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## AOFS Committee 2010-2012



AOFS committee members present at the AGM Bali 2010

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Inside this issue



Prof. Adimoelja

**Prof. Adimoelja** is a professor at the University of Airlangga, Surabaya, In donesia and the first specialist in Andrology in Indonesia . He completed his medical studies at the Medical Faculty of Airlangga University in 1963. He then specialized in Andrology , Reproductive Medicine and Sexology at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. In 1974. He obtained his doctorate in Andrology from the Faculty of Medicine Airlangga University in 1984 .

He is head of the Dept of "Men's Health, Sexual- and Aging-Health annex Andrology Clinic Naval Teaching Hospital Dr. Ramelan / School of Medicine Hang Tuah University, Surabaya, Indonesia.

## Invitation to join AOFS from Dr Adimoelja



Dr Arif Adimoelja

May I, on behalf of all Colleagues of AOFS congratulate Dr. Reiko Ohkawa on organizing the AOFS XII Congress in the year 2012. The years of AOFS as the regional association of Sexology are growing. As part of WAS we all have the responsibility to work harder to achieve a better and best , sexual health life in for our region in the upcoming years.

The conference in Matsue is for both education and socialization so we achieve our goals of sexual health and AOFS supports a better Quality of Life of man-kind through sexology and sexual health education.

Prof. Arif Adimoelja,  
President AOFS 2010-2012

## Letter from Dr Rosemary Coates, President WAS



Dr Rosemary Coates

The Asia-Oceania Federation of Sexology (AOFS) is one of five Regional Federation Members of the World Association for Sexual Health. Representing the most populous and diverse region, AOFS has the greatest potential to promote sexual health and sexual rights to a significant proportion of the world's people.

As part of its commitment the AOFS Congress hosts a biennial Congress. The 2010 Congress was held in Bali, Indonesia. In 2012 the Congress will be in Matsue, Japan and in 2014 it will be held in Australia. These meetings bring together a wide variety of professionals, including academics, researchers, clinicians, behavioural scientists, educators and NGO representatives. The richness of these meetings is reflected in the diversity of experiences, cultures and languages. It is a unique opportunity to make a significant contribution to the overall well-being of many.

The scientific programme coupled with the interaction and networking made possible by such a gathering is an experience not to be missed. We look forward to your participation and your enjoyment of what we have to offer.



## Notes from Glasgow WAS Conference

An ad hoc committee meeting was held in Glasgow to take advantage of the attendance of many members. Attending the World conference creates a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and work on one's continuing education in the field of Sexology.

The main discussion points were the need for promotion to encourage new members to join the organisation, sponsorship, the relationship with the Sexual Health Journal, need for an AOFS Newsletter and official AOFS website.



Members of the AOFS committee who attended the WAS Conference

## 12th AOFS Conference, Matsue, Japan



### Date

August 2-5, 2012

### Venue

Kunibiki Messe  
Shimane Prefecture Convention Center Matsue, Japan

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## Convention Centre, Matsue



The convention site is located on the Japan Sea Coast not too far from Kyoto and Osaka, and it is a well known sight-seeing spot, having beautiful scenery, rich historical and cultural background, and traditional delicious Japanese dishes.

However the reason of selecting Matsue City for the convention site is more than that. Matsu Castle (constructed in 1611) is a national Important cultural property, and the Sunset of Lake Shinjiko is a representative picture taking spot of Japan. Further, Izumo area, which is currently bounded as Shimane Prefecture, was actually the Kingdom of Japanese Shinto Gods, headed by God Okuninushi during the prehistoric times. The Imperial Family is supposed to have been authorized to rule the land by the God Okuninushi and other legendary Gods in the form of legends.

## Invitation from Conference President, Dr Reiko Ohkawa



Dr Reiko Ohkawa

All the sexologists in Asia and Oceania are cordially invited to participate in the 12th Asia-Oceania Congress of Sexology in August, 2012. The Congress program aims at promoting our noble goal of Sexual Health worldwide by stimulating scientific discussions in the academic areas of sexual medicine, human sexology, sexuality education and other related fields. Particularly the participants from Asia and Oceania region are most welcome to join the Congress.

The Congress will take place in Matsue, Japan. This is in the center of the legendary home town of the Japanese spirit and the Great Izumo Shrine is located nearby, where it is believed all the legendary marriages of the Japanese Gods and people were administered. By attending the Congress you will definitely enjoy the beautiful traditional Japanese scenery and culture, as well as advancing your academic knowledge in sexology and its education.



## Greetings from the Scientific Committee

The program structure of the 12<sup>th</sup> AOCS consists of Plenary Sessions, Symposia, Oral Sessions, Poster Presentation, Social Programs, Luncheon Meetings and the Special Sessions open to the public.

Our congress theme is “**Promotion of Sexual Health in Asia-Oceania**”, and we will cover the latest findings regarding sexual health issues in the region. Moreover we want to introduce you to some interesting and important findings on sexuality by leading Japanese researchers.

### Plenary Session Speakers are:

**Dr. Rosemary Coates:** WAS President

Topics: Sexuality and Ethics

**Dr. Reiko Ohkawa:** President of 12thAOCS

Topics: Female Sexual Dysfunction

**Dr. Kwansung Park:** Professor Department of Urology, Chonnam National University, Korea,

Topics: Male Sexual Dysfunction

**Mariko Hasegawa Ph.D.:** Professor, School of Advanced Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Sokendai, Japan

Topics: To be determined

Prof. Hasegawa is a true pioneer who has opened the eyes of the Japanese to behavioral ecology and evolutionary study of human behavior and psychology. She started her research with animal behavior and her recent research topics are:

Homicide by men in Japan: the relationship between age, resource and risk-taking: Life history and reproductive strategies in humans and chimpanzees: Sexual selection and mate choice among the blue peacock.

Recently Japanese National TV has aired her lectures on sex and sexuality.

### The Speaker for the Special Session open to the public is:

**Masahiro Morioka,** Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at Osaka Prefecture University, Japan and Director of Research Institute for Contemporary Philosophy of Life. He is a leading researcher on male sexuality in Japan.

In 2005, he introduced Japan to a brand new perspective on male sexuality with his book titled “The Insensitive Man, A philosophical essay on male sexuality”. He is the first male researcher who openly discussed men’s sexual insensitivity and their rejection of their own bodies. Next, he published a book titled “Lessons in Love for Herbivore Boys” (2008). This is a how-to book on love for gentle, inexperienced young men. The term “herbivore boys (men)” became very popular in the Japanese mass media and was reported worldwide. This book also serves as a practical

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Please accept our sincere appreciation for the very thoughtful concern and kind words of encouragement expressed by the international community in relation to the terrible events in Northeast Japan that started with the earthquake on March 11, 2011. There may be concerns about the situation at the Fukushima nuclear plant but please understand that the congress venue in Matsue, is located in the most western part of mainland Japan, more than 600 kilometers away from Fukushima. Therefore, we hope we can reassure you that there is no danger at all with traveling to Matsue. We are very excited about the conference and look forward to welcoming our guests from around the world for an positive and productive event.



## AUSTRALIA : ASSERT National : [www.assertnational.org.au](http://www.assertnational.org.au)

**ASSERT National** is Australia's peak sexology organisation with affiliated state organizations in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT. ASSERT National holds a biennial conference which rotates between the states, while state branches hold regular education meetings covering a broad range of sexual topics. ASSERT Victoria will be hosting the next conference in Melbourne in 2012.

Two Australian universities have graduate programs in Sexual Health. Sydney University where the program has recently been moved under the wing of the Medical School and Curtin University in Perth.

Ms Lynda Carlyle is the National and Victorian President of ASSERT. She is an ASSERT National accredited Sex Therapist. She has a Master of Health Science (Sexual Health) and is undertaking a Master of Couple & Relationship Counselling, having recently completed Relationship Australia's Specialist Course in Couple Therapy.



Lynda Carlyle

## SEXUAL HEALTH JOURNAL: [www.publish.csiro.au/journals/](http://www.publish.csiro.au/journals/)

This journal is an interdisciplinary journal of sexual health including HIV/AIDS and sexually transmissible infections, published in Australia, but focusing on the Asia-Oceania region. AOFS is working to develop a better relationship with the journal. We invite all our members and researchers in the region to submit articles and research outcomes to the journal. The editor is open to increasing the sexuality content of the journal if we all act to increase submissions.

## Invitation to participate in Newsletter

Our region, Asia covers a wide area and many diverse cultures. In order to achieve our goals of increasing the sexual wellbeing of our region we need to unite through networking, education and participation in joint ventures. This Newsletter is one way for us to work together in sharing information on activities happening in the region and what individual sexual health professionals are doing.

We ask that all members of AOFS contribute to this newsletter by submitting their country's Sexology Conference and educational meetings information, information on special education/professional development programs, outcomes of sexological or education programs, acknowledgement awards given to members of AOFS, fun activities held by members and anything else that you feel would be of interest to other members of AOFS. Photos are welcome. We are planning 3 editions per year.

There will be a regular section on each member country to introduce what is happening there.

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Warm regards

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