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AGLP Annual Meeting 2006
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
May 20-25
Chris McIntosh and Roy Harker

Welcome! It is an exciting time for Toronto. There is construction and renovation nearing completion at a number of cultural institutions, including the Daniel Libeskind expansion of the Royal Ontario Museum, and the Frank Gehry redesign of the Art Gallery of Ontario. The new Four Seasons Opera House is opening soon, and new buildings are springing up for the Royal Conservatory of Music, and the National Ballet School. The theatre world is abuzz with the opening of the most ambitious stage musical ever produced, *The Lord of the Rings*. Other theatre excitement in May 2006 will include Canstage's production of *Hair*, as well as a new work from the master of adult marionette

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The Newsletter of the
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Editor's Column
George Harrison, M.D.



George Harrison, M.D.

Recently I was comparing histories with a podiatrist friend of mine, recounting the twists and turns that had led to our respective careers. I remembered I was convinced when I arrived in med school that I was destined to be an Anesthesiologist. It seemed natural as my first career had been as a respiratory therapist and had spent the better amount of 13 years in ICU's in Illinois, Miami, and Boston working side by side these physicians. I had admired their calm detachment and common sense approach to our challenging patients. They seemed to have an ideal job combining a thoughtful understanding of pathophysiology, an immediacy of the hands on procedures, and more than an edge of geeky wonderment with all the technology.

So how did I get off the path? It was the intoxicating experience (and smells) of Worcester State Hospital and the chronic schizophrenic patients that I met there. The team, which was clearly dedicated to service of the patients, found many things outside of medicine and psychiatry to enrich their lives. Books, the Arts, politics, and the world of ideas were referenced regularly. There was an understanding that these things were not held separate from their work but helped form the context and purpose of being a provider.

And the patients! As this was back in the creaky days of the late 80's, Haldol Dec was the standard magic which was invariably accessorized by Benadryl, Cogentin, or Artane. The illness wasn't subtle, perfect for a third year med student. The patients came via the police, usually directly into seclusion and restraints, requiring IM meds. I remember conversing with one of my first patients through the seclusion room door who stared blank faced through me, mumbling about abusive aliens and intrusive brain probes. Within a few days these same patients would make their way out of seclusion to the ward spending most of their time pacing, smoking cigarettes, and hanging with their buddies who had also cycled in from the streets. It was crude as mental health interventions go. It never addressed the underlying problems of homelessness and poverty. But it was dramatic and it showed me that physicians had a role to play in the touchy-feely world of mental health.

For once, having taken a circuitous route to become a doctor paid off. From my experiences as a respiratory therapist I knew what things I found nurturing in the work place and what things might sustain me over the course of a career. I weighed how well matched I was for working as an Anesthesiologist and life as a Psychiatrist. In the end I had to choose a career that would allow me to bring my personal life and interests to bear on my work.

I think about this turning point in my life just as the trainees in my academic setting prepare to make decisions about refocusing their career goals. I'm witness to their struggles to predict their future and to prepare a path to it. I also think about how easy my life is a Psychiatrist as we approach the convention in Toronto. I always anticipate convention time as a time to catch up with distant friends while I am reminded that my identity as a gay man is a valuable part of my role as a physician. My decision to pursue Psychiatry has allowed my career to be shaped by my interests and to find unity between my personal and professional identity. Allowing the pieces of experience to become whole is at the heart of our clinical work. That the APA is honoring AGLP this May underlines that our profession honors the integration of the personal experience in our work.

President's column

Dan Karasic, M.D.



Dan Karasic, M.D.

A few months ago, I received a phone call from APA President Steven Scharfstein. He asked if I had a tuxedo. In Toronto in May, I would be accepting the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of AGLP. AGLP is being honored by the APA the wake the APA's passage of an endorsement of same sex civil marriage, and in the establishment of the APA's John Fryer Award, the new annual lecture and award for contributions to LGBT mental health. Readers of this newsletter need no recap of AGLP's role in these steps forward by the APA.

As the child of a psychoanalyst, I learned about homosexuality by paging through books in my father's library, by well-known psychiatrists and psychoanalysts of the time-- in addition, of course to what I learned from society and popular culture in the Sixties and Seventies.

To say the least, what I read in my father's books did not encourage me to talk with him about my sexuality. What I learned from society and popular culture did not encourage me to talk about it with anyone.

Of course, so much has changed in the past 40 years, since those books were written. It's hard not to marvel about these changes when reading about young LGBT activists in high schools in the heartland of red-state America. Or when looking forward to the APA honoring AGLP in Toronto, and to the APA presenting the first John Fryer Award later this year.

It's not hard to envision the APA's 1973 decision to remove homosexuality from the DSM as the falling of the Berlin Wall. Something momentous happened, and there was no going back. Nothing would ever be the same.

In fact, big societal change is the work of countless individuals working over time for that change. As important as any one historical landmark may be, the reality of societal change is slower and much less clear cut.

But of course, the Wall didn't fall spontaneously as an isolated event, and neither did the APA's changed view of homosexuality. In fact, big societal change is the work of countless individuals working over time for that change. As important as any one historical landmark may be, the reality of societal change is slower and much less clear cut. At times, we may get discouraged when elections or referenda go against us, or we may become complacent when things are going our way. But we hold one great advantage in the struggle LGBT rights: unlike (most) anti-gay activists, we have lived our lives as LGBT people in a society that has viewed us negatively, and through this experience we know what is at stake. We remember the society that once was, and we know that going back is not an option.

See you in Toronto! And come to the APA Convocation of Fellows on Monday evening, May 22, to see AGLP receive the APA's Distinguished Service Award.

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AGLP Awards for 2006

Mary Barber, MD
Immediate Past President



Mary Barber, M.D.

It is my pleasure to announce this year's AGLP awardees. By giving awards each year at our Annual Meeting Closing Banquet, we honor people from within and beyond our organization who have served our community, and we also honor founding members for whom the awards are named.

The James Paulsen Award is named for a founding AGLP member and given to one of our members for distinguished service to the organization. This year's Paulsen Award will be given to Daniel Hicks, MD. A longtime patron and founder level member of AGLP, Dan served on the AGLP board for many years, holding the vice president position for seven years before his term as president. While on the board and since completing his time, he has done important liaison work within APA, helping guide position statements on same sex parent adoption and same sex civil marriage through to approval. Dan and his partner John McCall have graciously opened their home many times to AGLP members for the welcoming reception at AGLP's fall meeting in Washington, DC. AGLP has been lucky to have him, and we're proud to honor him with this award.

The Distinguished Service Award this year will be awarded to someone who played a key role in Canada's Civil Marriage Act becoming law. Please watch your email and the AGLP web site for the final announcement of the honoree.

The Stuart Nichols Award is named for a founding member of AGLP who served as a mentor and role model for many gay psychiatrists, and who had a long record of service in community psychiatry. The award is given to an organization in the host city which contributes to the mental health of LGBT people. Since Stu Nichols himself was very active in services for people with HIV, it is fitting that the Nichols Award this year goes to the Clinic for HIV-Related Concerns in the Department of Psychiatry at Mount

This year's Paulsen Award will be given to Daniel Hicks, MD. A longtime patron and founder level member of AGLP, Dan served on the AGLP board for many years, holding the vice president position for seven years before his term as president.

Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Established in 1986, the Clinic serves approximately 300 individuals, providing a full array of mental health services. The Clinic has been involved in research protocols and has helped educate psychiatry, family practice, and nursing trainees in HIV psychiatry. In 1992 the Clinic was awarded a Significant Achievement Award by the American Psychiatric Association.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 24 in Toronto at our Awards Dinner where we will present these awards. In doing so, we get to express our gratitude for individuals and organizations who have given so much to our community.

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theatre, Ronnie Burkett, entitled *10 Days on Earth*.

Toronto is recognized as the most multicultural city in the world, thanks to a few decades of large-scale immigration of Italians, Chinese, Greeks, Vietnamese, Jamaicans, Somalians, Indians, and others. This has led to a richness of cultural neighbourhoods and international cuisine. There has been rapid gentrification of some neighbourhoods since the APA was last in Toronto - a great example is the West Queen West Art and Design District. It is worth a walk along Queen Street West, from Bathurst all the way out west to visit the refurbished hotels in Parkdale; the Drake Hotel and the Gladstone Hotel (at Beaconsfield and Gladstone Avenues, respectively).



Village Patio Toronto Island Cyclists

Toronto also boasts large and relatively well-accepted LGBT communities in its midst. The Gay Village runs along Church Street, (roughly) between Bloor Street to the north and Gould Street to the south. Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, on Alexander Street, develops and presents many gay-themed works. At the corner of Church and Alexander Streets you can see the new monument of Alexander Wood (1772-1884), a magistrate and landowner whose homosexuality was a fairly open secret. Many gay and lesbian people have moved out of, or avoided, the village, and bought houses in other neighbourhoods such as Cabbagetown, Riverdale, and Leslieville in the east end, or Parkdale in the west end. As a result, there are pockets of gay and lesbian life throughout much of the city. Same-sex marriage has been legal in Ontario since 2003, and across Canada since the summer of 2005. Even the national election of a Conservative government is unlikely to reverse those gains. More information on getting married in Toronto appears in the AGLP Guide.

The Inside Out 16th Annual Toronto Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival runs from May 18th-28th. Since 1991, Inside Out has presented Canada's largest queer film and video festival. Over 11 fabulous days,

the Festival draws crowds of more than 30,000 to parties, directors' talks, panel discussions and screenings of more than 285 films and videos from Canada and around the world. Visit www.insideout.on.ca for more information about all of these events.

For those arriving in Toronto early, a Welcome Reception is planned at the home of Solomon Shapiro beginning at 7:30pm on Saturday the 20th. That same evening the women will meet at 7:00pm for their annual Women's Dinner before joining the Welcome Reception.

Our Symposium, *AGLP Expert Training Program on Critiquing Sexual Conversion Therapies* begins at 8.30AM on Sunday the 21st and runs until 5.00PM. Led by Jack Drescher, M.D., Wayne Besen, William Byne, M.D., David Fishback (PFLAG), Jason Ciancotto, and Cindi



Royal Ontario Museum Totem

Creager of GLAAD, the topics will include a history of sexual conversion therapies, sexual conversion therapies in the current political climate, current scientific theories of Homosexuality, case studies, and a screening of the recently-completed AGLP Documentary "Can I Change?" A Media Training Workshop with presenters from GLAAD and the APA Office of Public Affairs will conclude the symposium. You can register for this course by completing the form on page 12, or visiting our website at www.aglp.org.

The AGLP Opening Reception will be at Voglie Risto Bar this year on Sunday, May 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be provided. There is no charge for admission. You may make reservations for dinner, following the reception by calling Lia Buggemi at 416-929-9108.

The 20th Annual Closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be hosted by Casa Loma. Built between 1911 and 1914, Casa Loma was home to financier and military officer Sir Henry Pellatt and his wife Mary. Pellatt engaged one of the foremost architects of the day, E.J. Lennox,

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to design Casa Loma and its associated buildings. Casa Loma was unlike anything ever seen before - it was the largest house ever built, comprising 180,000 square feet and costing Pellatt the princely sum of \$3.5 million. The architectural character of Casa Loma reflects the passion Pellatt held for the Gothic. The unusual combination of its architectural elements (which includes a 3-story bay window, a Norman and a Scottish tower, crenellations, heraldic beasts, Elizabethan-inspired plasterwork and a 65' high hammer-beamed Great Hall), draws from the Gothic and Romanesque styles and gives Casa Loma a Gothic character which links it to the first great Gothic Revival houses of 18th Century England.

This year AGLP will honor Dan Hicks, M.D. with the James Paulsen Award. The Nichols Award this year goes to the Clinic for HIV-Related Concerns in the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. A reservation form for this event can be found on page 13 or online at www.aglp.org.

And, speaking of awards, the APA will honor AGLP with their Distinguished Service Award in a ceremony at the APA Annual Convocation. Dan Karasic, our President, will be accepting the award on behalf of all those members of AGLP who have contributed so much to the successes that have brought about this recognition. We encourage you to attend to see AGLP in this proud moment in our history. The Convocation of Distinguished Fellows will be held at the Toronto Convention Centre, Exhibit Hall A, North Level 300, on Monday, May 22 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

*The Delta Chelsea Toronto Hotel*

Kenn Ashley has put together a fine series of events both educational and entertaining in our Hospitality Suite. Three films will be screened this year including *Dinner with Peter* (followed by a brief discussion with the filmmaker), *Gay Sex in the 70s*, (followed by discussion led by Mary Barber, M.D. and Kenn Ashley, M.D.), and *Brokeback Mountain* (followed by discussion led by Kenn Ashley.) Discussion groups for Medical Student, Resident, and Early Career Psychiatrist (ECP), Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrists, Women's Issues, Parenting Issues, round out the schedule with time for social interaction and networking. The complete schedule begins on page

7 and is available on the AGLP website.

The Local Arrangements Committee has done an exception job of developing outings and tours during your stay in Toronto. These include an all-day excursion to Niagara Falls, a Toronto Harbour Cruise, and a Toronto City Tour. Your host for all three events is Darrell Schuurman (darrell@cglcc.ca). Reservations are required. Please visit the AGLP website or use the forms on page 13 of this newsletter.

Our host hotel is the Delta Chelsea, (33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, ON M5G 1Z4, 416-595-1975). Rooms are still available, although the discounted AGLP rate is no longer guaranteed. For questions regarding your reservation, call Travel Planners, Inc., the official housing agents for APA and AGLP, at 800-221-3531. You may make your reservations online at www.aglp.org.

And while you are at the Toronto Metro Convention Center, plan to visit the AGLP Booth, Number 370. Please consider volunteering to staff the booth for an hour-long session. Sign-up sheets will be available at the booth and at the Hospitality Suite.

Continuing education, social interaction and networking, and leisure-time fun - all in the beautiful and gay-friendly city that is Toronto. We hope to see many of you there!

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*Ontario Place, Toronto, Canada*

AGLP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Toronto, Ontario Canada

19-25 MAY 2006

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Register/RSVP online at www.aglp.org

AGLP Host Hotel: The Delta Chelsea, Toronto
33 Gerrard Street West
Toronto, ON M5G 1Z4
416-595-1975

The Delta Chelsea, Toronto is on the **APA Shuttle Bus, Route 3- Blue**

Hospitality Suite: Open 20-24 May, 7.00 AM-9.00PM, except closing in the afternoon on Wednesday 24 May.

FRIDAY 19 MAY**5:15-6:30pm****Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry**

Presidential Address by Dr Jack Drescher, M.D.

"Homosexuality and Psychoanalysis: From PreOedipal to the Postmodern"

Sherry Katz-Bearnot, M.D. (New York, NY)

Joseph P. Merlino, M.D., MPA (New York, NY)

Speaker: Jack Drescher, M.D. (New York, NY)

RENAISSANCE HOTEL DOWNTOWN
ONE BLUE JAYS WAY, TORONTO, ONTARIO
416-341-7100

SATURDAY 20 MAY**1:00-5:00pm****AGLP Annual Board and Advisory Council Meeting**

THE DELTA CHELSEA, TORONTO, SECOND FLOOR SOUTH, BAKER ROOM

7:00-8:30pm**Women's Dinner**

Slack's, 562 Church St, 416 928 2151, a bar/restaurant quite popular with women which is right in the Church/Wellesley Village. We will need to have an estimate so there will be a sign-up sheet at events and the hospitality suite. Meet in the lobby of the Delta Chelsea, Toronto at 6:30 pm, then go to the restaurant.

7:30-9:30pm**Welcoming Reception at the home of Solomon Shapiro, M.D.**

40 ALEXANDER STREET, PENTHOUSE #1. BUZZ CODE 3235.
416-925-3030

SUNDAY 21 MAY**AGLP Annual Symposium and Opening Reception**

Symposium: AGLP Expert Training Program on Critiquing Sexual Conversion Therapies

8:30am-5:00pm

THE DELTA CHELSEA, TORONTO, SECOND FLOOR SOUTH, MOUNTBATTEN B

Fees: AGLP Member: No Fee
Resident Member: No Fee
Resident Non-Member: \$40
Medical Student: No Fee
Non-Members: \$40

Program**8:30-9:00am****Registration & Continental Breakfast****9:00-9:15am****Introduction**—Kenn Ashley, M.D.**9:15-9:45am****History of Sexual Conversion Therapies**
—Jack Drescher M.D.**9:45-10:15am****Sexual Conversion Therapies in the Current Political Climate**
—Wayne Besen**10:15-10:45am****Break****10:45-11:15am****Current Scientific Theories of Homosexuality**
—William Byne M.D.**11:15-11:45am****The School Board Experience in Montgomery County, Maryland**
—David Fishback, Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)**11:45am-12:15pm****"Youth in the Crosshairs: The Third Wave of Ex-Gay Activism"**
—Jason Ciancotto**12:15-1:00pm****Lunch on your Own****1:00-1:30pm****Screening of portions of AGLP Documentary being made on Reparative Therapy "Can I Change?"****1:30-2:30pm****Media Training Workshop**

Cindi Creager, Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)

APA Public Affairs

Media training will be limited to 20 people. The Conference Committee will make every effort to be inclusive of all interested parties although added consideration will be given to training participants in a way that will increase AGLP's ability to provide a geographic diversity of speakers.

2:30-3:00pm**Break****3:00-4:00pm****Wrap up****6:00-8:00pm****AGLP Annual Opening Reception**

Voglie Risto Bar
582 Church Street • Toronto, Ontario
416-929-9108

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Register/RSVP online at www.aglp.org**10:00am-4:30pm AGLP Booth Open**

TORONTO METRO CONVENTION CENTRE
255 FRONT STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5V 2W6
BOOTH #370

6:00-6:30pm Film Screening: "Dinner With Peter"

It's a big night, and Madeline will make the most of it. Short film (7 min.) by gay filmmaker Lukas Hassel, starring a well-known AGLP Member in his screen debut. "Dinner With Peter" has been shown in several film festivals, including Williamstown Film Festival and Smogdance. The screening will be followed by a brief discussion with the filmmaker.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

MONDAY 22 MAY**9:00am-12:00pm Media Presentation: Go: A Triple-Take in the World of Drugs (APA-Sponsored Event)**

ROYAL YORK HOTEL, MEZZANINE, ALBERTA ROOM

Discussants: Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A., and Jose Vite, M.D.

"Go" (1999) is a simple story of an ecstasy drug deal in Los Angeles that goes haywire. In this media presentation, we will explore the complexities of the modern drug world from the interpersonal, cultural, and political perspectives. The self-medication hypothesis, the biological effects of drugs of abuse, and the powerful social determinants of illegal drug use among adolescents and young adults will form the basis of our discussion.

9:00am-11:00pm S/O Outing: Niagara Falls

20-person minimum required. Pre-register at www.aglp.org

Partners of AGLP members meet in the AGLP Hospitality Suite at 9:00am. Experience the beauty and wonders of the Niagara region. Depart Toronto onboard VIA Rail Canada, and enjoy the comfort of traveling by train. In Niagara Falls, your tour begins with an up-close experience of the Falls on the Maid of the Mist. Following a light lunch, you'll be taken to the charming Niagara-on-the-Lake region, world famous for its magnificent wines and ice wines. You'll tour a few select wineries before heading into the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Dinner will be hosted by Pillar and the Post, one of the most elegant and enchanting properties in the region. You'll return to Toronto onboard VIA Rail Canada, arriving back around 11:00pm. Cost \$195 US per person (includes taxes and gratuities.) Interested parties should register early so that we can book appropriate bus transportation—during the week before the meeting you may email your host Darrell Schuurman (darrell@cglcc.ca) Kenn Ashley (kashley@aglp.org or kenn.ashley@mac.com) if you plan on attending any of the S/O Outings. After you arrive, we will have sign-up sheets in the Hospitality Suite and the early parties.

10:00am-5:30pm AGLP Booth Open

TORONTO METRO CONVENTION CENTRE, BOOTH #370

10:30am-12:00pm Parenting Issues: Ellen Haller, M.D., Mark Townsend, M.D.

For those with children, those in the process of having children, and those thinking that they may want children. Those with children are encouraged to bring pictures of their children/family.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

1:30-3:00pm Women's Issues: Mary Barber, M.D. & Ellen Haller, M.D.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

2:00-3:30pm HIV Affected Psychiatrists Meeting

THE DELTA CHELSEA, TORONTO
PRESIDENT'S SUITE

3:00-4:30pm Psychiatric Residency and Training Issues

Marshall Forstein, M.D.

This session will include a 30 minute discussion for medical students applying to residencies in psychiatry. As a Training Director I will explain how to get good advice on where to apply and how to interview. Current residents who attend the session will be asked to discuss how they made their decision and what happened in the interviews related to sexual orientation. The next hour will be a series of case vignettes illustrating the particular issues that face GLBT residents in training: being out, hostile faculty, homophobic transference, erotic transference and countertransference, self disclosure in psychotherapy.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

4:30-6:00pm Resident and Medical Student Networking and Discussion

Andy Tompkins, M.D.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

5:00-6:30pm APA Convocation

Presentation of the Outstanding Service Award to AGLP.

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE, EXHIBIT HALL A, NORTH LEVEL 300

7:30-10:30pm Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrist meeting and dinner

Meet in Hospitality Suite at 7.30 PM, then go for/or meet there for 8.00PM dinner at Izakaya Japanese Restaurant, 69 Front St E. 416-703-8658.

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Register/RSVP online at www.aglp.org**TUESDAY 23 MAY****10:00-11:45am****Film Screening: "Gay Sex in the 70s"**

Documentary, 1 hr 12 min., 2005.

"Though the documentary does not lead up to the inevitable heartbreak of AIDS, *Gay Sex in the 70s* succeeds in being a celebration of that free-love time, when years of pent-up frustration over abuse and oppression came pouring out during the sexed-up, post-Stonewall decade." --TimeOut New York

The screening will be followed by a discussion led by Mary Barber M.D. and Kenn Ashley, M.D.

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10:00am-6:00pm**AGLP Booth Open**

TORONTO METRO CONVENTION CENTRE, BOOTH #370

11:45am-12:30pm**Psychiatrists of Color and International Psychiatrist meeting**

Group will go to lunch afterwards.

Gene Nakajima M.D. and Kenn Ashley M.D..

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

1:00pm**S/O Outing: Toronto Cultural Tour**

Partners and members of AGLP meet in the AGLP Hospitality Suite for an afternoon Toronto City Tour—discover the diversity of Toronto. Hop on board as we show you some of the unique Toronto attractions and districts, as well as some of the hidden secrets of Canada's largest city and its gay village. - \$39.95US. Our host is Darrell Schuurman.

2:00-3:30pm**Psychoanalytic Committee Meeting
Ubaldo Leli M.D.**

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

3:30-5:00pm**Psychoanalytic Committee: Workshop on Shame in the Therapeutic Relationship**

Ubaldo Leli, M.D.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

5:30-7:00pm**AGLP Membership Meeting**

THE DELTA CHELSEA, TORONTO, THIRD FLOOR NORTH, CARLYLE ROOM

8:00pm onwards**Medical Student, Resident, and Early Career Psychiatrist (ECP) Reception**

BYZANTIUM
499 CHURCH STREET
416-922-3859

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY**10:00 am****S/O Outing: Toronto City Tour**

Partners and members of AGLP meet in the AGLP Hospitality Suite for a morning Toronto Cultural City Tour. Join us as we explore some of Toronto's best cultural displays, including a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum and the Bata Shoe Museum. - \$39.95US. Host Darrell Schuurman.

10:00am-3:00pm**AGLP Booth Open**

TORONTO METRO CONVENTION CENTRE, BOOTH #370

10:30am-1:15pm**Film Screening: "Brokeback Mountain"**

2 hrs, 14 mins. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

Kenn Ashley, M.D.

AGLP HOSPITALITY SUITE, DELTA CHELSEA TORONTO

AGLP Closing Awards Banquet

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APA Events of Potential Interest to LGBT Psychiatrists

CW=Component Workshop

IW=Issue Workshop

MP=Media Presentation

S=Symposium

NOTE: Neither Courses (require registration) nor Poster and New Research sessions are listed. Please refer to APA registration materials to confirm meeting times and locations.

MONDAY 22 MAY

9:00am-12:00pm MP01. Go: A Triple-Take in the World of Drugs, Sexuality, and the Like.

ROYAL YORK, MEZZANINE FLOOR, ALBERTA ROOM

Co-Presenters: Petros Levounis, M.D., MA, Jose Vito, M.D.

"Go" (1999, 103 minutes) Media presentation and workshop on modern drug use from an interpersonal, cultural, and political perspective. Targeted for members in training and early-career psychiatrists.

11:00am-12:30pm DG05. The Psychology of the Closet
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL MAIN LEVEL GRENADEIR ROOM

Chair/Moderator/Lecturer

Jack Drescher, M.D., William Alanson White Psychoanalytic Institute, New York, NY

11:00am-12:30pm CW13. Sexuality and Its Impact on the HIV Pandemic

APA Committee on AIDS

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH, LEVEL 200, ROOM 205D

Chair: Marshall Forstein, M.D.

Presenters: Milton L. Wainberg, M.D., Khakasa H. Wapenyi, M.D.

2:00-5:00pm S001. HIV Prevention Interventions with Psychiatric Patients from Around the World: Turning Research in Practice

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH, LEVEL 100, ROOM 104A

Co-Chairs: Milton L. Wainberg, M.D., Francine Cournos, M.D.

World Efforts: Turning Research into Practice
- Francine Cournos, M.D.

Severe Mental Illness: HIV Research Trajectory and Needs - Karen McKinnon, M.A.

Ethnography of HIV Risk in Two Psychiatric Settings
- Paulo E. Mattos

Severe Mental Illness and HIV Risk in India with an Emphasis on the Special Threats to Women
- Prabha S. Chandra, M.D.

HIV Prevention and People with Mental Illness in South Africa: Prevalence, Policies, and Practice
- Pamela Y. Collins

HIV Risk and Risk-Reduction Efforts Among Persons Having Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use

Issues in the US - Laura Otto-Salaj, Ph.D.

S005. Sexual Orientation and Sports

International Society for Sport Psychiatry

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH, LEVEL 200, ROOM 206A/B

Chair: Eric D. Morse, M.D.

Being Gay in Sports - Eric D. Morse, M.D.

Gender Role Conflict in Female Athletes
- Alitha J Stewart, M.D.

Suicide and the Homosexual Athlete
- Antonia L. Baum, M.D.

TUESDAY 23 MAY

11:00am-12:30pm CW31. Can We Talk? A Model for Constructive Conversation Between Opponents and Advocates of Same Sex Relationships

APA Corresponding Committee on Religion, Spirituality, and Psychiatry

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH, LEVEL 200, ROOM 205C

Co-Chairs: John R. Peteet, M.D., Allan M. Josephson, M.D.

Presenters: Paul Feheley, Chris Ambidge, Jack Drescher, M.D.

2:00-5:00pm S042. Scaling Up Against HIV/AIDS: A Culturally Sensitive and Comprehensive Approach

TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH, LEVEL 700, ROOM 709

Chair: Samuel O. Okpaku, M.D.

Discussant: Darrel A. Regier, M.D.

Understanding the Linkages Between HIV/AIDS and Development - Scholastica Kimaryo

Culture, Indigenous Knowledge, and Information and Communications Technology in the Response to the HIV/AIDS Challenge - Joseph Okpaku, M.D.

Defining and Describing a Modern Epidemic: The Case of HIV/AIDS in Sub Sahara Africa

- Samuel O. Okpaku, M.D.

Challenges to Implement Culturally-Adapted HIV/AIDS Programs in Haiti - Vladimir Berthaud

S056. HIV Update for Psychiatric Care

APA Committee on AIDS

(FAIRMONT) ROYAL YORK, MEZZANINE FLOOR, BRITISH COLUMBIA ROOM

Chair: Marshall Forstein, M.D.

HIV Medical Update - Peter Gouch, M.D.

Hepatitis C and HIV Infection - Antoine B. Douaihy, M.D.

Club Drugs and HIV - Milton L. Wainberg, M.D.

Body Image and HIV - Marshall Forstein, M.D.

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- S054. The Methamphetamine Epidemic in the U.S.**
National Institute on Drug Abuse
(FAIRMONT) ROYAL YORK, MAIN FLOOR, IMPERIAL ROOM
Co-Chairs: Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Frank Vocci, Ph.D.
Neurobiological Effect of Methamphetamine Abuse: Acute and Long Term - Linda Chang, M.D.
Methamphetamine Use, Abuse, Dependence, and Treatment: Survey Findings, 2002-2004
- James D Colliver PhD
The Epidemiology of Methamphetamine Use in NYC: Prevention and Intervention Implications
- Perry Halkitis PhD
- WEDNESDAY 24 MAY**
- 11:00am-12:30pm** **CW46. A Research Agenda for DSM-V: Mental Health in the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Populations**
APA Committee on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues
TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE NORTH, LEVEL 200, ROOM 205C
Co-Chairs: Benjamin H. McCommon, M.D., Jack Drescher, M.D.
Presenters: Theodorus G. M. Sandfort Ph.D., Michael B. First, M.D., Susan D. Cochran, Ph.D., Serena Y. Volpp, M.D., Robert P. Cabaj, M.D.
- 2:00-5:00pm** **S098. Same Sex Civil Marriage: Historical and Mental Health Research Perspectives**
(FAIRMONT) ROYAL YORK, CONVENTION FLOOR, ONTARIO ROOM
Co-Chairs: Gene A. Nakajima, M.D., Mary E. Read, M.D.
Discussant: Renee L. Binder, M.D.
Gay Marriage in History: New Manifestations of Old Traditions - Robert P. Cabaj, M.D.
Gay Marriage in the Netherlands: The First Five Years - Nicolaas F. Hettinga, M.D.
Leading the Way: Canadian Same Sex Marriage
- Laura M. Chapman, M.D.
Six Weeks of Marriage Vows in San Francisco: Personal Perspective - Ellen Haller, M.D.
Same-Sex Marriage from a Mental Health Research Perspective - Robert M. Kertzner, M.D.
- THURSDAY 25 MAY**
- 9:00-10:30am** **IW077. Can I Change? A Journey Through Ex-Gay Ministries and Beyond**
Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP)
Co-Chairs: Mary E. Barber, M.D., David L. Scasta, M.D.
Presenters: Jack Drescher, M.D., Alicia J. Salzer, M.D., Anat Salomon
- 9:00am-12:00pm** **MP07. "Bad Education": Portraying Transsexualism, Pedophilia, and Addiction**
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
(FAIRMONT) ROYAL YORK, MEZZANINE FLOOR, QUEBEC ROOM
Chair: Jose P. Vito, M.D.
Presenter: Richard R. Pleak, M.D.
- 11:00am-12:30pm** **IW109. Improving Access to Healthcare for Homeless Persons Living with HIV/AIDS**
TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH, LEVEL 700, ROOM 717A
Co-Chairs: Keith R. Stowell, M.D., Antoine B. Douaihy, M.D.
Presenter: Ann L. Hackman, M.D.
- 2:00-5:00pm** **IW108. Teaching Human Sexuality to Health Science Students Using the Sexual Events Classification System**
Association for Academic Psychiatry
TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH, LEVEL 700, ROOM 716B
Co-Chairs: Donald C Fidler MD, Gregg Dwyer MD
- 2:00-5:00pm** **S110. Infectious Diseases and Psychiatric Symptomatology**
TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE SOUTH, LEVEL 700, ROOM 711
Co-Chairs: Annette M Matthews M D, Rima Styra MD
Discussant: Glenn J. Treisman, M.D.
SARS: Psychological Consequences for the Patient, the Healthcare Worker, and the General Population
- Rima Styra, M.D.
Psychiatric Aspects of HIV/AIDS
- Stephen J. Ferrando, M.D.
Hepatitis C Disease Management Patterns in High-Risk Populations: Testing, Infection, and Treatment Rates Among Patients with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders
- Peter Hauser, M.D.
Delusional Parasitosis: An Infectious Disease Created Within Our Own Minds and Spread as Folie-A-Deux by Primitive Biological Mechanisms
- Annette M. Matthews, M.D.

REGISTRATION

AGLP Annual Symposium and
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Sunday, May 21, 2006

- 8:30-9:00am Registration & Continental Breakfast**
*Continental breakfast provided
with no additional charge*
- 9:00-9:15am Introduction—Kenn Ashley, M.D.**
- 9:15-9:45am History of Sexual Conversion Therapies**
—Jack Drescher M.D.
- 9:45-10:15am Sexual Conversion Therapies in the
Current Political Climate**
—Wayne Besen
- 10:15-10:45am Break**
- 10:45-11:15am Current Scientific Theories of
Homosexuality** —William Byne M.D.
- 11:15-11:45am The School Board Experience in
Montgomery County, Maryland**
—David Fishback, Parents, Families & Friends
of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
- 11:45am-12:15pm "Youth in the Crosshairs: The Third
Wave of Ex-Gay Activism"**
—Jason Ciancotto
- 12:15-1:00pm Lunch on your Own**
- 1:00-1:30pm Screening of portions of AGLP
Documentary being made on Reparative
Therapy "Can I Change?"**
- 1:30-2:30pm Media Training Workshop**
(limited to 20 people)

Cindi Creager, Gay and Lesbian Alliance
Against Defamation (GLAAD)

APA Public Affairs

Media training will be limited to 20 people.
- 2:30-3:00pm Break**
- 3:00-4:00pm Wrap up**
- 6:00-8:00pm AGLP Annual Opening Reception**

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Update on LGBT Mental Health at the Institute on Psychiatric Services, New York, NY Oct 7, 2006

First John E. Fryer, MD award to be presented

Over the past year, the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists (AGLP), LGBT psychiatrists, and the APA have raised \$50,000 to endow the **John E. Fryer, M.D.** Award, for a public figure who has made significant contributions to LGBT mental health. Dr. Fryer was known as Dr. Anonymous when he gave a courageous speech at the APA's 1972 Annual Meeting, which led to the declassification of homosexuality as a mental illness. **Barbara Gittings and Franklin Kameny, Ph.D.**, who were on the same panel as Dr. Fryer in 1972, will be recipients of the first award. (For more information on the Fryer award please see (<https://mmm1929.dulles19-verio.com/aglpor/pages/fryerappeal.html>)

To honor the new award, the Institute on Psychiatric Services (IPS) will feature a day of programming on LGBT mental health on Saturday October 7 at the New York Marriot Marquis Hotel in Times Square. IPS is the APA's other major annual meeting. The IPS offers a daily registration fee category, so it is possible just to register for Saturday only. Since the time for the one-day session is coordinated with other IPS activities, you can attend other IPS workshops or symposia as well. The IPS is an interdisciplinary meeting. Please invite your non-psychiatric colleagues, including social workers, psychologists, and primary care physicians.

AGLP will also hold its fall business meeting on Sunday October 8, and sponsor two receptions during the IPS. The fall business meeting is open to all AGLP members. For full details, please see www.aglp.org. To register for the IPS see www.psych.org/IPS2006.

Preliminary Program:

Friday, October 6, 2006

APA LGBT Caucus and AGLP Meeting – 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Evening Reception (details to be announced)

Saturday, October 7, 2006

Invited Lectures – 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. **Lesbian and Gay Families Scrambled Eggs: Psychological Issues in Lesbian Pregnancy and Parenting**

Susan Vaughn, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University, faculty Columbia Psychoanalytic Institute, and author of *The Talking Cure* which explores the potential for neural plasticity in response to psychotherapeutic interventions. She will



Susan Vaughn, M.D.

explore the various internal conflicts that lead lesbians to choose one reproductive technology over another and highlight major themes in lesbian considerations about pregnancy.

Gay and Lesbian Families: Data (and Papas and Mamas) and Diversity

Ellen Haller, M.D., Professor, University of California, San Francisco. Some politicians, conservative organizations, and citizens are quite vocal about their opposition to gay men and lesbians as parents. The published scientific literature clearly demonstrates that what matters most to a child's healthy development is the way they are parented rather than the gender, number or sexual orientation of their parents.

Workshop-10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sex and Sexuality and Special Populations Among Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People

This workshop will focus on understanding the complex role that sexuality plays in the mental health of lesbians and gay men.



Ellen Haller, M.D.

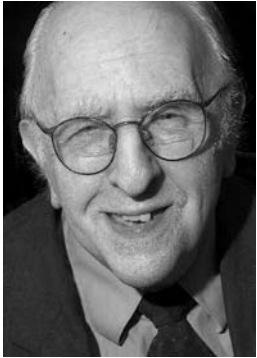
Robert Cabaj, M.D., chair, Director, Community Behavioral Health Services, San Francisco, editor, *Textbook of Homosexuality and Mental Health*. He will focus on the explosive use and abuse of methamphetamine by gay men, and the debate about the role of sex and drugs in gay men's lives.

Robert Kertzner, M.D., Research Psychiatrist, Columbia University. He will explore how LGB identity shapes the course of adult experience including single or partnered-life and sexuality with a focus on midlife.

Ronald Hellman, M.D., Director LGBT programs, South Beach Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn. He will discuss sexuality in LGBT patients with major mental illness.

Samantha Kelleher, M.D., Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster, British Columbia. She will discuss body image distortion

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in LGBT populations and the cultural influences on the presentation and development of eating disorders.

Lunch - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

John E. Fryer, MD Award Lecture – 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. *Gay, Proud, and Healthy: From Heresy to Humdrum*

Franklin E. Kameny, Ph.D., Gay Rights Activist, and **Barbara Gittings,** Gay Rights Activist

*Barbara Gittings*

Kameny and Gittings will provide an illustrated historical talk on their role as well as Dr. H. Anonymous in protesting and forcing the APA to examine scientific data in order to eliminate homosexuality as a mental illness in 1973.

Workshop - 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. *Demons, Satan, Science, and Homosexuality: A Film Analysis*

David L. Scasta, M.D., Co-chair, AGLP Film Task Force. This workshop will feature the AGLP produced film entitled "Can I

Change," focusing on the harms of conversion or "reparative" therapy. Presenters also include **Alicia Salzer, M.D., Mary Barber, M.D.,** and **Reverend Larry Waltz.**

Early evening reception for John E. Fryer, MD Award winners (details to be announced)

Sunday, October 8, 2006

AGLP Fall Business Meeting 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Open to all AGLP members who are interested in getting involved in the organization.

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Letters to the Editor

To AGLP Newsletter Editor:

Dear George,

By now, you may have heard from Jack Drescher that I was elected APA's president elect. I did want to let you know that my election will not diminish APA's strong concern for the GLBT population (both our members and our patients), and that I will continue to work to eliminate disparities and promote equal rights. I value AGLP's input--suggestions and advice, and look forward to our continued work together.

All the best,
Carolyn Robinowitz

The **AGLP Membership Directory** is now available to members online. You can search the directory by name, location, phone - any criteria at all. You can edit/update your profile at any time and even see whether or not your dues are paid up. This new service also includes the master calendar of events, a bulletin board for posting ideas, and polling capabilities. Visit www.aglp.org and click on "Members Area" to begin using this new tool. Your username and password are required to enter this area. If you forget your password, you can have it sent to you automatically. If you have any questions regarding this new service, please contact Roy Harker at rharker@aglp.org or call 215-222-2800.

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International and Minority Issues

Gene Nakajima

For the first time, we submitted a workshop on LGBT issues at the annual meeting of the Association of European Psychiatrists, which recently took place in Nice, France. We weren't expecting that much interest in our workshop, however, over 70 people attended. Thanks to Guy Glass, MD, Bob Cabaj, MD and Dennis Lin, MD for presenting. Because of the large interest in LGBT issues at this conference, I will be organizing LGBT workshops at the next AEP meeting that will take place in Madrid, Spain, from March 17-21, 2007.

We have one LGBT symposium and one workshop accepted for the WPA international Congress in Istanbul. (the International Congresses are smaller meetings organized by the WPA in the years between the large World Congresses which occur every three years).

At the annual APA meeting, we will once again have a dinner for minority and international LGBT psychiatrists. As usual, LGBT psychiatrists visiting from outside the US and Canada are welcome to attend, along with AGLP members interested in meeting international psychiatrists. We will also have a discussion group in the hospitality suite followed by lunch. Please see the AGLP schedule for full details.

Upcoming international conferences:

Istanbul July 12-16, 2006 WPA International Congress
www.wpa2006istanbul..(One LGBT symposium and one workshop accepted)

Madrid March 17-21, 2007 Association of European Psychiatrists,
www.aep.lu

Melbourne, Australia: Nov 28-Dec 2, 2007 WPA International Congress
www.wpa2007melbourne.com

Prague Sep 19,-25, 2008 WPA World Congress www.wpa-prague2008.cz

Buenos Aires Fall 2011 WPA World Congress

(Most psychiatrists outside the US have little training on LGBT issues. Here is your opportunity to educate psychiatrists outside the US. If you have any interest in speaking at one of the above conferences on LGBT or HIV issues contact Gene at Gnakajima@alumni.stanford.org)

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APA Board Approves Revised Charge for the Committee on GLB Issues

In an effort to clarify the role and task of the Committee on GLB Issues a new set of Charges had been advanced to the Board for consideration for approval. During the March Board meeting this revised Charge was approved as follows:

The Board approved the revised charge of the Committee on GLB issues

Charge: The APA Committee on GLB Issues is charged to assist APA:

1. Identify issues which affect the health and mental health of gay, lesbian, and bisexual patient populations
2. Advocate for services to improve the health and mental health of gay, lesbian, and bisexual patient populations
3. Advocate for the professional concerns of gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the APA
4. Support the development of leadership skills of gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the APA
5. Help educate APA members and their respective institutions regarding current scientific knowledge about sexual minorities
6. Help educate APA members and their respective institutions regarding mental health issues of gay, lesbian, and bisexual patient populations
7. Help educate APA components and APA leadership about gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues
8. Collaborate with other APA components regarding gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues
9. Increase the general public's awareness of current scientific knowledge regarding sexual minorities
10. Increase the general public's awareness of the mental health issues of gay, lesbian, and bisexual patient populations
11. Increase the media's awareness of current scientific knowledge regarding sexual minorities
12. Increase the media's awareness of the mental health issues of gay, lesbian, and bisexual populations
13. De-stigmatize psychiatry within gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities
14. Connect APA to gay, lesbian, and bisexual community groups and institutions

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Resident's Column

Andy Tompkins, M.D.

March Madness

I just watched a phenomenal game of college basketball between the Kansas Jayhawks and Texas Longhorns. In the end, the young team from my home state (Kansas) pulled off the upset to win the Big XII Conference Championship, its first since 1999. From a gay man, this devotion to sport might come as a surprise especially to those who have seen me wear glitter. But come March, my love of medicine and friends of Dorothy is matched by my devotion to college hoops. Coaches at this time of year stress the fundamentals to players in order to remind them of what wins games – ball possession, high percentage shot-taking, and defense. Three simple rules. If Bill Self is to lead my Jayhawks deep into the NCAAs, he will have to get his team to remember these fundamentals.

Likewise, I believe we as members of AGLP have reached our crunch time. We are facing a financial struggle this year which might daunt those who do not believe in miracles. Thankfully, Cinderellas (and princesses of all varieties) abound in our organization. So, I will remind our membership of three simple rules which can bring us through these rounds so we might fight to play another game. First, financial responsibility starts with on-time dues payment. For me, I struggle as a resident to meet the demands of a mortgage, insurance, and food for those long nights on call. However, my dues amount to one dinner out with my boyfriend. A romantic dinner at home with candlelight would suffice to spark after dinner excitement. That meant AGLP had my money to continue in its mission of *Opening Minds*. If you can, support on top of dues with travel scholarships to further increase lifetime members.

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Second, wear your AGLP pin on your white coat, blazer, blouse, or outer clothing of choice. This serves as an outward symbol to keep our organization in the public mind. I have been able to tell countless residents, attendings, medical students and patients about the AGLP just by wearing our blue and white pin. "My, that is a beautiful pin. What does it mean?" I open into a short explanation of the AGLP, and continue into its mission, current projects, and past accomplishments. This conversation is tailored to the individual but widens public awareness. One particularly difficult patient who happened to be the mother of a Hopkins physician connected to me in the midst of a manic episode because of this pin. I won over her confidence and her stay on the inpatient wards was much easier. We give AGLP a human face when we identify ourselves as members with this pin AND we encourage others to join or to rejoin.

Third, do what comes naturally. Talk. We must become the human face of our great (and long-standing) organization. This can be in the form of a presentation at APA, AGLP national convention, or at your local residency programs research day. We need more research into sexuality and transgender issues which affect our patients and our interactions with them. As residents, you can come out to faculty and students in order to further the dialogue of the roles, benefits, and struggles of being a GLBT professional. Finally, you should bring up AGLP membership to those colleagues who are not yet dues paying members of the organization.

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