



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SYMPOSIUM CANCER & SEXUALITY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2012 - LYON - FRANCE  
INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER (IARC)

- CANCER AND SEXUALITY : WHAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE ?
- PROFFERED PAPERS
- ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN ONCO-SEXOLOGY : PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS
- WORKSHOP : "GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES ON CANCER, SEXUAL HEALTH AND INTIMACY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS" (AFSOS/ISSC)

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## Dear colleagues, dear friends

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium of the International Society of Sexuality and Cancer (ISSC) that will be held in Lyon, France, on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Until recently, the sexual side-effects or sequelae of both cancer and its treatment were too often considered a “price to pay” for surviving. However, even though the goal of cure remains a priority, the context of oncosexology is changing. As more and more patients live longer with cancer, both quality of life and well-being should include, irrespective of age, sexual health and intimacy as important parameters all along the cancer care continuum. However, published studies clearly indicate insufficient health professional and service response to the sexual consequences of cancer and its treatment with the exception of a few cancers (breast / prostate) or in specific centers or countries. Currently, the main obstacle lies in both a knowledge deficit and inadequate health care profile and access that must be corrected, especially as patients and their partners dare not speak about it.

In responding to the increasing demand from patients, partners and couples, the attitudes of patients and particularly that of health care professionals must change. This can be achieved through breaking the silence, legitimating the demand and by organizing better health care access. Treatment-induced sexual difficulties should benefit from the same quality of care and treatment as the other organic, psychological or social consequences, thus reducing the current worldwide inequality to oncosexological care access. As the challenge of cancer and sexuality clearly differs according to the health care system and sociocultural environment of each country, the solutions must be pragmatic and always well adapted to local resources. To establish routine access to oncosexology services will require us to inform and train all health care professionals in contact with cancer patients. Thus, knowledge and clinical skills are necessary for integrated assessment of the sexual well-being and consequences of people affected by cancer and its treatment in the practice of health professionals.

In response to these challenging problems, three topics will be discussed during the ISSC symposium: a) “Access to health care in oncosexology: problems and solutions”, b) “Cancer and sexuality: what differences between male and female?”, c) Proposition of international good clinical practice guidelines (AFSOS / ISSC) on “Cancer, sexual health and intimacy”. The guidelines developed in 2010 by the French-speaking cancer supportive care association (AFSOS) appear as the first worldwide guidance that provides a standard / prerequisite for this multi-theme topic regardless of the primary cancer diagnosis or management phase of the patient and highlight what every health care professional should know concerning how cancer / treatment impacts on both sexual health (fertility excluded) and intimate life. They enable health professionals to incorporate this knowledge into daily practice by sensitizing us to this quality of life dimension and to prevent / treat any sexual problem in patients / couples affected by cancer through better identification and management. The workshop objective is to promote international English-language good clinical practice guidelines on this topic by using the French guidelines as a starting position. We believe they will prove relevant and useful to different health care systems and sociocultural beliefs in a range of countries. We hope that this symposium will create opportunities for you, as health care professionals from different disciplines, cultures and nationalities, to share knowledge and expertise on these challenging topics.

We look forward to welcoming you in Lyon to be part of these scientific advances and to encourage greater cross-disciplinary and international collaboration to further enhance the development of “Oncosexology” as a key component of modern and humanistic cancer care.



**Pierre Bondil**  
Chair 3<sup>rd</sup> Symposium



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8h30 - 9h00 **REGISTRATION**

9h00 - 9h15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Luca **INCROCCI**, President ISSC, The Netherlands

9h30 - 10h30

**CANCER AND SEXUALITY : WHAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MALE AND FEMALE ?**

- *Talking sex in the clinic : the gender divide*

Isabel D. **WHITE**, United Kingdom

- *Female and male aspects in cancer and oncosexology*

Woet **GIANOTTEN**, The Netherlands

10h30 - 12h30

**PROFFERED PAPERS**

12h30 - 13h00

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

13h00 - 14h30

**LUNCH**

14h30 - 15h30

**ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN ONCO-SEXOLOGY : PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS**

- *Cancer and sexuality in Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia) : where are we now ?*

Mohamed **MHIRI**, Tunisia

- *Setting up oncosexology in France: a pilot plan*

Pierre **BONDIL**, France

15h30 - 17h45

**WORKSHOP : "GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES ON CANCER, SEXUALITY, HEALTH INTIMACY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONNALS" (AFSOS\*/ISSC)**

Josie **BUTCHER**, United Kingdom

Wadih **RHONDALI**, France

17h45 - 18h00

**CONCLUSIONS**

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## VENUE

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150 cours Albert Thomas - 69008 LYON

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Delegates are advised to book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited to 180 delegates. The early bird registration fee of 125 Euros is including the membership fee for ISSC for 2012. After the 31st August, the registration fee will be 175 Euros. On-site registration, only in the event that there are still places available, will be 250 Euros. Cancellations before 1st September 2012 will be refunded (less 25 Euros cancellation fee) after the meeting. After 1st September 2012, no refund will be possible.

To register, please visit : <http://cancer-sexualite2012@comm-sante.com>

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## ABSTRACTS

Abstracts will be accepted till 31st August 2012. Abstracts should be submitted by email as a word document, should use 12 point Arial font, must be written in English language and must not exceed 300. Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee and those with the highest scores will be selected for presentation as oral papers.

Successful abstract authors will be invited to register for the Symposium at the early bird rate of 125 euros. Please send your abstract by 31st August to [cancer-sexualite2012@comm-sante.com](mailto:cancer-sexualite2012@comm-sante.com)

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#### Perrache station:

To IARC take metro A direction Vaulx-en-Velin/Hotel de ville, change at Bellecour and take metro D direction Venissieux-Grange Blanche, get off at Grange-Blanche. From IARC take metro D direction Vaise, change at Bellecour and take metro A direction Perrache, get off at Perrache.

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