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BRIDGING THE GAPS:
Sexual Health, Rights, Justice, and Pleasure for All

Call for Abstract

The Scientific Committee of the World Association of Sexual Health (WAS) invites all participants to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations at the 26th Congress of WAS.

- Presenters may indicate their preference for oral presentation, poster presentation, or symposium.
- Abstracts should be submitted in **English**.
- Abstracts can only be submitted electronically.
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book (digital format) only if registration and payment of registration fee have been received.

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 April 2023

Please submit your abstract via the website: www.was2023.org.

Abstract submission guidelines

Please follow the submission guidelines carefully. Abstracts that do not follow the guidelines will not be considered. Corrected abstracts cannot be accepted.

Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts by email.

- Submitted abstracts will be evaluated on scientific merit and originality by the International Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts must be written in English, and, if accepted, the presentations will also be in English.
- The total number of abstracts allowed to be submitted by the same author is 3.

The WAS Scientific Committee will decide on the final format (poster or oral/symposium) of the presentation. Accepted abstracts will be assigned for presentation in an online virtual session or a moderated poster session by the WAS scientific Committee. High quality abstracts in select categories may be chosen for presentation in a Symposium Session.

Abstracts not selected for Oral Presentation, Symposium, or Moderated Poster Sessions will be considered for presentation(s) as a regular poster. Please check the box if you do NOT wish your abstract to be considered for this option.



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Preparation of Abstracts

SIZE

Abstracts are limited to 300 words. The abstract title, names of authors and affiliations are not included in the word count. Please do not submit any tables or figures in the abstract.

TITLE

The title should clearly describe the topic and contain no abbreviations. The title should be as succinct as possible, preferably no longer than 10 words.

AUTHORS

All author names should be included. List the primary author's full name, followed by the other authors' names. Spell out completely the names of all authors using full first name, middle/initial and last name (maintain consistency in authors' names on multiple abstracts to avoid duplication in the Author Index). Authors' affiliations should be indicated by numbered superscripts with the name of the respective institution(s), city, and country typed in upper and lower case and single-spaced without using full-stops.

Presenting Author

If the author(s) of the abstract is an employee(s) of or has a financial relationship with the commercial interest which controls the content of the presentation, then he/she cannot be the presenting author. However, principal investigators responsible for research and development are permitted to present as long as they resolve their COI and as long as they are not employees of the commercial interest. In all printed publications the name of the presenting author will be underscored.

Please note: As of 20 June 2023, no changes to the Presenting Author will be made in the Program/Abstract Publication.

BODY OF ABSTRACT

Abstracts must be submitted using one of the following formats:

Quantitative Research Studies

- Introduction & objectives
- Method(s) and Sample
- Results
- Conclusion & recommendations

Qualitative Research Studies

- Introduction & objectives
- Method(s) and sample
- Findings & discussion
- Recommendations



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Educational Experiences

- Introduction & rationale
- Project / Population and settings
- Outcome
- Discussion & recommendations

Activism

- Introduction & rationale
- Action and Population group concerned
- Outcome
- Discussion & recommendations

Historical Studies

- Introduction and objectives
- Approach
- Sources
- Findings & discussions

- The authors are fully responsible for the quality and styling of the abstract contents.
- Please type the abstract single-spaced with no indentations, starting each paragraph on a new line. Do not include non-standard symbols, as they will not be recognized and may be displayed wrongly.
- The inclusion of results, or perspectives or new hypotheses is expected for, in particular, abstracts reporting on quantitative and qualitative studies.
- Standard abbreviations may be used but should be spelled out the first time and followed by the introduction of the abbreviation between parentheses.
- Proprietary names of drugs are allowed only with the symbol [™]; generic and molecule names should be used preferably.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

The source of grant support must be indicated. If there is no support “None” must be listed. This is a required field in the submission process.

Abstracts deemed to be submitted for marketing purposes only will not be accepted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed. The submission process will not allow abstracts to be submitted without this information being completed for each author listed on the abstract.



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CATEGORY LIST

Authors must select a suitable track and topic (only one) from the provided list below.

Tracks

1. Sexual Rights & Ethics
2. Social & Behavioral Sciences
3. Clinical Sciences & Therapy
4. Basic Science
5. Sexual Medicine
6. Public Health and Public Policies
7. Education

Topics

1. Aging and sexuality
2. Allied health professions (e.g., nursing, midwifery, etc.) and sexuality
3. Child sexual abuse
4. Chronic disease and sexuality
5. Commercial sex work
6. Comprehensive sexual education
7. Compulsive sexual behavior/hypersexuality
8. Consensual nonmonogamy and simultaneous partnerships
9. Contraception, abortion, family planning and sexuality
10. Couple and marital sexualities
11. Disabilities and sexuality
12. Drug use and sexuality
13. Erotic art
14. Gender and sexuality
15. Gender dysphoria & gender incongruence
16. Genital mutilation
17. History of sexuality/sexology
18. Human and sexual rights
19. Infidelity
20. Law, ethics, and sexuality
21. LGBTQIA2S+ identities
22. Minority and marginalized populations
23. Paraphilias
24. Pornography
25. Professional training

26. Psychiatric disorders and sexuality
27. Race/ethnicity and sexuality
28. Religion and spirituality
29. Reproductive health (pregnancy, contraception, and sexuality)
30. Romantic love
31. Sex and relationship therapy
32. Sex and relationships
33. Sexting
34. Sexual behaviour, attitudes, and beliefs
35. Sexual development
36. Sexual disorders and dysfunction
37. Sexual fantasies and imagery
38. Sexual health
39. Sexual justice
40. Sexual medicine
41. Sexual pleasure and wellbeing
42. Sexual psychophysiology and anatomy
43. Sexual rights
44. Sexual satisfaction and well-being
45. Sexual violence or sexual trauma
46. Sexuality in institutions (mental, educational, hospitals, prisons, etc)
47. Sexually transmitted infections
48. Standards of care
49. Stress, depression, and sexuality
50. The biology and genetics of sex
51. The Internet, social media, and sexuality
52. Transgender, nonbinary, and gender diversity
53. Youth, adolescence, and sexuality
54. Other

KEYWORDS

Authors must provide up to 3 keywords that best describes the subject of the abstract.

Please do not submit the same abstract more than once. If changes to your already submitted abstract are necessary or in case of problems encountered during the process of submission, please contact us by email (secretariat@was2023.org) at any time before the deadline.

NOTE TO ALL PRESENTERS

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to amend or change any part of the submission guidelines without prior notice.