On September 20th -22nd 2012, our great family met in Madrid (Spain), on the occasion of the eleventh Congress of our Federation.

A special thank to Miren Larrazabal Murillo, President of the Congress, Salvo Caruso, President of the EFS Scientific Committee, and all invited speakers for their support and for their hard work during the last months. Further, I would like to thank our Member Societies, stressing their key role for the good realization of the Congress. Thank you for your support and your motivation to help the EFS to continue its scientific work.

In Madrid we had interesting moments with old and new friends and colleagues. It was a great meeting and we were happy to have such a big participation of young people. The European Parliament and Commission have recently recognized the importance of youths, and the EFS has decided to give voice to young sexual advocates creating the EFS Youth Initiative Committee.

This Congress has also given the opportunity to start the restyling of our website, thank to EFS Youth group, with different new contents and pages, scientific news, incoming events, and many other outstanding topics. This will make our website a state of the art user-friendly “e-showcase”.

During the General Assembly, two different BIDs for the next EFS Congress were presented. I’m happy to announce that Prof. Mehmet Sungur and the Turkish Association for Cognitive and Behavioral Psychotherapies will host the XII Congress of the European Federation of Sexology at Istanbul in 2014. I would like to welcome everyone to our next congress in advance and I’m proud to underline the scientific, but also social and cultural importance of this congress in Turkey.

Maybe, for the first time our biennial congress will be joint with the annual ESSM congress. The economic difficulties that affect the international Congresses in the last years have stressed the possibility to share energies, strenghts and scientific quality to obtain an unforgettable and unique Congress. I hope to give you the definitive announcement as soon as possible.
11th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology in Madrid

A wonderful time

Gold medals

During the opening ceremony, Gold medals were awarded to Piet Nijs (Belgium) Luca Incrocci (the Netherlands) Petr Weiss (Czech Republic) for their important contributions to research in the field of sexology.

Meeting at Brussels

Public Policy Exchange Meeting
“Young People and Sexual Health”
Brussels, May 15, 2012

On May 15, Moshe Mock took part in a very important professional meeting held in Brussels, as the representative of EFS. The purpose of the meeting was to present data, exchange information and establish a professional networking alliance from which future research and intervention in the area of young people’s sexual health may evolve.

Key participants in this meeting were leading professionals in the field of sexual health, who presented various epidemiological studies as well as an intervention agenda that focus on the promotion of sexual health among young people (under the age of 25 in Europe).

Topics of presentations in the meeting have focused on ways to improve data collection regarding behavior indicators related to HIV/STI across Europe (Dr. Brenda Spencer); Delivering sexual information to young people (Dr. Christine Klapp); Intervention approaches for sexual health with young people (Christiana Nöstlinger, PhD); Sexual health research in the Netherlands (Prof. Dr. Ine Vanwesenbeeck); and a review of a comprehensive approach to disease prevention (Kaye Wellings).

Fruitful and productive discussions were held following each presentation by the group of participants.

Participating Countries

European Countries
Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom.

Other WordWide Countries
Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Israel, Mexico, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, USA, Venezuela.

The 11th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology was held in Madrid from 20 to 22 September 2012.

Miren Larrazabal, the President of the Organizing Committee, and Chiara Simonelli, the President of the European Federation of Sexology, provided an attractive and varied scientific program where men, women, and couple’s issues were discussed with particular attention to some of the less well investigated aspects of the human being’s sexual health. Therefore a vital debate on the many different areas of sexology was started, supported by interesting research findings.

The theme of the Congress, “Promoting sexual health: a pathway to happiness”, was chosen to emphasize the aspiration to improve all aspects of sexual health through the promotion of correct scientific information. For this goal, some of the prominent experts of the several fields of sexology, medicine, psychology, sociology, jurisprudence, physiology and biology, were invited to present the most recently-updated knowledge and innovation in their disciplines.
The success of the Congress was the result of the participation of many delegates from 20 countries of the European Union and 19 non-European countries (including physicians, psychologists, nurse, teacher and social workers), of many students (21%) and of a rich scientific program that has included 7 pre-congressual workshops, 13 master lectures, 15 lectures, 7 symposia, 4 plenary sessions, 12 oral papers, 5 round tables and 3 gold medals. During the sessions, there were many important contributions presented from different scientific perspectives and the involvement of the participants created interesting discussions. 199 abstracts were accepted, and the scientific level of the 94 oral presentations and of the 105 posters was excellent. The Congress also hosted numerous workshops, symposia and round tables organized in cooperation with various national and international scientific groups including ESSM (European Society of Sexual Medicine), AISM (Academia Internacional de Sexología Médica), FLASSES (Federación Latinoamericana de Sociedades de Sexología y Educación Sexual), FISS (Federazione Italiana di Sessuologia Scientifica), AIHUS (Association Inter-Hospitalo-Universitaire de Sexologie), SPSC (Sociedade Portuguesa de Sexologia Clinica), FESS (Federación Espanola de Sociedades de Sexología), ASESAS (Asociación Española de Andrología, Medicina Sexual y Reproductiva) and WAS Youth Initiative (World Association for Sexual Health). Further, the new direction of the Unesco Chair “Sexual Health & Human Rights” was presented by Alain Giami, new Scientific Director of the Chair.

Bayer Italy and Bayer Spain have sponsored the event. The Congress achieved a high level of technical debate and research, combined with the excellent cultural amenities that Madrid offers to the visitors, and concluded with a reminder of the next important appointments at Porto Alegre (Brazil) in 2013 for the 21st Congress of the WAS and at Istanbul (Turkey) in 2014 for the 12th EFS Congress.

The new EFS Website is born!
http://www.europeansexology.com

The EFS Executive Committee and the EFS Youth Committee are glad to announce that the new website contains all useful information about the Federation, the member list of the Executive and Scientific Committees, an updated list of our member societies, past and upcoming congresses, our newsletters and some important material. Everybody can freely download this interesting material.

We hope that the website can become a benchmark for members of the Federation that want to stay up to date on news and congresses. The EFS will be happy to receive suggestions and critics to help us make this new website an even better tool for our members! Please, contact us:

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About 30% of the European population is made off youths. Youths in the European Region face many challenges with regard to sexual health: rising rates of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI), unintended teenage pregnancies, sexual violence and risky behaviors (WHO Europe, 2010).

The reinterpretation of youths as ACTIVE sexual health subjects – developing an own romantic and sexual identity – rather than just passive sexual education recipients, can contribute to a more tolerant, open and sexually respectful social climate.

The EFS Youth Initiative Committee aims to bring information and critical thinking about youth’s sexual health both to the senior scientific community and to young people themselves! Other specific objectives are: supporting the EFS and its initiatives and contributing to the further development of the Federation; monitoring and evaluating the youth sexual rights and education in Europe; arranging symposia or roundtables concerning European youth sexual health.
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10th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ANDROLOGY
23-26 February 2013
Melbourne, Australia
www.ica2013.com

MARCH 13-16, 2013  VENICE, ITALY
15th WORLD CONGRESS ON HUMAN REPRODUCTION
13-16 March 2013
Venice, Italy
www.humanrep2013.com

MAY 22-25, 2013  COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
1st GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON CONTRACEPTION, REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH
22-25 May 2013
Copenhagen, Denmark
www.eschr.eu/events/esc-events/2013

SEPT 21-24, 2013  PORTO ALEGRE, BRASIL
21st WORLD CONGRESS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH: SEXUAL ISSUES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART
21-24 September 2013
Porto Alegre, Brasil
http://www.2013was.com

SEPT 18-21, 2013  BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
X CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGY
18-21 September 2013
Bruxelles, Belgium
http://www.seg2013.com/
A special greeting to ...

Professor Jean-Yves Desjardins

The EFS regrets to bring you news of the passing of Professor Jean-Yves Desjardins, past September, at the age of 80, following a long illness.
Professor Desjardins was Co-founder of the first Department of Sexology at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM). As a true sexologist in the biopsychosocial sense of the discipline - psychologist, criminologist & clinical sexologist – he greatly helped to develop research and teaching in clinical sexology in Northern America and beyond. His vision on human sexuality was also brought to the general public in the 70’s in radio programs, magazines and numerous other initiatives.
Thus, thousands of men and women benefited from the expertise of Prof. Jean-Yves Desjardins improving the quality of their sex life and love relationship.
The loss of Professor Jean-Yves Desjardins will be greatly felt in the global sexological community among researchers, educators and clinicians alike.

Professor Axel R. Fugl-Meyer

We are sorry to announce that Professor Axel R. Fugl-Meyer is dead in Uppsala on 17 July 2012 at 77 years of age. He was well-known internationally for his contributions to the conceptual aspects of rehabilitation, for his system for the assessment of patients after stroke.

Axel R. Fugl-Meyer was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, and received his medical degree from the University of Copenhagen, followed by his PhD in 1962. In 1972, he earned his DMSc from the University of Göteborg in Sweden, Department of Medical Rehabilitation. In 1975, Axel R. Fugl-Meyer was appointed Clinical Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Norrland University Hospital in Umeå, and subsequently Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at Umeå University. In 1995 he left Umeå to become Professor in Uppsala, where he continued his interest in clinical work and research in patients with brain injury. Axel was co-founder of the Swedish Society of Sexology and received the Career Award at the annual ESSM Congress in Lyon in 2009. One of Axel’s last positions was on behalf of the International Society for Sexual Medicine (ISSM) as co-chair of the standards committee’s subcommittee on Female Sexual Dysfunction.
He published more than 100 papers and worked within the areas of respiratory deficits, motor functioning after stroke, and the effect of early and late intervention after head injuries, and in rehabilitation medicine the “Fugl-Meyer Assessment Scale” is the gold standard for the clinical assessment of motor function, balance, sensation, and joint function in patients with poststroke hemiplegia. Axel has made significant contributions to the field of Sexual Medicine, most notably his epidemiological studies describing sexual problems and his work in developing assessment scales for sexual dysfunction, often in collaboration with his wife Kerstin Fugl-Meyer.

We will remember Axel R. Fugl-Meyer for his devoted interest in both theoretical and practical clinical aspects of rehabilitation. No doubt he made important contributions to the international development of rehabilitation medicine, not least through his publications in this journal.