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**PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting  
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(Early Tuesday morning through Friday evening)



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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Video and/or audio recording of any session(s) or parts thereof is not permitted without prior approval from the International Academy of Sex Research

### INVITED PLENARY SPEAKERS

\*Titles and order subject to change

**The Richard Green Founding President Annual Presentation** (*Chair: Sari van Anders*)  
**Peter Hegarty.** What social cognition research offers to the debate between sexuality research as “discursive” vs. politically-neutral science.

**Invited Plenary Speaker** (*Chair: E. Sandra Byers*)  
**Nicola Doering.** Sex toys, sex dolls, sex robots: Our under-researched bedfellows.

### SYMPOSIA

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#### **SYMPOSIUM I: Transgender Health Research in Spain**

*Organizer and Chair: Antonio Guillamon*

- Esther Gómez-Gil. Transgender health care in Spain: An overview.
- Ángel Gómez. The role of identity fusion in the clinical and psychosocial process of sex reassignment.
- Rosa Fernández. Molecular bases of gender: Androgen and estrogen receptor interaction.
- Antonio Guillamon. An animal model of the effects of the feminization treatment on the adult male brain.

#### **SYMPOSIUM II: Moving Beyond HIV Prevention: Sexual Health Promotion for Gay and Bisexual Men**

*Organizer and Chair: Trevor Hart*

- Trevor Hart. GPS: A program to reduce sexual compulsivity, loneliness, and sexual risk behavior among HIV+ gay and bisexual men.
- Jason Mitchell. Findings from the Male Couples Agreement Project: Who included what in their agreements?
- Michael S. Boroughs. Development of a transdiagnostic psychosocial intervention to address a history of bullying among emerging adult sexual minority men.

**SYMPOSIUM III: Out with Cancer: LGBTI Experiences of Sex and Intimacy after Cancer**

*Organizer and Chair:* Jane Ussher

- Simon Rosser. The experience of gay and bisexual men following prostate cancer treatment.
- Lisa Rubin. Reconstructing sex: Sexual minority women's psychosexual adjustment following breast cancer and mastectomy.
- Jane Ussher. Embodying sexual subjectivity after cancer: Examining the intersections of gender and sexual identity.

**SYMPOSIUM IV: Current Developments in Research Assessing Attitudes Toward, the Prevalence of, and Experiences with Consensual Non-Monogamy**

*Organizer and Chair:* Justin Lehmler

- Justin Lehmler. The prevalence of consensually non-monogamous relationships in a demographically representative U.S. sample.
- Ashley Thompson. Assessing young men's and women's implicit biases toward consensually non-monogamous relationship styles: An application of the Implicit Association Test.
- Rhonda Balzarini. The role of relationship acceptance and secrecy in commitment processes and time spent on sex in monogamous and polyamorous relationships.
- Katarzyna Grunt-Mejer. Polyamory in the experts discourse: The mechanisms of pathologization.

**SYMPOSIUM V: Sexual Function Problems in Adolescents and Adults**

*Organizer and Chair:* Kirstin Mitchell and Lucia O'Sullivan.

- Ruth Lewis. Title to be determined.
- Kirstin Mitchell. Sexual function in British 16-21 year-old youth.
- Lucia O'Sullivan. Problems in sexual functioning among adolescents and young adults: Findings from longitudinal research and qualitative interviews.

**SYMPOSIUM VI: Non-Western Third Genders**

*Organizer and Chair:* Doug VanderLaan and Paul Vasey

- Doug VanderLaan. "Third" genders in Thailand: Sexual orientation profiles and developmental correlates.
- Francisco Gomez. The evolution of male androphilia in the Zapotec Muxes.
- Matthew Stief. A non-self report measure of sexual interest applied to hijra, kothi, and panthi in Mumbai, India.
- Behzad S. Khorashad. Conceptualization and clinical context of transgenderism in Iran.

**SYMPOSIUM VII: Social and Biological Effects of Chronic Stress among Socially and Economically Marginalized Sexual and Gender Minorities**

*Organizer and Chair:* Brandon Hill

- Brandon Hill. Immune response and inflammation among racial/ethnic minority transgender women and sexual minority men with chronic environmental stressors
- Rick Crosby. Trauma and telomeres: The moderating effects of resilience and stable housing among transgender women in the U.S.
- Tim van de Grift. Transgender body image and its role in psychosocial well-being.

**SYMPOSIUM VIII: (Presidential Symposium) Women's Sexual Well-Being**

*Organizer and Chair:* E. Sandra Byers

- Kristen Mark. Bisexual and straight women's sexual well-being in the context of their long-term relationships with men.
- Melanie Beres. Creating spaces for pleasure: How women shape relationships to suit their needs.
- Jenny Higgins. The intimate link: Sexuality's critical role in women's contraceptive use (and vice versa).

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: Yes, Women Are Just as Satisfied with Sex as Men Are, and Other Surprising Things I Learned in 40 years of Sex Research.** E. Sandra Byers

## CALL FOR ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

### POSTERS

We will be holding two poster sessions (Tuesday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 18, 2018).

All attendees are encouraged to present a poster at the meeting. A cash bar will be available (and potentially some complimentary beverages). The poster session remains a high priority for the Academy, and posters account for the majority of our abstracts. Participants may submit a maximum of *ONE* poster presentation *where they are first-author*. **The first-author must present the poster and no individual can present two posters.** As a corollary, poster presenters must register and attend the meeting for the poster to be presented. Posters from the same lab should be distinct from one another, even if coming from the same data or research project.

**Poster abstract submission deadline: April 6, 2018**

Note: Poster abstracts will be judged, accepted or rejected by April 20, 2018.

### BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

We will be accepting 17 abstracts for Brief Communication Presentations (plus one Brief Communication awarded to the Best Student Manuscript Winner). All Brief Communication oral presentations will be 10 minutes in length (plus 2-3 minutes of questions). Only first authors will present. A committee of IASR members, chaired by the President-Elect, will anonymously review abstracts.

**Brief Communication abstract submission deadline: March 1, 2018**

### DATA BLITZES

We will be accepting 10 abstracts for Data Blitz Presentations. Data Blitz Presentations will be 5 minutes each, with a max of 5 slides per presentation. One extra minute will be allocated to a brief question. A committee of IASR members, chaired by the President-Elect, will anonymously review abstracts.

**Data Blitz abstract submission deadline: March 1, 2018**

### AUDIOVISUAL REQUIREMENTS

We strongly advise all presenters to prepare their talks using PowerPoint (and not alternate presentation software). A media projector with a Mac and PC laptop equipped with PowerPoint will be provided for Invited Lectures, Brief Communications, Data Blitzes, and Symposia. It is advisable to bring more than one format (e.g., both a memory stick and emailable version) as a backup. Please email requests for other audiovisual equipment by **May 1, 2018** to the Secretary-Treasurer ([iasradmin@gmail.com](mailto:iasradmin@gmail.com)) so that the feasibility can be determined ahead of time.

**ABSTRACT AND PROGRAM BOOKLETS**

IASR encourages its attendees to join the organization in going green. An electronic abstract book will be distributed to all participants immediately prior to the meeting and posted on the IASR website after the meeting; hard copies of the abstract book will be available to those who requested a copy during online registration.

An electronic program booklet will be emailed to all attendees shortly before the meeting. Hard copies will also be available on-site for all attendees.

## CALL FOR BRIEF COMMUNICATION, DATA BLITZ, AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are requested from researchers interested in presenting their scientific research in the form of Brief Communications, Data Blitzes, and Posters. **Abstracts must be submitted online:** <https://www.iasrsite.org/abstract-submission-form>

**Abstracts should comfortably fit on 1 page, single-spaced, 12-pt Garamond font, with 1” borders around. This is an immutable format, so plan accordingly.**

Note the following carefully and follow the example on the next page:

- NEVER WRITE YOUR ABSTRACT IN ALL CAPS.
- Proofread your abstracts. No copy-editing is performed on the actual text of your abstract. That is, **how you submit it is how it will appear**. If English is not your native language, it is *highly* recommended you have it proofread for English grammar.
- If there is no funding associated with your research, simply type in “None”
- Failure to comply with any of these rules and suggestions may result in your abstract being returned for further formatting.

**For Brief Communications and Data Blitz presentations**, you may submit **one abstract** for consideration. The first author is the person expected to present the paper. Brief Communication and Data Blitz presenters, if selected, must register for the conference. Research that is **not** selected as a Brief Communication or Data Blitz is automatically considered for Poster presentation. There is no need to submit it twice. The deadline for submission is **March 1, 2018** for Brief Communications and Data Blitzes.

**For Poster abstracts**, you may submit one poster presentation for which you will be the presenter. You must also be the first-author on it. You will be expected to present the poster, in person, if it is accepted. If accepted and you are not able to attend the meeting, the poster will not be presented or published in the abstract booklet. Poster presenters must register for the conference by the early-bird deadline. The deadline for submission of Poster abstracts is **April 6, 2018**.

**For invited speakers and all symposia presenters**, abstracts should follow the same rules as above (i.e., fit on 1 page, be single-spaced, written in 12-pt Garamond font, with 1” borders around). If relevant (i.e., you are summarizing one or two studies), please follow the **sample abstract below**. Plenary speakers, presenters within symposia, and the Academy President (for the presidential address) should submit these abstracts before **May 1, 2018 through the website**.

**This is an example of your abstract title: It should be bolded, in mostly lower case letters, and centered**

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Insert the text of your abstract here. Your abstract (plus the key words, funding sources, and any references you choose to list) **must** fit comfortably on 1 page, single-spaced, 12-pt Garamond font, with 1" borders around.

**Key Words:** Insert key words here.

**Funding Sources:** None



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BEST STUDENT MANUSCRIPT

To be eligible for consideration, you must be:

- 1) a student at the time the manuscript was written
- 2) a student member of IASR in good standing (i.e., dues paid),
- 3) first author of the manuscript (and the work should be substantially the work of the first author).

Articles currently under submission or review, in revision, accepted for publication, or published in the past calendar year will be considered. If the manuscript is not already submitted or accepted elsewhere, the student will be encouraged to submit the manuscript to the Archives of Sexual Behavior, where it will undergo the usual peer-review process. Past winners are ineligible. We will accept one submission per student per year. When submitting, remember to de-identify the manuscript and submit it as a .doc or .docx. Ensure that your supervisor or mentor sends a brief letter/email of support as well. Nominations can take the format of an IASR member advisor sending the S-T an email confirming/supporting the student's work. A formal letter is not necessary. The deadline for nominations is **February 22, 2018**. Submit your manuscript via email to the S-T at [iasradmin@gmail.com](mailto:iasradmin@gmail.com).

## CALL FOR THE IASR STUDENT RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AWARD (IASR SRDA)

**Purpose:** To provide funds to support mentored research that fosters the development of research skills and intellectual development of IASR student members beginning a career focused on sexuality research.

**Eligibility:** Please read the criteria below.

- Recipients may be students from any discipline who are engaging in sex research. Students must be matriculated in a graduate program. Persons with completed terminal degrees (for example, those in post-doctoral programs) are not eligible unless working toward a second degree (e.g., another Masters, PhD, MD, or JD). In those few cases, verification is required and he/she should contact the S-T before submitting any material.
- IASR student membership is required prior to application. Dues must be paid for the current and any relevant previous years.
- Collaboration and support of at least one qualified research mentor is required. Mentor membership in IASR is not required.
- Though attendance at the annual conference is advisable, it is not a prerequisite of being awarded the SRDA. That is, applicants do not need to attend the annual IASR meeting to be considered for the award. Awardees will be announced during an award ceremony.
- Previous winners are ineligible.

**Requirements:** Please adhere to the requirements below. Make sure to assemble your application and complete the form on IASR website: <http://www.iasrsite.org/srda>

- 1) Description of the rationale for the contribution of your study, its goals, potential contributions, and the specific research questions and/or hypotheses you will be address (max 3500 characters).
- 2) References you used to support your study using APA style (max 1800 characters)
- 3) Description of the methods you will use to achieve these aims (max 3500 characters).
- 4) Description of your overall program of study, the status of the proposed project, and how the proposed research fits into and builds on your program of study (max 1800 characters).
- 5) A letter of support from the identified mentor(s):
  - a. appraisal of: (a) the strengths and weakness of the proposed research; (b) the student's research potential; and (c) how this research fits with the students' overall program of study, career plans, and the timeline of their program. (max 1700 characters)
  - b. description of mentor's role in ensuring the successful completion of the proposed research that is, your mentoring plan. (max 1000 characters)

**Award Amounts:** \$1,000 USD. Funds will be made available in currency of the recipients' choice (Euros or US dollars). Two applications will be selected for award.

**Expectations Following the Award:** After accepting and using the IASR SRDA funds, awardees are expected to provide:

- A project summary sent to the IASR officers at project completion
- Acknowledgement of IASR support for *any* project-related scientific presentations or publications.

**How to Submit the Application (for New Applicants) or Project Summary (for Past Recipients):** Complete the form on the IASR website; form will be available by May 1, 2018.

**Deadline for Submissions: May 1, 2018**

**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Nomination for Best Student Manuscript	Feb. 22, 2018
Submission of Brief Communication Abstracts	March 1, 2018
Submission of Data Blitz Abstracts	March 1, 2018
Submission of Poster Abstracts	April 6, 2018
Symposia, Presenter, & Presidential Abstracts	May 1, 2018
Submissions for the IASR SRDA	May 1, 2018

\*\*More information on the conference hotel, registration fees, and social excursion will be made available in early 2018.

