo Alto California

15 [XVIII congress of the world association for sexual health](#) sydney Australia

16 [8th International Workshop on Clinical Pharmacology of HIV Therapy](#) Budapest Hungary

20 [Texas Tech Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Love](#) Lubbock TX

29 **NEW** [4th SAHARA Conference on the Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS](#) kisumu Kenya

CONFERENCES COMING UP (Continued)

May 2007

04 [HIV Management 2007: The New York Course](#) New York NY

07 [International Colloquium on Tourism and Leisure](#) Chiang Mai Thailand

13 [Sex, Love and Intimacy: Working More Effectively with Individuals and Couples](#)
Sorrento Italy

Dr. Marty Klein presents a seminar examining ways of helping patients communicate about love, sex and intimacy. 20 CE Credits for Psychologists, MFTs, LCSWs, AASECT

23 [Crucial Issues in HIV Diagnosis and Management in South-East Europe](#) Belgrade Serbia

31 [ACTHIV](#) Dallas Texas

June 2007

02 [Queer Studies Graduate Symposium: Queerness and Violence](#) Davis CA

07 [3rd International Workshop on HIV and Hepatitis Coinfection](#) Paris France

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24 [Transformations, renewals and reconfigurations in Southern African historical studies : only skin deep?](#) Johannesburg South Africa

The aim of this conference is to focus on innovative research currently taking place in Southern African historical studies. Research on any period, whether it be in detail or sweeps broadly across themes and centuries is welcomed.

July 2007

06 [Second International Doris Lessing Conference](#) Leeds United Kingdom

19 **NEW** [9th International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions and Lipodystrophy in HIV](#)
Sydney Australia

22 [4th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention](#) Sydney Australia

23 [Sexual histories: bodies and desires uncovered](#) Exeter United Kingdom

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.....

Phone: (02) 9280 0084

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

Web: www.sesahs.nsw.gov.au/albionstcentre

RESEARCH

Maria Caetano is currently researching The Effects of Prostate Cancer on Sexual Intimacy in Heterosexual Relationships at Sydney University.

If you know any couples who have been together for 15 years or more and would like to participate, please refer to Assert NSW office.

If any members are currently researching and would like it listed in our newsletter, please email us.

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