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"Reconnecting and Redefining Transgender Care"

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# WELCOME ADDRESSES

# Welcome Address from the EPATH President

Dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 4<sup>th</sup> EPATH meeting entitled "Reconnecting and redefining transgender care", on behalf of the EPATH Board, the Scientific Committee and the Programme Organizing Committee. EPATH is designed to support scientific and professional interaction among all fields in transgender health, and wishes to promote the mental, physical and social health of transgender people in Europe.

I will never forget the time many of us said goodbye last time in Rome. Little did we know what was going to happen in the world and for all of us. But continuing the excitement and the momentum of EPATH 2015, held in Ghent, Belgium, EPATH 2017 in Belgrade, Serbia, and EPATH 2019 in Rome, Italy, the Programme Organizing Committee has again gathered European, international and local experts to build a new scientific symposium. EPATH addresses key issues in the discipline and related areas, at clinical, basic and translational levels, and promises again to be an exciting forum for discussion, learning and networking.

We always make sure the title of our conference is very meaningful. 'Reconnecting' is obvious; it's something most of us are in need for nowadays; we have all missed our scientific families and EPATH is among the first conferences to have a large on-site attendance, next to the online possibilities. 'Redefining' transgender care is a challenge for all of us working in this field. Many established centres are dealing with long waiting lists, and new centres or individual caregivers are eager to get started and their help is much appreciated. The implementation of emerging new data and findings create the need for rewriting older guidelines, while many older assumptions are being challenged and social and legal setting evolve.

The strong interest in EPATH continues to grow, as again we received many abstract and workshop submissions. The scientific programme has been made based on rigorous and double-blind peer review of the submitted abstracts for all oral, posters and workshops submissions by the EPATH Scientific Committee. The presenting authors have been selected based on the quality of their submitted scientific research. Accepted abstract are presented as Oral Presentations, Round tables or Posters.

In total, the EPATH programme features plenary lectures by global opinion-leading scientists, 12 round tables covering the most salient topics in current transgender health, 6 State-of-The-Art symposia and many oral or poster presentations, out of a total of 207 submissions. This event will again be a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with the renowned experts and upcoming researchers and clinicians in our field.

Our popular plenary sessions 'Transgender Health Care in Europe' and 'The Year in Review' stay in the programme. Don't miss these, because you will learn about clinical services and practices from different parts of Europe, and get a synoptic review of notable recent literature in various sub-specialities of transgender health. Attending those sessions will save you a lot of time later on, as the speakers took on the task to summarize all recent and relevant research data.

Furthermore, the EPATH board holds its promise to organise a free public event as part of each EPATH conference, in which keynote speakers present actual challenges in the academic, clinical and policy domains of transgender health care. This time we will focus on data-driven transgender healthcare, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the backlash to trans rights. With this open session, the EPATH board hopes to foster the dialogue between civil society, politicians and academics in the region the conference is held, and opens its doors to those not able to attend scientific conferences. We could not resist dedicating one specific session on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; it would be strange if we ignored this topic.

As during the previous editions, and in line with good governance arrangements, all attendees, speakers, sponsors and volunteers at the conference online or on-site, are required to agree with our Code of Conduct. We expect cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe environment for everybody. The code of conduct can also be found at <a href="https://www.epath.eu">www.epath.eu</a>.

We encourage each of you to listen, to learn, to disagree, to debate, and if required to argue, and most of all to enjoy both, old and new friendships. We also urge you, within the possibilities, to take advantage of our social programme and online communication channels that aim to create an environment where you will meet your colleagues with plenty of time to network.

We are confident that EPATH 2021 Gothenburg will strongly reflect the mission of EPATH: to foster the European knowledge and skills in transgender care, to facilitate and extend the bonds between European countries in transgender care and to spread the results of research and experiences by publishing reports and

organizing scientific conferences and meetings and to collaborate with international organisations with the same or related aims.

An organisation such as EPATH is evolving. During this conference, we invite all EPATH members to our general assembly, where the new board members will be announced, and all EPATH members will be able to vote for the location of the next conference. We will also listen carefully to your suggestions for future editions, and to learn how the organisation can continue to grow. And if you are just happy with what we do, also let us know.

The city of Gothenburg may need some introduction. It's a friendly city on the west coast of Sweden, where you'll find a vibrant cultural scene, world-class restaurants, a fascinating history and sustainable living. Lonely Planet chose Gothenburg as 2021's best sustainable city stay. We hope that you will find the time, before or after the conference to find out about this location.

We thank our Swedish hosts of this Conference for their collaboration, and hope you enjoy the congress and consider EPATH 2021 Gothenburg as a valuable contribution to your professional development.

Prof. dr. Guy T'Sjoen,

**EPATH President** 

# Welcome Address from your Local Host

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my great pleasure on behalf of the Programme Organizing Committee of the European Professional Association for Transgender Health and the Swedish Professional Association for Transgender Health, to welcome and invite you to attend the 4th European conference between 11th and 13th of August 2021 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

This year has certainly been challenging, and every one of you has felt the impact of COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, the board of EPATH first made the decision to postpone the conference in the hope of arranging the conference in the usual "face to face" manner. At the same time, we learned new ways to keep up to date and to communicate. Recent innovations in information technology are now available to share knowledge and remain connected. In our continuous effort to support you in this field we are delighted to offer you a conference using a hybrid approach.

For the health and safety of our members, participants and staff, the Programme Organizing Committee will follow the regulations of the Public Health Agency of Sweden.

The theme of the conference is "Reconnecting and Redefining Transgender Care". Two years after our previous meeting, and a pandemic which has required human interactions and conferences to become virtual to a large extent; we wish to truly reconnect with known and new colleagues. It is now time to redefine transgender healthcare, based on our recent insights, new health protocols and evolving social and legal contexts. The conference will, as always, center around the broad spectrum of transgender health, including social and legal aspects. EPATH continues to foster European knowledge and continuous improvements in clinical skills, education, and human rights in transgender health.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable conference.

Your local host,

Attila Fazekas,

President of the Swedish Association for Transgender Health

# WELCOME TO GOTHENBURG

Situated in the heart of Scandinavia, on the west coast of Sweden, Gothenburg combines distinct charm with the pulse of modern urban life and creative atmosphere. The tram rattled streets are lined with cosy cafés and restaurants. With the city's coastal location, you will be on a ferry in less than 30 minutes from the downtown area, to explore the tranquil archipelago.

Gothenburg and West Sweden offers an exceptional combination of city life, culture and nature. Historical and contemporary attractions and activities are mixed with a wide repertoire of entertaining shows, sports, cultural events, shopping, fairs and exhibitions. A number of prominent cultural institutions are found on five minutes walking distance. View the unique collection of Nordic art at the Museum of Art or enjoy Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall, just a few minutes' walk from the exhibition centre.









Visit <a href="www.goteborg.com">www.goteborg.com</a> for more inspiration on what to see and do in Gothenburg.

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

# Conference Venue

The  $4^{th}$  EPATH Hybrid Conference will be held in the auditoria  $F_4 + F_5$  at the Gothia Towers in Gothenburg.





Gothia Towers is located in central Gothenburg, right in the thick of things on Korsvägen, just a couple of blocks from the restaurants and nightclubs on fashionable Avenyn. It is close to the city centre with excellent transport links, right next to Scandinavia's biggest amusement park Liseberg, Scandinavium and everything the entertainment district has to offer. The auditorium can welcome up to 260 people (taking into account the current COVID-19 regulations and restrictions).

The Gothia Towers can be found at the following address:

Mässans gata 24 412 51 Göteborg, Sweden +46 (0)31-750 88 oo gothiatowers.com

The hotel can be reached from the Göteborg Landvetter Airport (GOT) by the airport bus or by taxi.

# **Registration & Information Desk**

On-site registrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> EPATH Conference were closed on August 1th. Due to the strict health regulations, we cannot accept new on-site registrations at the desk. At arrival, please come to our registration desk in Gothia Towers to receive your conference booklet & badge.

Guests staying overnight at the hotel will also need to do an additional check-in at the hotel check-in counters. If you want to storage your luggage, require taxi services or any local transportation, or touristic information, the reception and information desk of the hotel will be very pleased to welcome you.

# Food, Beverages and Dinner

### Welcome reception

All on-site registrants for the EPATH Conference are invited to the welcome reception with drinks and appetizers on **Wednesday August 11**<sup>th</sup> **at 20:00**. The reception will be hosted by Gothia Towers' staff and will take place in the Expo Hall & Foyer.

### Coffee breaks

All on-site registrants for the EPATH Conference are very welcome to the coffee breaks that will take place in the Expo hall + F-foyer. During the conference there will be 4 coffee breaks of 30-45 minutes with coffee, tea, juice, and a snack. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it is mandatory to sit during breaks.

#### Lunch

All on-site registrants for the EPATH Conference can enjoy lunch on **Thursday August 12**<sup>th</sup> **from 13:15 to 14:15**, which will take place in in the Expo Hall & Foyer.

#### **Conference Dinner**

The Conference Dinner of the 4<sup>th</sup> EPATH Conference in Gothenburg will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 20:00 to 24:00** at **Restaurant 1923** located in Liseberg Theme Park (Örgrytevägen 5, 402 22 Gothenburg). The location is only a 5-minute walk from Gothia Towers.







Participation in the social dinner and event is not included in the registration fee for the EPATH Conference, which means that an additional registration is required. The maximum amount of attendees is 120.

Both registrants and non-registrants for the EPATH Conference can join the social event by completing the registration form (scan QR-code below) as well as transferring the registration fee of  $\epsilon_{75}$  to the EPATH account:

**EPATH i-vzw** 

IBAN: BE55 7360 5286 3044

Description: 'SOCIAL EVENT - First and last name'.

The social event consist of a three-course dinner and drink package.



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# **Conference Rooms and Stages**

All plenary sessions will take place in the auditoria F<sub>4</sub> + F<sub>5</sub> in Gothia Towers and will be live-streamed via the Ex Ordo digital platform for registered conference participants. The Opening Session will be live streamed through a public Zoom link.

All other sessions (i.e. oral and poster presentations, State-of-the-Art Symposia, and round tables) and the accompanying live Q&A will be accessible through the Ex Ordo digital platform. These sessions and all the pre-recorded presentations can be followed from home or your hotel room. Please bring your personal laptop & headphones with you and attend your preferred talks. Go to <a href="https://epath2021.exordo.com/">https://epath2021.exordo.com/</a> and log in with your account.

# **Useful information**

### **Emergency Numbers**

In case of an emergency please call 112.

### Nearby pharmacy

The closest pharmacy to the Gothia Towers is located within a 5-minute walk: Apoteket Korsvägen, Korsvägen 1, 412 54 Göteborg.

In case you need medical attention, please contact the Hotel Front Desk on the ground floor. They will contact a doctor or make sure other arrangements to suit your needs.

# **SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME**

# Programme overview

For the latest version of the programme, please visit <a href="https://epath2021.exordo.com/">https://epath2021.exordo.com/</a> or download the PDF from our website: <a href="https://epath.eu/conference-2021/programme/">https://epath.eu/conference-2021/programme/</a>.

Please note that all prerecorded videos are available on demand from Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am CEST. You can watch them at your own time & pace. Bring your laptop & headphones!

All the **sessions marked with bold** are taking place live in Gothia Towers.

Registration desk opens

### Wednesday 11/8/2021

11:00-14:00

14:00-16:00	<ul> <li>Plenary Opening Session: live keynote lectures in auditorium – live streamed &amp; open for the public</li> <li>Welcome address by prof. dr. Guy T'Sjoen, President of EPATH</li> <li>Welcome address by dr. Attila Fazekas, Conference hosts</li> <li>Welcome address by Håkan Eriksson, Deputy Lord Mayor (City of Gothenburg) and Per Tenggren (First Vice President of the Regional Council, Region Västra Göteland)</li> <li>Keynote talks - Chair: Guy T'Sjoen</li> <li>Martin den Heijer: Data-driven transgender healthcare: reconnecting personalized care and clinical research</li> <li>Timo Nieder &amp; Andreas Koehler: How the COVID-19 pandemic affects transgender health care in Europe – Results of the TransCareCovid19 survey</li> <li>Jorge María Londoño (TGEU) &amp; Jêran Rostam (RFSL): How do we survive and thrive during the backlash?</li> </ul>	
16:00-16:45	Coffee break	
16:45-18:30	Parallel stream sessions: prerecorded sessions (available at the Ex Ordo platform)	
18:30-18:45	Live Q&A through the digital platform	
20:00-22:00	Welcome Reception offered by the city of Gothenburg and Region Västra Göteland (Foyer – Gothia Towers)	
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### Thursday 12/8/2021

09:00-11:00

Plenary Session "The year in review" - <u>Live session</u>

This recurrent session offers a synoptic review of notable new literature in various sub-specialties of transgender care. The plenary session will consist of live presentations on site (F<sub>4</sub>-F<sub>5</sub>) which will be recorded and live streamed through the digital platform Ex Ordo.

Chair: Annelou de Vries.

- Mental health (adults): Prof. dr. Christina Richards
- Mental health (children and adolescents): Dr. Riittakerttu Kaltiala
- Endocrinology: Dr. Justine Defreyne
- Social and political sciences: Dr. Zowie Davy
- Reproductive health: Dr. Norah van Mello
- Voice and communication: Prof. dr. Evelien D'haeseleer
- Surgery: Prof. dr. Susanne Krege
- Law, politics and ethics: Prof. dr. Simona Giordano

11:00-11:45	Coffee Break	
11:45-13:00	Parallel stream sessions: prerecorded sessions (available at the Ex Ordo platform)	
13:00-13:15	Live Q&A through the digital platform	
13.15-14.15	Lunch break	
14.15-15.45	Round tables part 1: through digital platform Ex Ordo	
15.45-16.30	Coffee break	
16:30-18:00	Round tables part 2: through digital platform Ex Ordo	
18:15-19:30	Assembly meeting: live meeting in F4-F5 & <u>live streamed</u> (Zoom meeting) – members only	

### Friday 13/8/2021

# 09:00-10:30 Plenary Session "Transgender Health Care in Europe": - Live session.

This recurrent session offers insight in the organisation of health care in various countries on the European continent. Live presentations of lectures in auditorium & live streamed through digital platform Ex Ordo.

Chair: Christina Richards.

Sweden: Dr. Attila Fazekas
 Croatia: Prof. dr. Iva Zegura
 Denmark: Dr. Astrid Höjgaard
 Hungary: Dr. Noémi Bordás

10:30-11:15	Coffee break
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Parallel stream sessions: prerecorded sessions (available at the

Ex Ordo platform)

12:15-12:30 Live Q&A through the digital platform

12.45-13.45 Plenary Closing Ceremony – Live session
Closing ceremony in auditorium F4-F5 & live streamed through

digital platform Ex Ordo

# Scientific Presentations

This year's conference will take a hybrid format with a wide range of both onsite and online scientific presentations. The Conference offers **plenary lectures** by various keynote speakers, as well as **oral and poster presentations** and **State-of-the-Art-Symposia** in 8 different parallel stream sessions:

- 1. Mental Health (Adults)
- 2. Mental Health (Children and adolescents)
- Endocrinology
- 4. Reproductive Health
- 5. Voice and communication
- 6. Social and political sciences
- 7. Law, Politics, and Ethics
- 8. Surgery

Additionally, we offer 12 multidisciplinary round table sessions (previous workshops), which will address introductory issues and discuss current challenges in transgender healthcare and research.

Please find a full overview and read all abstracts at the online platform. Please note that any last-minute changes to the scientific programme will only be visible in the Ex Ordo digital platform.

### **Plenary Sessions**

All plenary sessions consist of keynote lectures take live from the auditorium in Gothia Towers. These sessions will be live-streamed via the Ex Ordo digital platform for those registered conference participants who are not on-site. All plenary lectures will be recorded and uploaded n the Ex Ordo platform afterwards.

### **Oral presentations**

The accepted oral presentations consist of **10 minute pre-recorded videos**. All oral presentations can be viewed via the Ex Ordo digital platform in the scheduled time slot and are followed by **15-minute live online Q&A** per session.

In addition, those who cannot participate in the live Q&A can also submit their questions to the author via the digital platform using the 'Post a question' function under each presentation. This question will be publicly visible.

### Poster presentations

A poster presentation is a visual presentation of study results. In our hybrid conference, and with the aim of holding a more sustainable conference, and thus avoid creating heaps of paper waste, we will use e-posters. Each e-poster will be displayed at the digital platform Ex Ordo in either PDF-format or as pre-recorded short presentation of 5 minutes.

E-poster presentations are not followed by live Q&A session but participants can contact the author through the digital platform if they have questions. All poster bundles will be released at the beginning of the conference.

### State-of-the-Art Symposia

The State-of-the-Art Symposia consist of several pre-recorded presentations followed by a live Q&A session afterwards. The total time allotted for each symposium is 60 minutes, including the live Q&A. These State-of-the-Art-

Symposia have one abstract in the program, but consist of multiple video presentations (depending on the number of presenters).

### Round tables

Round tables are interactive live discussions (online) in the format of a webinar on a subject in which participants share their knowledge and experiences from their professional and geographical backgrounds.

The time allotted for a round table is 60-90 minutes, the discussion with the rest of the audience included. The round tables will continue live through the digital platform and will take place on Thursday afternoon between 14:15 - 15:45 (time slot 1) and 16:30 - 18:00 (time slot 2).

### Committees & Stage Managers

The **Programme Organising Committee** for the EPATH2021 Conference consists of:

- Guy T'Sjoen (EPATH board, Belgium)
- Joz Motmans (EPATH board, Belgium)
- Annelou de Vries (EPATH board, The Netherlands)
- Timo Nieder (EPATH board, Germany)
- Walter Pierre Bouman (EPATH board, UK)
- Christina Richards (EPATH board, UK)
- Alessandra Fisher (EPATH board, Italy)
- Griet De Cuypere (EPATH board, Belgium) (WPATH-liaison-member)
- Marlon Buncamper (Belgium), (European Association For Gender Surgeons (EAFGS) liaison member)
- Leo Mulió Alvarez (Germany) (TGEU-liaison member, Health Officer)
- Attila Fazekas (Host, president of the Swedish Professional Association for Transgender Health, Sweden)

The following **Scientific Committee Members** helped us in ensuring a high quality conference:

STREAM Mental Health (Adults)

- Antonio Prunas (Italy)
- Attila Fazekas (Sweden)
- Els Elaut (Belgium)

- Griet De Cuypere (Belgium)
- Iva Zegura (Croatia)
- Jon Arcelus (UK)
- Sahika Yüksel (Turkey)
- Timo Nieder (Germany)
- Walter Pierre Bouman (UK)

### STREAM Mental Health (Children & adolescents)

- Angela Maria Caldarera (Italy)
- Anna I.R. van der Miesen (the Netherlands)
- Annelou L.C. de Vries (the Netherlands)
- Antonio Prunas (Italy)
- Gary Butler (UK)
- Jiska Ristori (Italy)
- Riittakerttu Kaltiala-Heino (Finland)
- Sahika Yüksel (Turkey)
- Thomas Steensma (the Netherlands)
- Walter Pierre Bouman (UK)

### STREAM Endocrinology

- Alessandra Fisher (Italy)
- Daniel Klink (Belgium)
- Dorte Glintborg (Denmark)
- Gary Butler (UK)
- Guy T'Sjoen (Belgium)
- Justine Defreyne (Belgium)
- Leighton Seal (UK)
- Mats Holmberg (Sweden)
- Matthias Auer (Germany)
- Yona Greenman (Israel)

### STREAM Social and Political sciences

- Amets Suess Schwend (Spain)
- Cianán Russell (Belgium)
- Janneke van der Ros (Norway)
- Joz Motmans (Belgium)
- Zowie Davy (UK)

### STREAM Surgery

- Jochen Hess (Germany)
- Luis Tollinche (US)
- Manraj Kaur (Canada)
- Marlon Buncamper (Belgium)
- Müjde Özer (the Netherlands)
- Romain Wiegert (France)
- Wai Gin Lee (UK)

#### STREAM Law, Politics, and Ethics

- Alexander Schuster (Germany)
- Cianán Russell (Belgium)
- Peter Dunne (Ireland)
- Stephen Whittle (UK)
- Zowie Davy (UK)

#### STREAM Voice and communication

- Alexandros N. Constansis (UK)
- Evelien D'haeseleer (Belgium)
- Ioanna Georgiadou (UK)
- Maria Södersten (Sweden)
- Sofia Holmqvist-Jämsén (Finland)

### STREAM Reproductive Health

- Emmy van den Bogaard (the Netherlands)
- Justine Defreyne (Belgium)
- Norah van Mello (the Netherlands)
- Wai Gin Lee (UK)

A hybrid Conference needs a lot of helping hands. We'd like to thank the following **Stage Managers** who helped ensuring the digital & logistical aspects of our hybrid format:

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- Chris McLachlan
- Quinn Arijs
- Solas H. Huguet

The EPATH Board of Directors wishes to thank all of you for your efforts in helping us setting up EPATH2021.

A special big thank you to Davo Maras & Aisa Burgwal, our EPATH staff, and our amazing host Attila Fazekas!

# **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

All EPATH Members of 2021 will receive a personal invitation for the General Assembly which will take place on Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 18:15-19:15 in the auditoria F4-F5 in Gothia Towers.

For those members not on site, the General Assembly will be live streamed. Please find the link for the live stream in in your personal invitation.

The following items will be on the agenda:

- 1. Overview of EPATH activities 2020-2021
- 2. Financial overview of 2020
- 3. Budget proposal for 2022
- 4. Outcome of the board elections 2021
- 5. Voting for the conference hosting of EPATH2023
- 6. Open discussion: all eligible members are invited to submit comments, suggestions and/or recommendations to improve the work of our association.

We hope to see you at the General Assembly!

# **SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

The following meetings are scheduled:

ENIGI endo meeting (closed meeting)

ENIGI psycho meeting (closed meeting)

ENIGI psycho + endo meeting (closed meeting)

EPATH/WPATH Board meeting (closed meeting)

# **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In line with good governance arrangements, all attendees, speakers, sponsors and volunteers at the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial EPATH Hybrid Conference are required to agree with the following code of conduct. We expect cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe environment for everybody. This code of conduct can also be found at <a href="https://www.epath.eu">www.epath.eu</a>.

The 4<sup>th</sup> biennial EPATH conference takes place in a friendly environment where everyone should feel welcome, safe and comfortable to share ideas and engage in open discussion without threat of intimidation or public humiliation.

We expect all conference participants to be respectful in person and online towards other delegates, speakers, organizers, staff and volunteers.

We expect all conference participants to behave and to use language that is respectful, non-pathologising and consistent with human rights standards, taking into account its shifting and complex contextual and cultural character. Ultimately this caution applies equally to transgender health and all other formal and informal settings in which human interaction takes place. Please refer to our Language Policy at <a href="https://www.epath.eu/language-policy">www.epath.eu/language-policy</a>.

We are committed to providing a harassment-free conference and training experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion. Harassment of participants, speakers, staff or volunteers in any form will not be tolerated.

Harassment includes offensive verbal comments, and other forms of using disrespectful and pathologising language inconsistent with human rights standards, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing, photography or recording without explicit consent, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. Conference participants asked to stop any harassing behaviour are expected to comply immediately. These policies apply in every space at the venue related to conference, and to all participants in every role.

If a participant engages in harassing behaviour, EPATH may take any action they deem appropriate, including warning the offender or expulsion from the conference with no refund. If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of conference staff immediately (in person or via <a href="mailto:contact@epath.eu">contact@epath.eu</a>).

We will be happy to assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the event, for example by providing escorts. Contacting police should be the last resource if this is required.

We expect conference participants online and on-site to follow these rules at all event venues, Ex Ordo Platform and related social events.

We trust that this code of conduct mirrors the views of the vast majority of our participants.

# **BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

Visit <a href="www.wpath.org/apply-for-membership">www.wpath.org/apply-for-membership</a> today to become a member of WPATH! If you reside in a European country, your membership will automatically include EPATH membership as well, join your colleagues.

### WPATH/EPATH Membership Benefits Include:

- Inclusion in the online WPATH/EPATH "Find a Provider" search tool
- Substantial Registration Discounts to all WPATH/EPATH conferences

   these offer an unparalleled opportunity to network with your colleagues
- Member Discount on all WPATH GEI training courses
- Free Online Access to the International Journal of Transgender Health (IJTH). Online access is available when you're logged into your WPATH account
- WPATH members residing in Europe are automatically also members of EPATH.
- Discounted Printed Copies of the IJTH 2020 printed 4 times per year at an additional cost of \$25. We do not send back issues of journals that have already been mailed, number of issues received is based on your member start date/payment.
  - The first two issues of 2021 are a double special issue, and it will be printed in late April/early May (although the online version is set to go up much earlier, in March); Issue 3 will be August; and issue 4 will be November.
- Access to all private WPATH member online resources; including our searchable member database, messaging, and forum tools
- Member-to-member networking via our exclusive members-only discussion forum platform
- Members Only official WPATH/EPATH emails
- Links to a variety of gender-related resources through our newsletter and website
- Participation in our Global Education Initiative (GEI) Certification program
- Opportunities to join WPATH task forces and committees
- And much more!

**Mission:** To promote evidence based care, education, research, public policy, and respect in transgender health.

**Vision:** We envision a world wherein people of all gender identities and gender expressions have access to evidence-based healthcare, social services, justice and equality.

Goals and Tasks: As an international interdisciplinary, professional organization, the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) will work to further the understanding and treatment of gender dysphoria by professionals in medicine, psychology, law, social work, counseling, psychotherapy, family studies, sociology, anthropology, sexology, speech and voice therapy, and other related fields.

WPATH provides opportunities for professionals from various sub-specialties to communicate with each other in the context of research and treatment of gender dysphoria including sponsoring biennial scientific symposia. WPATH publishes the Standards of Care and Ethical Guidelines, which articulate a professional consensus about the psychiatric, psychological, medical, and surgical management of gender dysphoria and help professionals understand the parameters within which they may offer assistance to those with these conditions.

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