

Call for Papers

Third Annual International Symposium on Sex Therapy (ISST)

Budapest, Hungary | May 18–20, 2026

Theme: *Developing Cultural Sensitivity in Psychosexual Therapy: Global Perspectives into Diverse Therapeutic Approaches*

We are pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the 2026 International Symposium on Sex Therapy (ISST), to be held in beautiful **Budapest, Hungary** from **May 18–20, 2026**. This year's theme focuses on cultivating cultural sensitivity in psychosexual therapy by exploring diverse therapeutic frameworks, social contexts, and clinical approaches from around the globe. We invite researchers, clinicians, educators, and professionals committed to advancing psychosexual care to submit abstracts that contribute to this important dialogue.

We welcome submissions in three categories:

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

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

- Cross-cultural competencies in sex therapy
- Indigenous and non-Western sexual health paradigms
- Clinical adaptations for marginalized or underserved populations
- Spirituality, religion, and sexuality in therapeutic contexts
- Ethical frameworks for culturally responsive sex therapy
- International comparisons of sexual health education and policy
- Therapeutic case studies and outcome research from diverse communities

Symposium Details

What's Included in Registration (€1450):

- Full access to the three-day symposium, including Continuing Education (CE) credits
- Hotel accommodations for three nights
- Welcome event and welcome dinner
- Daily breakfast (3 days)
- Lunch on Days 2 and 3 (May 19–20)
- Networking and professional development opportunities

Optional Excursion

An optional dinner cruise on the Danube River will take place the evening of **May 19, 2026**. Tickets will be sold separately and announced closer to the event.

Submission Process

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

 iapst.org/events

Submissions must include the following:

- Presentation type (**Paper Presentation, Clinical Demonstration, or Poster**)
- Title of your submission
- Abstract (maximum **300 words**, in English)
- Full name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and email address(es) of all authors/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 5, 2026**
- **Notification of Acceptance: January 20, 2026**
- **Pre-Symposium Draft of Full Paper Due: April 18, 2026**
- **Final Paper Submission (Post-Conference Edits): June 15, 2026**

Please note: **Final papers are only required for those submitting paper presentations** and accepted for publication. Failure to submit the final paper by June 15 will disqualify the paper from the publication.

Publication Opportunities


- A **selection of papers** will be published in the 2026 annual ISST volume with **Cambridge Scholars Publishing**.
- All **accepted abstracts** (if presented at the symposium) will be published in the **International Journal of Psychosexual Therapy**.
- Not all presentations will be included in the book; publication is **selective** and based on academic rigor and fit with the volume.


Important Note

This year's symposium is **fully in-person**. Due to current technical limitations, **no virtual or hybrid presentations** will be accepted.

Join us in Budapest for three days of intellectual exchange, cultural exploration, and professional growth. Let's shape the future of psychosexual therapy—together, and across cultures.

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