

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Western Region
is pleased to present
Sexology Symposium in the Springtime Sun
(SSSSSSSS, for short)

April 9-11, 2010, Holiday Inn, Palm Springs, CA

Since our region will be hosting the Society's Annual Meeting in November, 2010, we've designed a new opportunity for members and friends to gather in the desert spring for a weekend of stimulating ideas and research, rich discussions among colleagues and, of course, plenty of fun.

Taking a cue from Plato, we're updating the Symposium, one of the most dynamic and liveliest forms of Greek discourse. Thoughtful and curious people would gather for good food and drink, while a small group of thinkers would present their diverse ideas on a single subject, such as "What is love?" All would get involved in a freewheeling debate and end up wiser (if not fatter) for their efforts.

Starting on Friday evening and running through Sunday morning, the Symposium will include discussions of the latest developments in sexology by five of the most passionate voices around. Stay tuned.

Separate breakout sessions will offer opportunities for discussion and debate after each presentation.

Our Saturday banquet will be a symposium with four different voices discussing "What is sexual health?" with lots of free-wheeling audience participation.

To allow plenty of time for unstructured relaxation and planned diversions, including an ongoing film festival, the symposium will include no concurrent sessions. However, there will be two pre-conference CE workshops on Friday and many other opportunities to earn CEUs.

The Symposium will offer special opportunities for emerging sexologists to present their research, including a student poster session and cocktail reception, with the unique opportunity for attendees to give feedback directly to the student presenters. And every student who wishes will be offered the support of a mentor to introduce them to leaders of the field and others with similar interests, and to make sure their hopes for full participation in this vital field are exceeded. More details soon in the Call for Papers.

What better way to throw off the winter blahs than to find yourself surrounded by friends and colleagues, stimulated by the program and enchanted by the bright desert sun at the Holiday Inn Palm Springs, completely renovated in 2007, the newest full-service hotel in this desert oasis. All attendees' rooms will be located in the same building, the better to enjoy networking and socializing. Take advantage of the low room rate of just \$119 single/double, free parking and much more! More information at: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/plmhi>

See you in April!

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