



The WPATH 21st Biennial Symposium,  
Oslo (Norway)  
June 17th - 20th 2009

Childhood - Adulthood  
Culture and Brain



First Announcement



The World Professional Association  
for Transgender Health, Inc.  
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As official airline SAS looks  
forward to seeing you aboard



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HEALTH AND CARE SERVICES



## President of WPATH

The XXI symposium of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health promises to be one of the most interesting and exciting to date. The conference theme of "Childhood, Adulthood, Cultures and Brains" covers all of the various challenges we face when working with our transgender clients.



All of us sometimes need to meet, some of us really do need new ideas, and most of us need to update our knowledge of this exciting field of work, and the new and interesting transgender cultures that are developing as we move into the 21st century.

This symposium welcomes the new cultural challenges as transgender services and health care spread throughout the world, into Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, the Far East and the former Soviet Bloc. Please join us, give your presentations, tell your research results and theorise ways forward, in order to meet the needs of trans people not just in Europe and the USA, but worldwide.

Stephen Whittle, OBE, PhD, MA, LLB(hons), BA(hons)  
President of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health

## Welcome to Oslo!

Dearest Colleage and friends,  
It gives me so much pleasure to invite you all to the capital of Norway, my beautiful city of Oslo for the 21st WPATH Symposium.



The WPATH, in partnership with the Norwegian organization for gender confirming treatment (LFTS). Supported by the gender clinic at the state hospital Rikshospitalet, Ministry of children and equality, Norwegian directory of health and Ministry of health and care service, welcomes you to share experience of teaching and learning, exchanging concern for gender health and defining strategies for the future.

The Oslo symposium will be unique. For the first time members of the government will join the WPATH symposium and we will have our own Scandinavian subject, where we will concentrate on the significant of collaboration between organizations and gender teams.

Please submit new material so we can share our knowledge. The scientific program of any conference ultimately depends on you for the submissions. Together, lets make the Oslo symposium fantastic for scientific content, camaraderie and lets not forget, a great holiday.

Warmest Best Wishes  
Tone Maria Hansen  
Local organizing committee chair

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# 1<sup>st</sup> CALL FOR PAPERS

**The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)**

***Formerly:***

**THE HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The purpose of the 21<sup>st</sup> WPATH/HBIGDA International Symposium is to present professionals with the latest advances in the research and treatment of transgender health. Presentations will address topics in several areas including surgery, psychology, endocrinology, medicine, law, social work, counseling, psychotherapy, family studies, sociology, anthropology, sexology, speech and voice therapy, and other professional fields relevant to transgender health. We invite all professionals, clinicians, researchers, and academics to submit relevant abstracts. There will be a variety of invited speakers, peer-reviewed individual oral and panel presentations, and poster sessions.

**Scientific Chair:** Stephen Whittle, PhD

**Co-Chairs:** Stan Monstrey, M.D and Walter Bockting, PhD

**The Scientific Committee invites submissions of the following:**

**Individual Oral Presentation length:** *Surgical - Total time* of 10 minutes / *Non-Surgical - Total time* of 15 minutes

**Panel Presentation length:** *Surgical - Total time* of 10 minutes / *Non-Surgical - Total time* of 15 minutes

**Posters should be mounted on a SINGLE 2 x 3 poster board ready for attachment with tacks to a display board**

**Abstract - Each submission must be:**

Suitable for publication in the volume of abstracts for the meeting, written EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR)  
12 point font Times New Roman / Margins of 1 inch (2.5 cm) all around / Single spaced / MAXIMUM OF 300 WORDS

**All abstracts to be submitted ON THE OFFICIAL SUBMISSION FORM by October 31, 2008 to [wpath@wpath.org](mailto:wpath@wpath.org) as an email attachment.**

**The official submission form can be downloaded from [www.wpath.org](http://www.wpath.org) and from [www.wpathoslo2009.com](http://www.wpathoslo2009.com)**



## Conference venue



## Holmenkollen Hotel

Located in the surrounding hills of Oslo, the hotel allows fabulous views over the city centre and the Oslo Fjord. You may even catch a glimpse of Elks at sundown, or if you prefer, the attractions of the capital city are just a stone's throw away.

Parts of the hotel date back to 1894 and the "National romantics" period. A rich cultural inheritance is blended with all the "mod con" facilities of a first class hotel. As well as gourmet restaurants, meeting and function rooms, the hotel also boasts a "Multi-purpose" hall measuring 1000Msq. Today we are one of Norway's largest conference hotels.



[www.holmenkollenparkhotel.no](http://www.holmenkollenparkhotel.no)



## Oslo the Capital of Norway



Oslo, the capital of Norway, is situated at the head of Oslo Fjord surrounded by forested ridges and is both a municipality and a county. Oslo is the seat of the Norwegian Government and Parliament, and the Royal Palace is situated at the end of Karl Johan Street - the main street of Oslo. The city's many astonishing features are unusual for a European capital.

The city limits encompass wilderness areas as well as an array of restaurants almost unparalleled in Scandinavia. Oslo City Hall is located in the city centre only a few hundred metres from the city's main street and overlooks Oslo Fjord filled with moored pleasure craft, shrimp trawlers, cruise ships, charter boats and ferries to all the islands.

### **Tourist Information**

There are three tourist information offices in Oslo;

- By the Central Station,
- By City Hall
- At the cruise ship terminal.

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## Social Program

On Wednesday, 17th June, 7pm all delegates are invited to a reception in the Oslo City Hall.



The opening ceremony will be held at the Oslo City Hall (Oslo Rådhus). The mayor of Oslo will wish us all welcome. The Oslo City Hall houses the City Council, City administration, and art studios and galleries. Its characteristic architecture, artworks, and the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony make it one of Oslo's most famous buildings. It is situated in central downtown Oslo.

### **On Friday 19th June, all delegates are invited to the banquet at Gamle Logen**

- Oslo's oldest and most beautiful venue for artistic and cultural events. "Store Sal" holds a long and colourful tradition of private and official banquets and balls. The Hall offers unique possibilities to combine gastronomical and musical pleasures.





## Attractions in Oslo



Oslo offers some 50 museums and many art galleries. Amongst the internationally known attractions are: the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum, the Munch Museum and Holmenkollen.

### **The Munch Museum**

One of the best-known paintings from the history of art is signed by the painter Edvard Munch. The painting is known by the name "The Scream", and for those interested in art and culture it symbolises the rich treasury that Oslo has to offer.

### **Vigeland Park**

Gustav Vigeland is Norway's greatest ever sculptor, and in the magnificent Vigelandsparken (Vigeland Park) we find a unique collection of his sculptures.

### **The Polar Ship Fram**

The entire original Arctic exploration ship Fram, built 1892, is exhibited with its original interior and inventory. The ship was used for three expeditions by Fridtjof Nansen.

### **The Kon-Tiki Museum**

The Kon-Tiki Museum is a private foundation, which houses a range of boats and artefacts from Thor Heyerdahl's expeditions. Here you can see the original Kon-Tiki raft (1947).



*The Royal Palace*



*Oslo Opera House*

### **The Royal Palace**

The Royal Palace is situated on a rise, the Bellevue, at one end of Oslo's main thoroughfare, Karl Johans gate. The Royal Palace is one of the country's most important buildings, and a concrete symbol of the course of Norwegian history since 1814.

The Royal Palace is where the daily work of the monarchy is conducted and where the King and Queen live. It is where the King presides over the Council of State, grants audiences and holds official dinners. The Royal Palace is open to the public during the summer season.

### **Oslo Opera House**

The Opera House in Oslo was inaugurated by King Harald of Norway on April 12 2008. The speaker in the first panorama is king Harald. Among the guests where Queen Margrethe of Denmark, Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, Princess Mette-Marit and Prince Haakon of Norway.

The Oslo Opera House is designed by the renowned architecture firm Snøhetta the company which also designed the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Like the opera house in Sydney it is situated at the harbour front. The Opera House is said to be the largest cultural building in Norway since the Nidarosdome.



## The World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Inc.

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

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

### **WPATH Executive Committee**

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WPATH was originally named  
after Harry Benjamin,  
M.D. (1885-1986)

Dr. Benjamin was one of  
the first physicians to work  
with gender dysphoric persons.





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LFTS are the National organization for gender confirming treatment in Norway. LFTS are proud to be the local organizer for the 21st WPATHsymposium in Oslo.  
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Mark your calendars  
we look forward to seeing  
one and all in Oslo!