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Over the years ISSWSH has sponsored various consensus expert panel reports on the clinical topics of desire, arousal, pain, and persistent genital arousal disorder/genital pelvic dysesthesia. One very clinically relevant sexual dysfunction topic yet to be the focus of our society is female orgasm disorder, which remains a cluster of difficult to diagnose and treat disorders. An expert panel co-chaired by Dr. Annamaria Giraldi, Dr. Irwin Goldstein and Dr. Barry Komisaruk will be assembled (both in person and virtually) to readdress all the multiple issues of orgasm identified in the 2016 ISSWSH nomenclature publication including i) muted orgasm, ii) anorgasmia, iii) post orgasmic illness syndrome and iv) orgasmic anhedonia.

The panel will represent diverse specialties and come from different geographic locations including North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. We will likely use the same successful model of writing the report for the community provider as the PGAD/GPD paper, so the information can be easily implemented in everyday practice. It is anticipated that an ISSWSH-sponsored expert panel on orgasm will follow the example set by the PGAD/GPD consensus panel where the panelists worked over an extended period (> 2 years), meeting both in person and remotely, with frequent discussions with the whole group as well as with smaller sub-groups. Initially each of the anticipated 18 panelists will present to the whole group on his or her area of expertise in order to share knowledge, promote discussion and move the process forward.

This model successfully allowed the PGAD/GPD expert panel to glean as much evidence-based, including expert opinion, information as possible. As with similar ISSWSH panels, the moderator, Dr. Noel Kim, will work with participants to reach consensus through a modified Delphi method. Each panelist will be assigned to one or more writing groups where small group discussions may take place with one or more of the co-chairs to further understanding specific areas as the writing process moves forward. A medical writer will work with the co-chairs to ensure the manuscript reads well and references are in place. All panelists will have presented data, written a portion of the manuscript, and approved the final finished product before submitting it to The Journal of Sexual Medicine with the intention it be published open access.