



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 almost 500 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.

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 a hold of us if this is something you're interested in.

What's up with the PATHs?

CPATH

CPATH is seeking public [input](#) on a set of guidelines for ethical research practices with trans communities from Canadian trans people, researchers, and practitioners.

WPATH

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.

Response to Genital Surgery Open Letter

WPATH has [responded](#) to this [letter](#). A discussion about the response is taking place on the TPATH Facebook group. If you are interested in participating in this process please contact [Gaines Parker](#).

Student Representative to the Board of Directors

There's a [call for nominations](#) for the following positions (due Fri, July 15th);

- WPATH Student Initiative Co-Chair/Student Representative to the Board of Directors (BOD)
- WPATH Student Initiative Vice Co-Chair & Student Representative to the BOD Elect (take on the role of Co-Chair/Student Representative after a year).

Planning for Buenos Aires

TPATH continues to work hard on organizing for the upcoming WPATH [conference](#) in Buenos Aires (Nov 2-6, 2018). Abstract submission acceptance notices have gone out and WPATH has committed to setting aside a room for trans and/or intersex attendees, as space permits, throughout the conference. We are in touch with them about where and how often it will be available.

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 \$162/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 going up as we get closer to the conference. 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 \$152 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.

Registration

Conference registration is now open. Rates start at \$555 USD for the conference itself and increase or decrease depending on whether you register for additional courses, are a student, or from a [Least Developed Countries](#). There will be 5 student [scholarships](#) that take the form of registration fee waivers, with applications due by June 30, 2018. WPATH is also collecting funds to provide [scholarships](#) to, allow global advocates to attend WPATH conferences. They have not yet announced whether they will be disbursed for Argentina.

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.

Other News

ICD-11 Revision

The World Health Organization has completed the [ICD-11](#) and announced the movement of all trans-related categories from the Chapter on Mental and Behavioral Disorders to the Chapter on Conditions Related to Sexual Health. This is a big win for depathologization and credit goes to [GATE](#), [AKAHATA](#), [TGEU](#), [APTN](#), [ILGA](#), [Post-Soviet Trans* Coalition](#), [Irant.org](#), and the [STP International Campaign Stop Trans Pathologization](#).