



## **TPATH in May**

### ***Communication***

TPATH has a number of different communication platforms, including [Facebook](#), a [Google Listserv](#), and the website [forums](#). The Facebook group in particular now has over 450 members! All of these platforms require individual registration, which is open only to trans and/or intersex identified folks. Please feel welcome to add friends and co-workers to the Facebook group, but remind them to answer the membership questions, as they cannot be approved until they do so.

### ***Planning for Buenos Aires***

TPATH continues to work hard on organizing for the upcoming WPATH [conference](#) in Buenos Aires (Nov 2-6, 2018).

- ***Hotels***

We have identified a few alternatives to the official [conference hotel](#), which has rooms starting at \$229/night. It is our hope that this will be a more affordable option and will allow us to be in the same spaces, away from the larger conference. TPATH can't make any guarantees about these hotels, but the reviews are good and present them as basic and clean (note that prices here are for Nov 1-7).

1. Located in the Retiro neighbourhood, the [Feir's Park Hotel](#) is a short 29 min by transit and 32 min walking from the WPATH [conference site](#). Since originally posting this, prices on [Priceline](#) have gone up to \$127/night. The '[blind](#)' deal appears to be gone for now, but keep an eye out as their inventory changes all the time. In the meantime, you may find it a bit cheaper on [Tripadvisor](#) or similar travel sites. Don't wait too long though, as prices are likely to go up the closer we get. The hotel itself includes an airport shuttle, wifi, fitness centre, pool, and restaurant on site. The site also has elevators and should be relatively accessible.
2. Several TPATH members have also booked rooms at the [Anselmo Buenos Aires](#), which is located in the San Telmo neighbourhood,

about 31 minutes walking and 25 minutes by transit from the conference site. [Rooms](#) start at \$177 USD/night (w/ Hilton Honors membership), but may be found cheaper on discount booking sites. The hotel includes wifi, fitness room, and a bar area. It is also quite accessible, with a full accessibility [audit](#).

3. There are also a number of very affordable [hostels](#) in Buenos Aires, with what appears to be an average price of \$15/night.

- **Scholarships**

We are in the process of applying for grant funding for conference attendance scholarships and are also looking to launch a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds. These scholarships will be open to all TPATH members with a financial need, but will prioritize individuals that are particularly marginalized, including (but not limited to) those who are racialized, (dis)abled, sex workers, and/or from the Global South.

### **Volunteering**

If you are interested in volunteering or sharing knowledge with TPATH in these, or any other roles, please send us a [note](#).

- **TPATH Leadership**

We are actively recruiting folks from the Global South to take on a [leadership](#) role. Commitment is flexible and takes place primarily online.

- **Newsletter**

If you have design skills and/or an interest in writing we'd love to have your help.

- **Blog Posts**

TPATH has a [blog](#)! Right now we mostly use it for expressions of solidarity, announcements, and what not. We'd really love to make it available to folks that want to write posts about their experiences with and as trans healthcare Providers. Please get ahold of us if this is something you're interested in.

## **What's up with the PATHs?**

### **WPATH**

- **Call for Nominations for Global Board of Directors**

- Nominations are open for the following positions (Due June 6th @ 12:01 am CDT)
  - President-elect (2018-2020)
  - Treasurer (2018-2020)
  - Secretary (2018-2020)
  - 4 at large board members (2018-2022)

- o The [criteria](#) for nominees are available on the WPATH site, as are [nomination application forms](#). If you want to nominate someone, please ask them to fill out the application or submit their name, email, and country of residence to the WPATH Nominating Committee @ [wpath@wpath.org](mailto:wpath@wpath.org).
  - o Note that the Nominating Committee will select candidates from the applications based on understanding of the requirements for service and geographic diversity.
- **WPATH Buenos Aires 2018**
    - o [Registration](#) is now open for the Symposium in Buenos Aires (November 2–6, 2018).
    - o Abstract submissions for oral, poster presentations, and mini-symposia are closed. WPATH reports that over 500 were received, so it should be sometime before folks are informed of acceptance.
    - o WPATH has committed to setting aside a room for trans and/or intersex attendees, as space permits, throughout the conference.
    - o WPATH has announced a scholarship fund for “those who officially represent WPATH in their advocacy work” and to “global advocates to attend WPATH conferences”. They aren’t open for application yet, though there may be an option to indicate that you want one in the conference registration form. You can read more about this [here](#).
  - **WPATH Global Education Initiative**  
WPATH has a pathway to get grandfathered into the certification process. There is apparently an exam to complete before this can be done. You will need to complete the [intent](#) form, which contains more details about the requirements of this process.

## **USPATH**

- USPATH has an open [Call for Nominations](#) for the new Board of Directors. Criteria are listed [here](#). You can submit your interest [here](#).