

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

A Statutory Committee

PURPOSE: To advise on all matters associated with scientific rigour and veracity.

COMPOSITION: **Chair:** Appointed by the Executive Officers.

A minimum of seven persons, with appropriate representation of the different disciplines within sexology, *viz:* behavioural sciences, educational sciences, clinical sciences and the social sciences, including individuals with experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Wherever possible all committees should have fair representation from the WAS regions and a gender balance.

ROLE OF THE CHAIR

The Chair is responsible for coordinating the Committee's activities.

The Chair shall maintain appropriate records of all meetings (Minutes).

The Chair may appoint sub-committees, with a facilitator who will be responsible for overseeing specific areas and/or activities.

TERM OF OFFICE

Four years.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee will:

- ✚ Propose and prepare evidence based Position Papers for approval
- ✚ Monitor the standards and quality of scientific activities undertaken on behalf of WAS
- ✚ Ensure that both quantitative and qualitative research criteria are understood and observed in papers, abstracts and other material submitted to WAS for any purpose.
- ✚ Assist the International Scientific Committee to maintain and improve the quality of submissions for the biennial congress and other meetings, through

the provision of modern criteria for the presentation of abstracts and workshop proposals.

- ✚ Upon request, provide advice and assistance to researchers and authors, both within and outside of WAS.
- ✚ Respond to specific requests from the Executive Committee
- ✚ Monitor and maintain the currency of the International Standards of Practice for Research.*
- ✚ Make recommendations to the Advisory Committee, as appropriate.
- ✚ Prepare and submit an annual report to the EC and AC.

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