



ASSERT NSW NEWSLETTER JUNE 2006

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Maria Caetano

I have recently returned from overseas, where I attended the EFS Conference in Prague. Margaret Redelman and I had a wonderful time promoting our WAS Conference in Sydney next year to European sexologists. They just adored the little koala bears we gave out as souvenirs. If the interest expressed in Sydney leads to registrations, then we should have a very successful conference. This is a very exciting time to be involved with ASSERT NSW and our profession, so get involved and help if you can.



FROM THE PRESIDENT: Maria Caetano (Continued)



ASSERT NSW EDUCATION MEETINGS

Our next education meeting will be on the 8th of August on Non Monogamous Relationships by Katherine Albury. Please note your diaries and bring along a friend who maybe interested. Don't miss it! Enquiries 92800151. Albion St Centre Cost \$10-00 for members.

ASSERT NSW MEMBERSHIP

Renewal fees for 2006-2007 will be going out at end of June. If you have not paid your 2005-2006 fees, then both will have to be paid to continue membership. Please forward your payments as soon as you receive your invoice.

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.

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

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. Due to changes in Professional Conference Organisers the Early Bird Registration has been extended to **31st August 2006**. Please register your interest at www.sexo-sydney-2007-com/register.htm

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
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

1st Rotterdam Symosium on Cancer and Sexuality

11th July 2006

Information & Subscription: e.vandenberg@erasmusmc.nl

WPA International Congress

Istanbul, Turkey 12-16 July

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

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

6-9 September 2006 Hamburg Germany

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

CONFERENCES COMING UP

ISSM 2006 – 12TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SEXUAL MEDICINE

Cairo Egypt 17-21 September 2006

www.issm2006.info or office@issminfo2006.info

ASHM & SEXUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

18th ASHM CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 11-14 OCTOBER 2006

To be held in conjunction with the

3rd ACH2 Workshop 8-11 Oct 2006 and the 2006 Sexual Health Conference 9-11 Oct 2006.

<http://sexualhealth2006.com.au/>

http://www.ashm.org.au/2006_conf

THE FIRST ASIA OCEANIC CONFERENCE OF SEXOLOGY (FAOCS)

9TH ASIAN CONFERENCE OF SEXOLOGY

Bangkok Thailand 1-4 November 2006

SSSS ANUUAL MEETING SEXUAL FANTASY VERSUS REALITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR SEXUAL RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

9-12 November 2006 Las Vegas USA

Information and Subscription: TheSociety@sexscience.org

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 it's 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

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. Chuan Shu Jiao is currently researching Sensory Nerve Reactions. For more information contact our office or Impotence Australia on 92800084. If any members are currently researching and would like it listed in our newsletter, please email us.

News

The Post- Orgasmic Prolactin Increase following Intercourse is greater than following Masturbation and suggests Greater Satiety.

Research indicates that prolactin increases following orgasm are involved in a feedback loop that serves to decrease arousal through inhibitory central dopaminergic and probably peripheral processes. The magnitude of post orgasmic prolactin increase is thus a neurohormonal index of sexual satiety. Using data from three studies of men and women engaging in masturbation or penile vaginal intercourse to orgasm in the laboratory, we report that for both sexes (adjusted for prolactin changes in a non sexual control condition), the magnitude of prolactin increase following intercourse is 400% greater than that following masturbation. The results are interpreted as an indication of intercourse being more physiologically satisfying than masturbation, and discussed in light of prior research on other sexual activities.

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Homosexuality, Transvestism and Transsexuality; Reflections on their Etiology and Differentiation.

This article was first published in The American Journal of Psychotherapy, Vol 11, 1957, pp.80-85. Prince distinguishes three types of male who may share "the desire to wear feminine attire". She argues that although Havelock Ellis and Magnus Hirschfeld had distinguished transvestism from homosexuality almost 50 years earlier there was still a tendency to confuse the two. Arguing that the "discovery" of transsexualism and the possibility of sex reassignment surgery had further complicated the picture, she distinguishes the homosexual and the transsexual from what she calls the "true transvestite." True transvestites are exclusively heterosexual. They value their male organs, enjoy using them and do not want them removed.

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