

## Zorgniotti Fund 2024 – Summary proposed project APSSM

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### **APSSM Female Sexual Medicine Education Intensive Course**

#### Background

Background: Asia – Pacific population is equivalent to 59.76% of the total world population and ranks biggest among regions of the world. Sexual medicine is not an established speciality in most of the countries in this region. The practice of sexual medicine is dominated by alternative therapists, this is special so in the developing countries in the region.

One of the main reasons for this is the lack of knowledge and skills in sexual medicine among physicians.

This is compounded by misconceptions and myths embedded in most of these societies about sex and sexuality. Most of the sexual problems and sexuality related issues are surfaced as complications of the problem such as suicide, gender based violence, alcohol abuse and separation. Therefore, APSSM believe improving clinicians skills and knowledge in sexual medicine is essential to establish this speciality in this region and to help men and women suffering from sexual problems.

APSSM Sexual Medicine Education Intensive Course was established by the Asia Pacific Society for Sexual Medicine, which was supported by Zorgniotti fund of the ISSM in 2013. We delivered a learning curriculum intended for clinicians seeking to acquire the knowledge and skills essential for specialist practice in sexual medicine. The first APSSM Sexual medicine Education Course has been successfully held in Manado, Indonesia in October 2013 in conjunction with Indonesian Urological Association. About 150 doctors attended this education program. We continue to organize training courses at Mongolia (2014), in Beijing, China (2015), and in Changchun, China (2016), and in Vung Tau City, Ba Ria, Vietnam (2017) respectively.

APSSM Sexual medicine Education Course this year will focus on FSD will provide knowledge and skills essential for practice in sexual medicine. Such training will help clinicians to practice sexual medicine effectively benefiting millions of patients.

#### Program:

APSSM Sexual Medicine Education Course focus on FSD is primarily intended for medically qualified persons with post-graduate experience in any relevant clinical speciality. Interest and enthusiasm in sexual medicine are the important requisites. Whilst previous experience in the clinical practice of sexual medicine is an advantage, the program is also suitable for those starting out in this fascinating and rapidly developing area of medicine.