

The ESSM School of Sexual Medicine

An invitation to ESSM members...

The 6th ESSM Oxford Sexual Medicine Course, 2012

St Catherine's College Oxford, United Kingdom

Monday, 23th July – Friday 3rd August 2012

and

Sexual Medicine course during the Amsterdam ESSM 2012 Congress

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (with the 2012 ESSM Scientific Congress)

Thursday, 6th to Sunday, 9th December 2012



Dear ESSM Member,

On behalf of our President, Professor Hartmut Porst, and the Executive Committee of ESSM, and the Educational Committee of the ESSM I invite you to apply for the 6th European School of Sexual Medicine programme. A number of ESSM bursaries are available to support the attendance of ESSM members from low-income countries, or those who are experiencing financial hardship; for more information, please see below. **This exclusive benefit is available only to ESSM members.**

Background

The European School of Sexual Medicine was a joint venture established by the European Society for Sexual Medicine and the European Federation of Sexology. The first "Oxford Course" was run in 2007; this year, we will deliver a learning curriculum based upon the UEMS Joint Committee for Sexual Medicine syllabus. Our programme is intended for clinicians seeking to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for specialist practice in Sexual Medicine. Medically-qualified participants should find the programme helpful when preparing for the [Fellowship of the European Board of Sexual Medicine](#) examination, which will be set for the first time in 2012.

So far, over one hundred and twenty physicians from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas have taken part in the Oxford Programme; they include specialists in andrology, endocrinology, family medicine, gynaecology, internal medicine, psychiatry and urology. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the essentials of sexuality in both men and women that are necessary for effective clinical practice, even for those whose usual practice is exclusively with one gender.

Programme

The Oxford Programme is primarily intended for medically-qualified persons with post-graduate experience in any relevant clinical specialism. Interest in and enthusiasm for Sexual Medicine are the essential qualifications; whilst previous experience in the clinical practice of Sexual Medicine is an advantage, the programme is also suitable for those starting out in this fascinating and rapidly developing area of medicine. Special skills in surgery or psychotherapy are not a requirement for participation. Psychologists and therapists are welcome to join the programme but are not eligible to sit the UEMS Fellowship of the European Board of Sexual Medicine exam.

Requirements

Participants must enter the 2012 Oxford Programme at the two-week, residential "Oxford Course" in July/August 2012. This covers a wide range of Sexual Medicine topics and provides the essential background learning from which clinical experience can be developed. A second programme will be held in Amsterdam in December 2012, in conjunction with the ESSM Annual Scientific Congress, so that participants can attend both events. It is not possible to join the Programme mid-year, in Milan. All sessions during the programme will be conducted in the English language; participative learning techniques for skill development will be used, as well as didactic teaching. Working with simulated patients, there will be practical training in Sexual Medicine consultation techniques and history-taking, and in the basic use of sex therapy techniques in Sexual Medicine.

The academic programme will include

- ▶ sexual development
- ▶ psychology and physiology of sexual desire, arousal and response
- ▶ impact of gender on sexuality
- ▶ ageing and sexuality
- ▶ sexual dysfunctions in men and women
- ▶ problematic sexual behaviour
- ▶ gender identity disorders
- ▶ impact of medical treatments and other health problems on sexuality
- ▶ clinical skills in Sexual Medicine
- ▶ clinical management of sexual disorders
- ▶ sexually transmitted infection
- ▶ genital dermatology
- ▶ ethical and legal aspects of Sexual Medicine
- ▶ research methods related to Sexual Medicine
- ▶ history of Sexual Medicine
- ▶ standards of care in Sexual Medicine

The course not only aims to add to your knowledge of Sexual Medicine but also to enable you to change your clinical practice with the acquisition of new skills to apply to providing services for patients and to have more confidence in assessing and helping men and women with common sexual concerns.

The two-week course is held at St Catherine's College, a modern College offering high-quality accommodation for participants; it is within 10 minutes walk of Oxford city centre. There will be an optional and very informal social programme run throughout the course. This is a friendly course and we hope that participants will make new friends, as well as learn about Sexual Medicine. Because the number of participants is strictly limited (see below), there is plenty of opportunity to meet and talk informally with teaching faculty members; group members have the option of joining us for evenings together in Oxford after dinner at the College. Although two weeks may seem a long time to be away from home at a course, feedback from previous groups suggests that loneliness and boredom are not a problem. We are fortunate to be studying such an interesting subject!

The actual running cost of the complete Oxford Programme is more than EUR 3,300.00 per person but it is part-subsidised by generous support from the European and International Societies for Sexual Medicine.

- ▶ The registration fee for the complete programme is EUR 1,500.00, inclusive of tuition fees for both the Oxford and Amsterdam courses, meals and accommodation for the two-week Oxford course, and lunch and refreshment breaks at the Amsterdam course; accommodation costs in Amsterdam, and all travel costs, are not included. In addition, participants will be offered free registration for the 2012 ESSM Congress in Amsterdam, and reduced registration fees for the ESSM Congresses in 2013 and 2014.
- ▶ ESSM members from low-income countries, or those who are experiencing financial hardship, may apply for special bursaries, which can cover up to two-thirds of the registration fee.
- ▶ The number of participants in each year of the Oxford Sexual Medicine Programme is limited to 40, so early application is advisable. Bursary applications should be received no later than 31st March 2012; successful applicants will be notified of award of bursaries by 23rd April 2012.

ISSM will likely to offer a similar bursary scheme for ISSM members who are NOT also ESSM members, to assist those from low-income countries, and those who are experiencing financial hardship. A separate letter of invitation and application form will be sent by ISSM to its non-ESSM members.

All ESSM member applicants, whether seeking a bursary or not, should apply using the form below, which must be returned by e-mail to jan@sexualmedicine.org or by fax to **+44 1364 72935**

For further information, please e-mail the Programme Director, Dr John Dean, c/o jan@sexualmedicine.org

For updates and further information
please visit the website www.essm.org

OXFORD Sexual Medicine Programme 2012

Two-Week Residential Course On Sexual Medicine

St Catherine's College Oxford, United Kingdom

Monday, 23th July – Friday 3rd August 2012

APPLICATION FORM FOR ESSM MEMBERS (Non-ESSM members of ISSM should request an ISSM Application Form)

Forename:	Surname:	Title:
Preferred name for delegate badge:		
Place of work:		
Address for correspondence:		
Current Speciality (e.g. urology, family medicine):		
Professional qualifications:		
Mobile:	Email:	
Are you an ESSM member?	Are you applying for an ESSM bursary? <input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no	
Do you belong to a national Sexual Medicine society? If yes, please specify:		
Nationality:	Country where you work:	
Any special dietary or other requirements?		
Name and email-address of an ESSM/ISSM member that we may contact, who would be willing to provide a short reference for you:		

You will be notified of the grant amount as soon as possible after 23rd April 2012. If you are not an ESSM member, you MUST join as a full or associate member before a grant can be awarded. You need not delay your application for a grant but the membership fee must be received by the relevant Society before any grant is confirmed.

To join ESSM, visit www.essm.org or contact your national affiliated society.

Current Professional Status (e.g. consultant gynaecologist, specialist trainee in urology, family physician, etc.):

Post-graduate studies (qualifications, dates):

Relevant experience in sexual Medicine:

Research interests and achievements (thesis, grants, publications):

Applicant's Personal Statement

Provide a personal statement describing how participation in the Oxford Summer School will be of benefit to you and to your academic career in particular (maximum 200 words).

If paying the cost of the full course fees would cause you financial hardship, please describe why the grant is of importance to you (maximum 100 words).

Please return your application to: jan@sexualmedicine.org