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Institute Begins Regular Operations

"We're Open for Business"

After months of preparation and thought, the Institute for 21st Century Relationships (ITCR) officially began operations on January 3, 2001. Although incorporated as a Virginia non-stock corporation in July 2000, there was much work to be done before the Institute was ready to "go public."

"We had to create all the underlying infrastructure before we could begin letting the world know we were really here," said ITCR President and CEO James R. Fleckenstein, CAE. "Web page hosting and design, budgeting, researching programs and potential funders, developing programs, filing necessary legal paperwork, beginning the process of recruiting not one, but two Boards... We're lucky we were able to get as far as we have in only six months."

Now the focus turns to building the programmatic and financial base necessary to insure the continuation of the Institute's activities. The Institute will be pursuing both individual and foundation support in the coming months. The plan is to obtain our own office space by the third quarter of the year, and to begin building the Institute's reference library.

"Everything depends on our success at finding the

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Institute Advisory Council Attracts Leaders

One of the first tasks of the Institute has been to build an Advisory Council of distinguished individuals. The Council's role is to provide the ITCR Board and staff with guidance and support across all the areas of the Institute's program of work.

The recruitment process has already resulted in the addition of several distinguished individuals to the Council's membership. The recruiting process is ongoing, and readers are invited to recommend additional accomplished individuals for consideration.

The Council presently has four members. They are profiled below.

Robert T. Francoeur, Ph.D., A.C.S.

Chair, Advisory Council

Trained in embryology, evolution, theology, and the humanities, Dr. Francoeur's main work has been to synthesize and integrate the findings of primary sexological researchers. He is the author of 22 books, contributor to 78 textbooks, handbooks, and encyclopedias, and the author of 58 technical papers on various aspects of sexuality. He is editor-in-chief of *The Complete Dictionary of Sexology*. A fellow of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and past president of the Society's Eastern Region, he is also a charter member of the American College of Sexology. Dr. Francoeur received the Society's Public Service Award in 1999. He is currently professor of biological and allied health sciences at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey, adjunct professor in the doctoral Program in Human Sexuality at New York University, and professor in the New York University "Sexuality in Two Cultures" program in Copenhagen.

Kenneth R. Haslam, M.D.

Board of Directors/Advisory Council

Dr. Haslam is a founding Board member of the Institute. He retired from the practice of anesthesiology in 1993, after more than 30 years of practice in a


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financial resources to sustain us.” Fleckenstein said.

“Without the generous support of those who believe in our mission of preserving the human right to pursue intimate relationships that work, we won’t be able to make a dent in the prevailing climate of repression and coercion. That would be a real shame, as we know that millions of people need the education and support the Institute intends to offer.”

Individuals and organizations alike can make tax-deductible gifts to the Institute. Founder’s Club membership is now available. For details, see the story on page 3. 



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ITCR Mission Statement

Attaining a satisfactory level of love and companionship through intimate relations is an unalterable, fundamental need of all human beings. The Institute for 21st Century Relationships exists to facilitate the fulfillment of the human potential for relating, and to support the freedom of consenting adults to discover and to practice the intimate relationship structure that best meets their emotional and human needs. We champion the basic human right to do so free of governmental, societal or institutional coercion or favoritism.

We seek, through education, research, and support, to create a climate in which all forms of ethical, consensual and fulfilling relationship styles are broadly understood and are equally respected and honored as legitimate choices.

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News Briefs

Information of Interest from Around the World

Anti-Gay Group Attacks MA Governor’s Nomination to Canada Ambassadorship

The Americans For Truth Project of Kerusso Ministries has announced it will fight the nomination of MA Governor Paul Cellucci to the post of U.S. Ambassador to Canada because of “Cellucci’s ardent support of taxpayer-funded, pro homosexual programs in the state’s schools.” The group’s opposition to Cellucci dates back to a spring, 2000 controversy over a high school youth workshop presentation by the Boston affiliate of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) which was clandestinely taped in violation of privacy assurances and which included references to gay sexual practices such as “fisting.” Cellucci allegedly refused to meet with opponents of GLSEN, and with Republican former presidential candidate and talk show host Alan Keyes regarding the incident. This earned him the ire of the anti-gay group, which is now seeking to halt the Governor’s confirmation to the diplomatic post by the U. S. Senate. *Source: Americans for Truth Press Release 2/23/01*

Permissive Dutch Attitudes Reduce Rate of Teenage Births

A leading Dutch expert told physicians at a London health conference that adopting a “more permissive” attitude toward sexuality could help to reduce teenage pregnancies.

Dr. Simone Buitendijk, head of reproduction and perinatology at the Dutch research institute TNO Prevention and Health, told British doctors, “There is not a quick fix or an easy answer, but a more liberal attitude to teenage sexuality and more openness about contraception would help. It is not realistic to expect them to wait for that special person or until they are married.” She added, “I think our open attitude to sex makes teenagers more responsible, not less.”

Teenage pregnancy rates in the Netherlands are among the lowest in the world. *Source: Independent (U.K.) Online 3/6/01*

The World Can Be A Tough Place for Sexual Minorities or Anyone Whose Conduct the Powers-That-Be Don’t Appreciate

Two women convicted of prostitution were hanged before a crowd of 1,000 in a stadium in Khandar, Afghanistan. The ruling Islamic fundamentalist Taliban also imposed public lashings and prison

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variety of settings in the United States and abroad. He was a member of the faculty at the Duke University Medical Center and at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, where he founded the Medical Instrumentation Department. He has served as medical consultant to a variety of corporations in aviation biomedicine, biotechnology and pharmacology. Dr. Haslam, a U.S. Navy veteran, has also held senior hospital administrative roles including department chair and chief of staff. He holds a commercial pilot's license, is a certified scuba diver, and has served as ship's physician on expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctica and on a restored WWII Liberty Ship during its transatlantic voyage to the 50th Anniversary of D-Day celebrations in France.

Robert H. Rimmer, M.A.

Advisory Council

Beginning in the 1960's, Mr. Rimmer produced a dozen novels about "achievable utopias," including *The Harrad Experiment*, *That Girl from Boston*, *Thursday, My Love*, *The Rebellion of Yale Marratt*, *The Premar Experiments*, *Love Me Tomorrow*, *The Immoral Reverend*, *Proposition 31*, *The Byrdwhistle Option*, and *The Resurrection of Anne Hutchinson*. His visions inspired an entire generation, and continue to inspire many today. Though in his 80's, Mr. Rimmer continues his exploration of critical social issues of the day, writing from his home in Quincy, Massachusetts. Information on his current projects can be found on his web page, *Harrad 2000* (www.harrad2000.com).

Valerie White

Advisory Council

Ms. White has a long history of interest in human sexuality, stemming from the openness of her mother, who studied under Dr. Alfred Kinsey (by special permission – she was unmarried at the time) and her aunt, who actually worked on Kinsey's landmark studies of male and female sexuality. With her mother's full support, Ms. White read several of Dr. Albert Ellis' works on alternative relationships while in high school. This upbringing profoundly shaped her views.

After obtaining an undergraduate degree in zoology, Ms. White briefly served as a physician's assistant for Planned Parenthood. After following the time-honored tradition of "reading for the law," Ms. White was admitted to the bar and practiced criminal and family law for fourteen years in Vermont. Presently she is working on a book.

Ms. White's volunteer experience includes serving three terms as board president of the Vermont ACLU affiliate, executive council co-chair of the Freedom from Religion Foundation and their Freethinker of the Year for 1988. She has served as vice-president of the American Humanist Association and president of the Humanist Society of Friends, and is an ordained Humanist minister. She currently serves as a board member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship (Unitarian Universalist) and Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness, and is the provisional president of the soon-to-be-incorporated Unitarian Universalists for Polyamory Awareness. ☞

They Really Said That?

Some actual quotes you might find hard to believe...

"It [Planned Parenthood] is teaching kids to fornicate, teaching people to have adultery, every kind of bestiality, homosexuality, lesbianism-everything that the Bible condemns."
Pat Robertson, *The 700 Club*, April 9, 1991

"Even lesbian and gay couples can get advice on everything they always wanted to know about sex, money, psychology, intimacy and the law. The love that once dared not speak its name now won't shut up."
Maggie Gallagher, *The abolition of marriage: how we destroy lasting love*. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, Inc., 1996, p. 201

"[B]y mid-1990 not one American family will be left."
Amatai Etzioni, sociologist, member of the Research Advisory Board of the National Marriage Project, in "The Family: Is It Obsolete?" *Journal of Current Social Issues* 14, 1977, p. 4.

Founders Club Members

The Founders Club is a limited time special category for key supporters of the Institute. Members contribute \$500 to help lay the groundwork for this new voice for the freedom to choose intimate relationship styles that work. Founders Club membership closes on September 1, 2001.

Members of the Founders Club as of March 1, 2001 are listed below. We thank them for their generosity and encourage others to join them.

- James R. Fleckenstein – Herndon, VA
- Deborah A. Harriss – Vacaville, CA
- Kenneth R. Haslam – Galena, MD
- Anita K. Wagner – Herndon, VA

sentences upon two women and ten men convicted of adultery.

Meanwhile, a Valentines Day sweep by state police in Malaysia netted 104 couples accused of violating the law against being "with persons other than their spouses or blood relations in any secluded place which may give rise to the suspicion they are engaged in an immoral act." If convicted, Malaysians face a fine of RM 3,000 (About \$790; Malaysia's 1995 per capita income was \$3098.) and up to two years in prison.

In Bossasso, Somalia, a lesbian couple has been sentenced to die for "exercising unnatural behavior." Though the semiautonomous regional Puntland government swiftly denied the reports being published by Agence France Presse and the BBC, but UN agencies have contradicted the denials.

In Egypt, two men were convicted of "committing an indecent act" and sentenced to jail terms for posting nude pictures of themselves on the Internet and soliciting other men for paid or unpaid sex. The court's view was that the engineer and accountant had "abused the technological revolution to do their disgraceful act that defames Egypt." Sources: *Guardian (U.K.) Unlimited online*, 2/23/01; *Malaysia Star*, 2/16/01; *PlanetOut News*, 2/21/01 and 2/24/01

Researchers Report Progress on Vaccines to Fight HPV and AIDS

The U.S. National Cancer Institute reported that a new experimental vaccine against a cancer-causing strain of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) has passed an important clinical trial for safety in humans. The HPV-16 strain, which, like all HPV strains, is sexually transmitted, is a proven cause of cervical cancer, which claims the lives of 200,000 women annually worldwide. While this strain-specific vaccine has years of testing still before it, researchers are extremely optimistic.

The U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases separately reported progress on an AIDS vaccine. The test in monkeys may eventually point the way toward a successful strategy in humans. The research, conducted by Emory University, tested a two-step approach that dramatically mitigated the effects of HIV-like infections in the monkeys. While not *preventing* infection in the animals, the new findings "provide some of the best evidence to date that a preventive HIV vaccine may protect against AIDS," according to NIAID chief Dr. Anthony Fauci. Sources: *Associated Press*, 2/23/01 and *Reuters*, 3/8/01

Women Fight Utah Bill Criminalizing Clergy Who Perform "Prohibited" Marriages As An Infringement on Religious Freedom

Representatives of the Women's Religious Liberties Union, a national group with members from a variety of religious backgrounds, lobbied Utah legislators concerning Senate Bill 146, which would, among other things, provide for a five-year prison sentence for officiating at a "prohibited" wedding ceremony.


Sidney Anderson, director of the WRCU and a polygamous wife, said, "We would like to see consensual adult relationships decriminalized." Sitting behind a sign reading, "Decriminalize My Religion", she said, "To legislatively create a loophole for a minority of the population to be persecuted because of their religious beliefs is unconscionable." The bill, whose penalties also apply to anyone performing same-sex unions, passed unanimously in the Utah senate and awaits action by a House committee. Source: *Associated Press*, 2/13/01

At Least 30% of Thai Men Still Practice *De Facto* Polygamy, Study Shows

Even though outlawed in 1932, a recent study by Dr. Nongphanga Limsuwan of Bangkok revealed that 25-30% of Thai men surveyed admit to continuing the centuries-old practice of maintaining one or more "minor wives." Not the stereotyped "exploited woman," minor wives tend to be college graduates between the ages of 20 and 30.

Nongphanga believes the actual prevalence of the practice to be higher than reported. "Men do not want to reveal the problem because it would no longer be accepted by most people," he said. His prescription? "Wives can help stop the problem by preventing their husbands from getting too close to women at work." Source: *Reuters*, 2/5/01

Russian Leader Proposes Banning Abortions, Birth Control, and Women's Travel

In a bill supposedly spurred by Russia's declining birth rate and increased mortality, flamboyant Liberal-Democratic Party leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky has proposed a comprehensive ban on contraceptives and abortions, plus a ban on travel abroad for all women under age 42, to keep women at home raising children. He also proposes reducing the legal marriage age to 15, and using state media to promote "steady family ties." His bill is given no chance of passage, however. Source: *Gazeta.Ru*, 3/9/01 

The View from the Front Lines

By Jim Fleckenstein, ITCR President and CEO

What to say in an inaugural column in an inaugural issue? “Thanks” comes immediately to mind. I have so many people to thank for helping to make the Institute a reality. I cannot hope to list them all, and the list grows daily. You know who you are, and please know I acknowledge owing each of you a very great debt.

I suppose it is also appropriate to try to set forth a little of our “organizational philosophy” – what we are hoping to do and why.

Our mission, as shown on page two, is pretty self-explanatory. But I could go on for pages about what we see as our purpose for being, and what we hope to accomplish. Basically, we are working to bring about the day when *nobody* has to live in fear of hatred, hurt, social opprobrium, or censure because they (or someone they love) choose(s) an ethical intimate lifestyle *other* than lifelong, sexually-exclusive, heterosexual monogamy.

I always include the word “ethical” in that phrase, because it is essential, to my way of thinking. There will always be those extremists who seek to polarize the debate by ascribing to us support for conduct that is clearly not ethical. They do this in an attempt to marginalize us, reduce our legitimate concerns to “extremism” in the minds of the general public, and estrange those who believe as we do from the rest of society.

What do I mean by “ethical”? Simply put, it means mutually and freely accepted by all affected parties, assuming a full and equal capacity for informed consent, with due consideration for the needs of non-participating, but affected, parties such as children. No exploitative relationships, no deceitful relationships, no relationships created by a power imbalance among the parties. If this standard is met, then all other particulars are of no legitimate concern to anyone outside the relationship. Period.

Because of the strong heritage of support for individual liberties in Western thought, I believe that this position holds the best hope for achieving public understanding. It is an irrefutable logical premise from which to branch out into a discussion of the specifics. If a party to the discussion won’t grant this premise, it’s unlikely you’re going to make much headway in any case.

We are here because the time seems to be right for a broad-based effort in support of our mission. There is a widening public interest in, and acceptance of, alternative intimate lifestyle choices. The popular media has already made great strides in “mainstreaming” formerly “untouchable” relationships, such as gay/lesbian and interracial relationships. They are experimenting with portrayals of polyamory. “Mainstream” media abound with subtle and sometimes not-so-subtle references to the leather culture. The Internet offers unprecedented opportunities for alternative lifestyle communities to spring up, connect, and thrive.

This is hardly to say our task will be an easy one, or that we should expect results in the short term. There are substantial undercurrents of backlash against any deviation from the dominant cultural norm. It would be arrant folly to underestimate the power and tenacity of these counter-influences.

To build a meaningful force for change, the Institute seeks to address a broad constituency. We embrace the communities representing polyamory, swinging, same-sex partnering, power exchange, polygamy, cohabiting persons who choose not to marry, and anyone who supports the freedom to choose (or to reject) any and all of the above.

There is no question that these constituencies are extremely diverse and individualistic. There has also been animosity between some of them in the past. Yet there is also substantial overlap among many of them. And united, our power is significant.

We have accepted the challenge of making clear to these diverse groups how much they have in common, and how important it is to unite against the common opposition. For each relationship choice noted above relies upon the same premise – that adults have a right to choose their own intimate relationship style – and each is equally hated and/or feared by those who believe that such choices are the sole prerogative of a particular secular or religious “authority,” and that permitting individual choice in these matters is wrong, “sinful” or dangerous to the preservation of “civilization.”

But like so many of the “great truths” of history – the divine right of kings, the “justice” of slavery, the “protective” disenfranchisement of women, the existence of The One True Church – we believe the “truth” that monogamy or celibacy are the only valid, responsible choices for humanity ultimately will be exposed as false. We exist to hasten that realization. It promises to be an exciting ride. I hope you’ll ride along with us. ☞

Institute Research Priorities Set

Much of the debate about alternative lifestyles occurs in a vacuum of empirical knowledge. While much research attention was devoted to the field in the 1970's, and to a lesser extent in the early 1980's, there has been little work done in recent years. One of the Institute's priorities is to restart the engine of research. The list below includes just a few of the areas that have been identified as fertile grounds for new research.

Anyone currently doing research into any of these subjects is invited to share the results with us, and/or to use us as a resource. We would be happy to act as a clearinghouse or coordinating group for researchers looking into these subjects.

Basic Demographic Research

- How many people among the general public in the United States are currently practicing alternative relationship lifestyles?
- What are the geographic, economic, age, educational, sexual orientation, family number, and other demographic characteristics of these people?
- What is the exact nature and duration of their participation in alternative relationships?

Sociology/Psychology Research

- What are the characteristics of persons successfully living alternative relationships? How (if at all) do they differ from the characteristics of those in successful conventional relationships?
- What is the impact on children raised in the context of alternative relationships, if any?
- How do important basic relationship skills such as communication, conflict resolution, etc. play out differently in alternative relationships? Are there any lessons to be learned from the experiences of those in successful versus unsuccessful relationships, and how do the experiences of the individuals involved differ from those of persons in conventional relationships of the same kind?


- What personality traits predispose individuals to seek out and participate in alternative relationships? How do they differ (if at all) from those who choose conventional relationships?
- What are the likely social consequences of a greater proportion of intimate relationships being cast along alternative lines?
- What has been the history of communities espousing different forms of alternative relationships, and what can be learned from their successes and/or failures?

Anthropology Research

- What does the latest research tell us about the nature of human desire for intimate relationships?
- What is true and false about gender stereotypes and popular assumptions about "normal" relationship structures?
- What can be learned from the overwhelming majority of societies that live under different assumptions about the "normal" configuration of intimate relationships? How can we best apply these lessons from non-industrialized societies to the highly structured world of modern western society?

Theology/Comparative Religion Research

- What is the history of religious declarations with respect to the ideal form of intimate relationships? Where have there been "watershed" changes in the theology of relationships, and what have been the precipitating causes of such changes?
- Why are there significant differences between the doctrines of major religions on the subject of intimate relations, even when these religions share a common root?
- What exactly are the theological underpinnings of the teachings of the major religions on intimate relationships?

Send us your own ideas, or comment on these, by email to: research@lovethatworks.org 

2001 Conference Planned for August, Exact Site to be Determined Soon

Plans for the first annual Conference of the Institute for 21st Century Relationships are going forward, while negotiations are underway for the site of the event.

The theme the Conference is "Building Bridges – Share Our Similarities, Celebrate Our Differences," based on a quote from Dr. M. Scott Peck, best selling author and activist.

The Conference, tentatively set for August 24-26, will feature sessions suitable for individuals interested in learning about both the practical and theoretical aspects of alternative lifestyles. Due to the relatively short lead time occasioned by the Institute's creation, this first Conference will not feature tracks for professionals in fields related to the interests of the Institute. Future Conferences will serve as platforms for the presentation and discussion of research by professionals in an interdisciplinary environment.

Sessions will run concurrently on Saturday and Sunday, and will include 60- and 90-minute sessions. One room will be set aside throughout the Conference for informal networking/learning around "topic tables," to be decided upon by Conference attendees.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Francoeur, A.C.S., the Chair of the Institute's Advisory Council and world-renowned scientist and author.

Presentations will consist of a mixture of topics of broad common interest, such as managing jealousy, STD prevention, and awareness of legal issues; treatments specific to individual lifestyle communities, with an emphasis on multi-faceted approaches, such as coming out and finding interested partners; and opportunities to learn more about specific lifestyle choices about which participants may have some curiosity.

The Conference will be preceded on Friday by a half-day intensive workshop, with a separate registration. Attendees may go to either or both functions independently.

Up to the minute information on the Conference can be found on the Institute web page. ☒

Library Donations Sought

One of the Institute's priorities is making available as much information as possible about alternative intimate lifestyle choices. One means to this end is the creation of a comprehensive reference library. The Institute library will be housed in the offices of the Institute, and will eventually provide a focused resource of great value to those studying the empirical bases for these relationships.

Because so much of the initial work on these topics was done 25-30 years ago, most of the books are now out of print and not widely available. Some which are available through used book outlets are quite expensive to obtain. While the Institute hopes to obtain reprint rights and ultimately to re-publish many of these valuable works, in the meantime we are seeking donations of copies in good condition for our library. Donors may take the fair market value of any books donated as a tax-deduction, if they itemize deductions on their income tax forms.

Alternatively, supporters may wish to make a donation earmarked for the Library Acquisition Fund, to enable us to purchase books and/or subscriptions we need to support our research and that of others.

Here are some of the titles we are seeking to add to our library. Please contact us by email or phone if you have any of these titles to donate, or other works you think might be of value to our library.

Books Needed

Bartell, Gilbert. *Group Sex*. NY: Wyden, 1971.

Blumstein, Philip, and Pepper Schwartz. *American Couples: Money, Work, Sex*. NY: William Morrow, 1983.

Chapman, Audrey B. *Man Sharing: Dilemma or Choice - A Radical New Way of Relating to the Men in Your Life*. NY: William Morrow, 1986.

Clanton, Gordon, and Chris Downing. *Face to Face: An Experiment in Intimacy*. NY: Dutton & Co., 1975.

Constantine, Larry L. and Joan M. Constantine. *Group Marriage; A Study of Contemporary Multilateral Marriage*. NY: Macmillan, 1973.

More in our next issue. ☒

Calendar of Events

March

- 22-25 – 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research – Montreal, Quebec, Canada
(Info: www.sstarnet.org/annualMeeting.cfm)
- 30-April 1 – Midwest Polyamory Con-versation 2 – Watertown, WI
(Info: www.geocities.com/midwestpolycon2001/)
- 30-April 1 – Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Eastern Region Conference – Portsmouth, VA
(Info: www.sexscience.org/eastconf.htm)

April

- 6-8 – 5th Annual Leather Leadership Conference – Chicago, IL
(Info: www.leatherleadership.org/llc5/2001.htm)
- 14 – Oregon Bi Conference 2001 – Portland, OR (Info: pba@biportland.org)
- 19-22 – Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Western Region Conference – Newport Beach, CA
(Info: www.sssswr.org/prog01/index.html)

May

- 2-6 – American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists – San Francisco, CA (Info: www.aasect.org/annualcon.cfm)
- 4-6 – 10th Annual Bisexual Empowerment Conference: A United Supportive Experience (BECAUSE) 2001 – Milwaukee, WI
(Info: www.bisexual.org/g/because2001/)

June

- 1-3 – Conference on Sexuality in Early America, 1500-1820 – Philadelphia, PA
(Info: www.mceas.org/june2001/)
- 18-20 – 23rd Annual Guelph Conference and Training Institute on Sexuality – Guelph, ON, Canada (Info: www.open.uoguelph.ca/sexconf/)
- 22-24 – Loving More Conference – Harbin Hot Springs, CA (Info: www.lovemore.com/westdetails.html)
- 22-24 – 1st European Bisexual Conference – Rotterdam, The Netherlands
(Info: www.intbiconf.org/)
- 24-28 – XV World Congress of Sexology – Paris (Info: www.parisexo-2001.com/uk/index_uk.html)

July

- 11-14 – International Academy of Sex Research – Montreal, Canada
(Info: Ken_Zucker@camh.net)
- 14-21 – Thornfield 29th Annual Workshop on Sexuality – Cazenovia, NY
(Info: www.sexualityworkshop.com/)
- 25-29 – The Lifestyles Convention – Las Vegas, NV (Info: lifestyles-convention.com/)

August

- 9-12 – North American Conference on Bisexuality, Gender and Sexual Diversity – Vancouver, BC, Canada
(Info: bi.org/~binetbc/2001/)
- 10-12 – The Eulenspiegel Society 30th Anniversary Event – Somerset, NJ
(Info: www.tes.org/)
- 24-26 – Institute for 21st Century Relationships Conference – Washington, DC (Tentative)

October

- 18-21 – American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – Nashville, TN
(Info: www.aamft.org/resources/conferences/denver/annconf.htm)
- 24-28 – 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality - San Diego, CA (Info: www.ssc.wisc.edu/ssss/meetings.htm)
- 31-November 4 – 17th Biennial International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria – Galveston, TX (Info: www.hbigda.org/conference.html)

November

- 8-11 – 63rd Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations – Rochester, NY
(Info: http://www.ncfr.org/conference_info/index.htm)

December

- 2-4 – 20th Anniversary Conference of Advocates for Youth – Washington, DC
(Info: www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/events/conference.htm)

Send us information on any major conferences or events that might be of interest to Relating's readers, and we'll consider them for inclusion here. Send to Relating Calendar, ITCR, 2419 Little Current Drive, Suite 1933, Herndon, VA 20171, or email us at calendar@lovethatworks.org 