

**Call for Papers**  
**Fourth Annual International Symposium on Sex Therapy (ISST)**  
**Rome, Italy | May 17–19, 2027**

**Theme:** *Standards in Practice: Clinical Excellence in Psychosexual Therapy*

We are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the **2027 International Symposium on Sex Therapy (ISST)**, to be held in Rome, Italy. Building on the continued growth and international engagement of previous symposia, this year's gathering is organized around a clear and timely mandate: strengthening professional standards in psychosexual therapy across clinical, educational, ethical, and research domains.

As psychosexual therapy continues to expand globally, questions surrounding training quality, professional accountability, evidence-informed care, and ethical consistency have become increasingly urgent. This symposium provides a structured forum for clinicians, educators, researchers, and organizational leaders to critically examine what constitutes best practice in psychosexual therapy, and how professional standards can be responsibly developed, maintained, and implemented across diverse clinical, cultural, and regulatory contexts.

We invite researchers, clinicians, educators, and professionals committed to advancing psychosexual care to submit abstracts that contribute to this important and evolving dialogue.

### **Submission Categories**

We welcome submissions in the following categories:

1. **Paper/Research Presentations** (20 minutes + 10-minute Q&A)
2. **Clinical Demonstrations** (1 hour)
3. **Poster Presentations**
4. **Panel Discussions**

### **Suggested Areas of Focus**

Submissions may address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Advanced clinical formulation in psychosexual therapy
- Ethical decision-making in complex or high-risk cases
- Standards for training, supervision, and clinical competency
- Professional certification and credentialing in psychosexual therapy
- Evidence-informed practice and outcome evaluation
- Cross-cultural considerations in establishing clinical standards
- The role of interdisciplinary collaboration in sexual health care

- The evolving identity of psychosexual therapy as a global profession
- Regulatory and legal frameworks impacting clinical practice
- Innovations in education, curriculum development, and professional training

Submissions that reflect interdisciplinary perspectives, international collaboration, and emerging research are especially encouraged.

### **Symposium Details**

Hosted in the culturally rich and historic city of Rome, just minutes from the Colosseum, the symposium offers three days of rigorous academic and clinical programming alongside meaningful opportunities for professional connection and collaboration.

### **Submission Process**

All abstract submissions must be made through the official online portal:

👉 [iapst.org/events](https://iapst.org/events)

Submissions must include the following:

- Presentation type (Paper, Clinical Demonstration, Poster, or Panel)
- Title of submission
- Abstract (maximum 300 words, in English)
- Full name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and email address(es) of all presenters
- A short professional biography (100 words or fewer per contributor)

**Please note:** Submissions sent via email will not be accepted. All proposals must be submitted through the online portal to be considered.

### **Important Dates**

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **January 10, 2027**
- Notification of Acceptance: **January 31, 2027**
- Pre-Symposium Draft Submission: **April 18, 2027**
- Final Paper Submission (Post-Conference Edits): **June 27, 2027**

### **Publication Opportunities**

- All accepted abstracts (if presented at the symposium) will be published in the *International Journal of Psychosexual Therapy*
- A selection of papers will be invited for publication in the annual ISST volume
- Publication decisions are selective and based on academic rigor and relevance to the symposium theme

## **Important Note**

This symposium will be held **fully in-person**. No virtual or hybrid presentations will be accepted.

Join us in Rome for three days of intellectual exchange, clinical advancement, and international collaboration.

**Let's define the standards of psychosexual therapy—together.**