

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



2<sup>nd</sup> Scientific Conference of the  
Asia Pacific Society for Sexual Medicine (APSSM)  
&  
1<sup>st</sup> Conference of the  
Aging, Gender, Andrology, & Sexual (Sciences)  
Society of India (AGASSI)

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my proud privilege to invite you to the APSSM-AGASSI Conference. This will be a momentous occasion because it is the first time that the more than two decades old APSSM is coming to the Indian sub-continent. It is also the inaugural conference of India's new society, AGASSI. Among other disciplines, AGASSI brings together scientists from different sub-specialty areas in sexual medicine. This is an encouraging first in this part of the world

The scientific program will feature many eminent dignitaries and opinion leaders from all over the world. Besides this, India, one of the oldest civilizations on earth, will provide a new travel opportunity to many of you. Mumbai, its most vibrant city, is well connected to most countries in the world, and has already played host to many international meetings. It is also a great hub for connections within India.

On behalf of the entire organizing team, I welcome all of you to the APSSM-AGASSI Conference. Mark your calendars!

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## Scientific Agenda

- ❖ Basic & Clinical Research
- ❖ Male Sexual Dysfunction
- ❖ Erectile Dysfunction (ED)
- ❖ Oral & Surgical Treatments for ED
- ❖ Female Sexual Dysfunction
- ❖ Ejaculatory Disorders
- ❖ Peyronie's Disease & Penile Curvature
- ❖ Psychosexual Issues
- ❖ Ageing (in all its aspects)
- ❖ Gender Medicine
- ❖ Alternative Sexuality & Gender Dysphorias
- ❖ Intersex Disorders
- ❖ Genital Reconstructive Surgery
- ❖ Priapism
- ❖ Andropause
- ❖ HIV/AIDS & Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- ❖ Social, Cultural & Historical Issues
- ❖ Other Topics
- ❖ **Pre-conference Workshops, including an Operative Workshop, are being planned.**

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# Welcome to India!



*The Himalayas in Gulmarg*

When it comes to tourism, few other places can match India for its cultural and geographic diversity, striking contrasts, and amazing prices. The 28 states and 8 union territories of India encompass a total area of 3.29 million sq km (1.27 million sq miles); about one-third the size of the U.S.. India's 1.1 billion people

speak more than 16 official languages and twice that many dialects. Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jains, Parsis, Buddhists and Jews all live together here, harmoniously for the most part. The socioeconomic disparity between the rich and the poor can sometimes be quite striking. Yet, India is one of the



*The Ladakh Valley*

fastest growing economies in the world today. About 70 % of its humungous population lives in its more than 550,000 villages. Some of these remote villages in forests, hills and islands are home to native primitive tribal peoples that are quite unaffected by modern civilization. The remainder of India lives in the



*The Thar Desert - Rajasthan*

200 odd towns and cities. At the bottom of it all, however, India's milieu is quintessentially democratic, and, whether rich or poor, its people are free.

Thus, umpteen opportunities await the tourist visiting India. If you are looking for landscapes and geographic beauty, you can pick and choose. You have the snow-clad Himalayan mountain peaks and ski slopes, valleys and forests, golden sandy deserts, and



*Alluring Goa*

the world famous sun-kissed beaches abutting on three seas - the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, and the Indian Ocean. There are also the tropical game forest reserves and sanctuaries which nurture



*Ranthambhor Forest*

many endangered species like the lion, the one-horned rhinoceros and the tiger, to name a few.



*Meenakshi Temple, Madurai*



*Buddha Monolith, Hyderabad*

If you are looking for religious shrines and pilgrimage centers, you can take your pick. There is something catering to every religion in every conceivable setting. Recently, India, the birth place of the Buddha, has emerged as an important center for Buddhist tourists.

In a civilization that dates back to 3200 B.C., history is everywhere to be seen. Those interested in ancient monuments and architecture can spend weeks in India checking out its breath-taking temples, mosques, palaces and forts, and still not have seen them all.



*Taj Mahal*



*Mysore Palace*

And if you want to shop for stuff that malls and arcades cannot always give you, like traditional ethnic jewelry, fabrics and handicrafts, that too at rock bottom prices, you can go berserk in India, and emerge richer from the experience, quite literally.

The conference venue, Mumbai, is a modern city with all infrastructural amenities, including top class hotels. It is also a major hub for travel connexions, not only within India, but also to neighbouring tourist destinations like Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives etc..



*The Gateway of India*



*Boating in Kerala*

On the whole, Indians are very friendly, and English is widely spoken, thus making it easy for tourists to find their way around by themselves. Also, the weather in December is very salubrious.

**Get ready for an unforgettable experience called India!**



*Ayurvedic Massage*



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- ❖ Indian Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors & Therapists (IASECT)
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