Moreover, 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, there is plenty of opportunities to meet and talk informally with teaching faculty members. Group members have the option of joining us for evenings together during and after dinner.

Although 10 days may seem a long time to be away from home at a course, feedback from previous groups suggest that loneliness and boredom are not a problem. The actual running cost of the complete programme is more than EUR 3.300,00 per person but it is partly-subsidised by the generous support from the European Society for Sexual Medicine.

**Therefore, the registration fee for the complete programme is**

EUR 1.950,00 for ESSM members  
EUR 2.250,00 for Non-members

inclusive of tuition fees, meals and accommodation for the 10 days course. Travel costs are not included.

This year 10 grants for participants outside the EU are offered by the ISSM – application available at: [http://www.issm.info/grants1/issm-scholarships/](http://www.issm.info/grants1/issm-scholarships/)

Travel grants will also be offered for European participants who are experiencing financial hardship by the ESSM and the EFS, to cover part of the registration fee.

The number of participants in each year of the Sexual Medicine Programme is limited, so early application is advisable. Application form is available through the ESSM website: [www.essm.org](http://www.essm.org)

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We are proud to announce the next ESSM School of Sexual Medicine 2016!

The ESSM School of Sexual Medicine will take place from 14 – 23 October 2016 in Budapest, Hungary.

On behalf of our President, Dr. François Giuliano, the Executive Committee, and the Educational Committee of the ESSM we invite you to apply for the ESSM School of Sexual Medicine programme.

Background
The ESSM School of Sexual Medicine was established by the European Society for Sexual Medicine. The first “Oxford Course” was run in 2007; this year as in previous years, we will deliver a learning curriculum based upon the UEMS Joint Committee for Sexual Medicine, the Manual of Sexual Medicine and the EFS/ESSM Syllabus of Clinical Sexology. Our programme is intended for clinicians seeking to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for practice in Sexual Medicine and Clinical Sexology. Medical-qualified participants should find the programme helpful when preparing for the Fellowship of the European Committee, of Sexual Medicine examination. Psychologists will find the programme helpful as well for the preparation of the EFS & ESSM exam for qualification as Psycho-sexologist.

So far, over two hundred participants from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Middle East and the Americas have taken part in the school programme; they include specialists in andrology, endocrinology, family medicine, gynaecology, internal medicine, psychiatry, urology, surgery, oncology and psychology. 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 & Requirements
The programme is intended for 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 as well. Participants must enter the 2016 Programme at the 10 days residential course. This covers a wide range of Sexual Medicine and Clinical Sexology topics and provides the essential background learning from which clinical experience and research can be developed. All sessions during the programme will be conducted in English language; participative learning techniques for skill development will be used, as well as didactic teaching. There will be practical training in Sexual Medicine consultation techniques and history-taking, and in the basic use of sex therapy techniques in Clinical Sexology.

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
- Genital dermatology
- Ethical and legal aspects 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 and attitude 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.