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Dear Professor Conway:

Re: CAMH re: Ken Zucker and Lynn Conway
Our File No. 300566
Your File No. #0809-178529

We are the lawyers for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health ("CAMH") and Dr. Kenneth Zucker. It has recently come to our clients' attention that there is false, unlawful and defamatory information posted on your website, www.lynnconway.com which is linked to the University of Michigan website at <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/conway.html>

Your website contains very serious false and defamatory allegations of criminal conduct and sexual abuse by Dr. Zucker. These allegations clearly exceed the limits of free speech and public discourse.

Specifically, our clients are concerned with a January 17, 2009 posting on your "Trans News Updates", found at <http://ai.eecs.umich.edu/people/conway/TS/News/News.html> and which states the following:

01-17-09: Organisation Internationale des Intersexués (OII): "The self-proclaimed experts on intersex: Zucker and Lawrence", by Curtis Hinkle
"I am sure that many intersex people were aware that the APA had brought out a booklet on intersex. However, I am not sure that many understand how problematic it is to many intersex people to see some of the following names associated with this booklet: Margaret Schneider, Walter O. Bockting, Randall D. Ehrbar, Anne A. Lawrence, Katherine Louise Rachlin and Kenneth J. Zucker. At first glance, the booklet seems apparently harmless. However, that is what's so clever about it. It's a way for the Clarke/Northwestern clique to get their nose under the (intersex) tent and then later "come on in"."

We note that you have created a hyperlink for "Kenneth J. Zucker", and upon clicking the link, leads the reader to the website at

<http://www.intersexualite.org/WPATH.html> and titled "**Open Letter to President of WPATH from OII - (Sent 28 May 2008)**", where the following statement is found near the bottom of the page:

"OII received communication from an individual that **alleged that as a child Zucker had sexually abused her.** OII reported this to the proper authorities, including many members of WPATH."

A copy of your website postings and links to the defamatory material, with the defamatory words underlined, is attached hereto as "Appendix A".

As stated above, the allegations contained in this posting are false and highly defamatory to Dr. Zucker. Furthermore the posting has resulted in irreparable harm to his professional and personal reputation. These are very serious allegations of criminal conduct that exceed the limits of free speech and public discourse.

It is our clients' position that it is wholly inappropriate for a professional such as yourself to publish such defamatory material and furthermore, to link it to an institutional network such as the University of Michigan network. Please be advised that we have also notified the IT User Advocate at the University of Michigan of this defamatory posting.

Please be advised that as the owner and administrator of your website, and by your own admission, the "compiler and editor" of the "Trans News Updates", including the aforementioned defamatory statements, you are liable for perpetuating the damage caused by such serious and defamatory allegations to Dr. Zucker's reputation. Furthermore, you are liable for additional aggravated damages for the malicious nature of your conduct.


Please note that it is not our clients' intention to stifle free speech on issues that are of public interest or to infringe on matters of academic freedom. Our clients are not attempting to stifle legitimate and good faith discussions on their work as our clients acknowledge that their work, and the work of the Gender Identity Clinic, is the subject of often vigorous debate and criticism. However, the nature of your conduct exceeds the limits of such valid commentary on matters of public interest and constitutes a serious personal attack on Dr. Zucker.

The defamatory statements that you have posted have lowered and will continue to lower, the reputation of our clients to the world at large. In the circumstances, our clients insist that you immediately take steps to remove the defamatory material from your website – specifically, we request that you remove any links on your website to the website

<http://www.intersexualite.org/WPATH.html> which contains the defamatory statements.

Please confirm receipt of this libel notice immediately and advise us immediately of what steps you will take to have this defamatory material removed from your website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PMJ' followed by a stylized flourish.

PETER M. JACOBSEN

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About This Website:

(en español)

My goal for this website is to illuminate and normalize the issues of gender identity and the processes of gender transition. This project began in the year 2000, as I struggled to "come out" about my past to my research colleagues. I wanted to tell in my own words the story of my gender transition from male to female three decades earlier, in 1968, and then of being outed 31 years later in 1999, while living quietly and successfully in "stealth mode".

Since beginning work on this website, I've come into contact with ever growing numbers of people concerned with gender issues. I've interacted via e-mail and in personal meetings with large numbers of people who are transitioning or who have transitioned. Given the still-remaining social invisibility, ignorance

and superstitions about gender conditions, I've felt a strong need to provide whatever information, encouragement and hope that I can to help others who are struggling with these issues.

As a result of my contacts with thousands of TG/TS/IS people over the past few years, this website has evolved into a major informational and support site for transgender and transsexual people. The site now reflects years of field work and empirical research, and intensive efforts at framing and writing up the resulting observations regarding this previously almost invisible, highly stigmatized minority about which many superstitions still prevail.

This work has been conducted in the style of an investigative journalist who herself is embedded in the "war zone" she is covering. These investigations, carried out in an arena swirling with new shifts in existing paradigms of thought, have been continually shaped and guided by very close interactions with hundreds of people who are themselves very experienced in these issues. Many of these individuals have shared in the creation of this website, by contributing valuable observations and practical information about gender transition, and by sharing keen insights and wisdom that they've gained from their own personal experiences.

The website is informal in structure, and is still rapidly evolving as new ideas and information become available. I begin by first telling my own story, as best I can. That story, of someone who underwent gender transition earlier in life, illustrates that such transitions can turn out rather well in the long term. The story also provides personal vignettes relevant to the gender identity sections of this website:

<u>Lynn's Story PDF</u>	<u>Photographs</u>	<u>Hobbies & Homelife</u>
<u>Biographical Sketch PDF</u>	<u>News Articles</u>	<u>Mackinac Island Wedding Trip</u>
<u>Lynn's Retrospective</u>	<u>Research Impact PDF</u>	<u>Site Map & Links (Updated)</u>
<u>Lynn's VLSI Archive</u>	<u>VLSI Archive Main Links</u>	<u>VLSI Archive Spreadsheet XLS</u>

The website then presents an array of informational webpages and constantly updated reference links concerning gender identity and gender transition, in an effort to help others who may undergo such transitions. The site also links to webpages containing photos and stories of over 200 other people who've undergone complete gender transitions (both MtF and FtM). These many additional true-life "success stories" can provide encouragement, hope and role models for others, especially for the many young transgender and transsexual people who often feel so much fear and desperation about their futures. Experienced-based knowledge and real-world role models can go a long way towards easing the fears of these young people, helping them more confidently confront the challenges ahead of them, and illuminating pathways they can follow to build a full and joyful life:

<u>TG/TS/IS Gender Basics</u>	<u>Transsexual Women's Successes</u>	<u>Facial Feminization Surgery</u>
<u>Transgenderism</u>	<u>Successful TransMen</u>	<u>Sex Reassignment Surgery</u>
<u>Transsexualism (MtF)</u>	<u>TS Women's Resources</u>	<u>College Transition Issues</u>
<u>Prevalence of Transsexualism</u>	<u>TG/TS/IS Links</u>	<u>Life after Transition</u>

I always welcome new ideas and practical information about these issues, as well as critical feedback about this website. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at the address below if you have any ideas you'd like to share. Increasingly we transgender and transsexual women are speaking for ourselves, instead of fearfully hanging back while the old-time psychiatric establishment (Paul McHugh), sex-obsessed "sex researchers"* (J. Michael Bailey, Ray Blanchard), talk-show comics, tabloid media and various conservative religions spread awful misinformation about us.

By openly sharing our stories and life-experiences, we can help build a more realistic knowledge of and genuine wisdom about transgender issues. We can also help society see us as the human beings we truly are. In the process we can enable more and more people to live fuller and happier lives in an increasingly inclusive, harmonious society.

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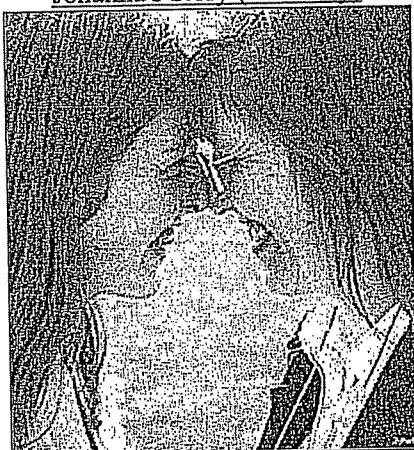


NEW: Trans News Updates

This page links to emerging news stories of interest to the trans community. The running log of news also reveals evolving media spins and public attitudes regarding trans issues.

See the expanded section on Transitioning Early in Life,
which includes links to stories of teenage transitioners:

Johanna's Story (Germany)



العربية, 译者注, Español, Deutsch, Français,

Danielle's Story (USA) (PDF)

NEW! Second Edition is now in print!
NEW!

Nicole's Story



译者注, Español,

Trans News Updates:

Compiled and edited by Lynn Conway

[Version of 1-25-09]

These 'pages link to emerging news of special interest to the trans community. They also serve as a window into the media's focus and the public's interest in trans issues as time goes by - enabling us to track shifts in media spins and social attitudes over time. You can also exploit the pages as a searchable news archive by using "find" in your browser or the internal Google search-box at top right. E-mail Lynn if you see interesting news for listing here.

2009: [Jan](#)

2008: [Jan](#), [Feb](#), [Mar](#), [Apr](#), [May](#), [Jun](#), [Jul](#), [Aug](#), [Sep](#), [Oct](#), [Nov](#), [Dec](#)

2007: [Jan](#), [Feb](#), [Mar](#), [Apr](#), [May](#), [Jun](#), [Jul](#), [Aug](#), [Sep](#), [Oct](#), [Nov](#), [Dec](#)

2006: [Jan](#), [Feb](#), [Mar](#), [Apr](#), [May](#), [Jun](#), [Jul](#), [Aug](#), [Sep](#), [Oct](#), [Nov](#), [Dec](#)

2005: - - - [Apr](#), [May](#), [Jun](#), [Jul](#), [Aug](#), [Sep](#), [Oct](#), [Nov](#), [Dec](#)

Important updates on the Zucker-Dreger attacks on trans critics: In July '07, Ken Zucker, editor of the Archives of Sexual Behavior (ASB), subverted that journal as a propaganda rag in defense of editorial board members Bailey, Blanchard and Lawrence (BBL). He did this by announcing and pre-publishing Alice Dreger's one-sided history of the Bailey book investigation. Zucker promoted Dreger's hit-piece as if it were an independent scholarly work, devoting the entire June '08 ASB to Dreger's defense of Bailey. Ardent Bailey supporter Ben Carey followed with a New York Times article on 8-21-07 in which Dreger portrayed Bailey as a great scientist under siege for 'telling the truth'.

Determined to stop criticism of Bailey, Dreger went on to launch e-mail attacks and threaten the academic career of graduate student Joelle Ruby Ryan who had proposed a women's study conference panel on transphobia in academe (see Élise Hendrick's commentary, Lynn's comments and this article). Dreger's attempt to prevent Joelle's panel backfired. It was held as scheduled on June 21, 2008 (see flyer and handout), and produced powerful essays that further exposed Bailey and Dreger (see detailed report at this link) including Élise's essay on the odd form of 'academic freedom' claimed by Bailey and Dreger and Andrea's essay "Fair comment, foul play". Videos of all the presentations are posted on YouTube. See also the prestigious Point Foundation's mention of Joelle's panel at this link.

Julia Serano has published an exposé of Dreger's effort to resurrect Bailey's disgraced career, and her book Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity provides the context for understanding these events. For an overview of BBL pseudo-science, see "Science and Ideology: The Blanchard-Bailey-Lawrence Model of Transsexuality" by Élise Hendrick and "The Bailey Affair, Again" by Joan Roughgarden. For a deconstruction of Carey's Times' article, see this essay by Élise Hendrick. Dreger's scholarship was further questioned in June '08 in peer commentary papers highly critical of her work.

Important updates re Zucker, the APA and the DSM: An exposé of Zucker's reparatist treatment of gender-variant children, "But For Today I Am A Boy" (Français), was published in the Torontoist on May 9, 2008. National Public Radio broadcast a heartbreaking documentary on May 8-9, 2008 contrasting Zucker's decades-old reparatist methods to more modern treatment protocols. Organisation Intersex International (OII) then raised important questions about Ontario's sponsorship of Zucker's work. See also OII's Open Letter to WPATH.

In a further development, Zucker was selected to lead the revision of the Amer. Psychiatric Association's section on 'sexual

and gender identity disorders' in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) even though he's known to be a trans-reparatist. With Zucker thus empowered, there's little chance for removal of GID from the DSM, and trans people will likely be stigmatized for another decade as being mentally ill even after transition. See the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) press release protesting Zucker's DSM selection. The huge scale of the protest was made even more visible in a petition against Zucker's DSM selection that gained over 9,500 signatures (noticia en español). See also the petition protesting Ontario gov't support of Zucker's work (more, more), and the petition in protest of Zucker's key role in a UK conference on adolescent transitions.

For background on needed DSM reforms see GIDReform.org and Kelley Winters' essays (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16), especially "Blinded Me With Science: The Burden of Proof". See also "DSM ON THE BOOKSHELF", an open letter to WPATH by clinician Tracie O'Keefe [PDF], "DSM: Diagnosing for Status and Money" (more, more, more). See also Prof. Sam Winter's report on how the 'mental-illness' classification causes transphobia all around the world.

On Feb 6, 2009, Joelle Ruby Ryan (chair), Julia Serano, and Kelley Winters, Ph.D. will present a workshop at IFGE 2009 entitled "Disordered" No More: Challenging Transphobia in Psychology, Academia and Society", in response to the pathologization of gender variant people by the reactionary psychiatric and sexological communities.

For important updates re the 'other' APA (Amer. Psych. Assoc.) see: "Falsification of GID prevalence results by the APA Task Force on Gender Identity and Gender Variance", an Investigative Report by Lynn Conway, 8-28-08 [PDF]. See also Lynn's letter to the President of the APA re that Task Force, 9-05-08 [PDF], and this open letter and investigative report re the APA's response.

January 2009

Just returned home from a vacation - catching up on news and e-mails now!

01-24-09: Guardian (UK): "I used to be a man" (interview with Kate Craig-Wood)

01-23-09: Gay City News: "Trans Dress Code Loss"

"A sex discrimination claim by a gender-transitioning retail sales employee fired for using make-up and letting her hair grow longer than her employer deemed appropriate for men has been rejected by the US District Court for the Northern District of Indiana."

01-23-09: Express Buzz (India): "Punishing difference"

01-22-09: The Daily Northwestern: "Cover Story: Self, Sex and Politics" - "Transgender students and faculty fight for equal rights and equal protection. Will a new university president make this a reality for the last unprotected minority on campus?"

Note: We wonder how NU transgenderism-denier J. Michael Bailey will react to this initiative. Recall that on p.174 of his book Bailey teaches that transwomen "are almost all autogynephiles" and on page 180 he denies the existence of gendered identities. Would Bailey support full and equal rights for transgender people? We don't think so.

Meantime, NU students should beware of criticizing Bailey's teachings, because part-time NU faculty member and Bailey-defender Alice Dreger is likely to charge them with attacking Bailey's 'academic freedom' if they openly challenge his views!

01-22-09: BBC News (UK): "Transsexual's murderer gets life"

01-22-09: DNA India (India): "City transgenders hail Delhi PIL"

01-22-09: Jakarta Globe (Indonesia): "PAN Lawmaker Calls for 14% of Jobs to Be Allocated to Transgenders"

"A senior legislator from the moderate Islamic National Mandate Party, or PAN, said he wanted to ensure that as many as 14 jobs out of every 100 are allocated to members of Indonesia's large transgender community."

01-22-09: Houston Press: "Attagirl: Transsexual Police Officer Nominated Grand Marshal of Pride"

Parade"

"The nominees for Grand Marshal of the Pride Parade were announced recently and Houston Police Officer Julia Christina Oliver is among the women named. That couldn't have happened two years ago when Oliver was still a male. "

01-20-09: Gendermadness.com: "Book Announcement: *Gender Madness in American Psychiatry, Essays from the Struggle for Dignity*", by Kelley Winters, Ph.D. [announcement PDF]

"More than three decades after the American Psychiatric Association voted to remove the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder, those who do not conform to their assigned birth-sex, either by inner identity or outer social expression, are labeled mentally ill in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM), with grave consequences to their human dignity and civil liberties. For transsexual individuals, the current diagnostic categories of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) and Transvestic Fetishism also pose barriers to access to medical transition procedures. As the APA works toward its fifth revision of the DSM in 2012, these gender diagnoses provoke growing controversy while perpetuating harmful stereotypes that fail to explain the existence of countless well-adjusted transsexual, gender queer and gender transcendent people who have contributed to society for millennia.

Gender Madness in American Psychiatry: Essays from the Struggle for Dignity provides an overview of the literature and attitudes behind the current diagnostic nomenclature and a historical snapshot of the issues and challenges faced by gender transcendent people on the eve of publication of the Fifth Edition of the DSM. This book contains a collection of essays from the struggle for transgender dignity and health care access. They are expanded from pieces posted to the GID Reform Advocates web site in 2008 and incorporate the generous feedback and discussion from advocates and critics.

For students of psychology, sociology, anthropology and gender studies curricula, this book provides an overview of the literature and social context that led to the current diagnostic nomenclature. It offers a historical snapshot of the issues and challenges faced by the trans-community on the eve of publication of the DSM-V. For gender transcendent people, this book is a call for respect and celebration of the broad diversity that exists within our community. Yet, it is also a call for unity and solidarity in demanding change for psychiatric policies and stereotypes that harm all trans-people. For mental health clinicians who work with transitioning clients, this book is intended to provide some insight, from a trans-perspective, into the barriers to social legitimacy and access to medical care that are posed by the categories of current Gender Identity Disorder and Transvestic Fetishism."

[[contents](#), [reviews](#), [author](#), [GIDreform.org](#)]

01-19-09: Queerty: "Transgenders, Transgenders Everywhere"

"Are we in the middle of a transgender renaissance? Of course not—a renaissance would require an original time when transgender men and women were treated with normalcy. But maybe we're heading down the path toward the *first* era where MTF and FTM folks won't be treated as outsiders, but just another demographic group children grow up with."

01-19-09: Metro.co.uk (UK): "Antony Hegarty's truly natural talent"

"The music world seemed to swoon in unison when Antony Hegarty's outfit Antony And The Johnsons won the Mercury Music Prize . . . This indie paean to transgender identity and beauty became a Top 20 hit . . ."

01-19-09: BBC News (UK): "Man guilty of transsexual murder"

"A roofer has been found guilty in the 11-year-old murder case of a transsexual prostitute in London."

01-19-09: Jakarta Globe (Indonesia): "Transgenders Hold First National Conference, Demand End to Discrimination"

"In the first-ever national conference of transsexuals and transvestites, Indonesians from 23 provinces are meeting . . . to discuss ways to improve their legal rights and stop discrimination."

01-18-09: Broadway World: "Emmy Winning and Oscar Nominated Arranger Angela Morley Passes Away at 84"

"Music arranger Angela Morley, who won Emmys for arranging two of Julie Andrews television specials has died at 84 in Scottsdale, Arizona. She's said to have passed away from complications of a fall and a subsequent heart attack. The three-time Emmy winner, also received Oscar nominations for adapting the songs in the musicals "The Little Prince" and "The Slipper and the Rose". This prolific woman also wrote her own official bio for her web site, which we reprint below. A very full life! Our thoughts and prayers go out to her partner Christine Parker, along with her son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren during this difficult time. For more information, visit <http://www.angelamorley.com/> "

01-18-09: The Stage News (UK): "Composer Angela Morley dies"

"Angela Morley, one of the UK's leading musical arrangers and composers, has died at the age of 84. In 1953 she began a long association with Philips Records, arranging for the company's leading light-entertainment artists . . . She also wrote the theme tunes for Hancock's Half Hour and was the musical director for The Goon Show. In her later career she wrote the theme tune for the top US soap Dynasty. She orchestrated and arranged the music for the film of The Little Prince and in 1978 was music supervisor for the Sherman's Brothers' film of The Slipper and the Rose. She won Oscar nominations for both films. Morley was a transsexual woman and was born Wally Stott. She underwent gender assignment surgery in 1972. She died on January 14, 2009. A full obituary will appear in The Stage newspaper." ([more](#), [more](#))

01-17-09: Associated Press (re Brazil): "Transgender model steals the show in Fashion Rio"

"Globo Television's Web site called the 25-year-old Araujo "the star" of the show's final day, and model Isabeli Fontana told O Dia that Araujo "is the greatest." [note the two beautiful photos; click to enlarge]

01-17-09: Organisation Internationale des Intersexués (OI): "The self-proclaimed experts on intersex: Zucker and Lawrence", by Curtis Hinkle

"I am sure that many intersex people were aware that the APA had brought out a booklet on intersex. However, I am not sure that many understand how problematic it is to many intersex people to see some of the following names associated with this booklet: Margaret Schneider, Walter O. Bockting, Randall D. Ehrbar, Anne A. Lawrence, Katherine Louise Rachlin and Kenneth J. Zucker. At first glance, the booklet seems apparently harmless. However, that is what's so clever about it. It's a way for the Clarke/Northwestern clique to get their nose under the (intersex) tent and then later "come on in"."

01-17-09: Bleacher Report: "Under Which Category of Sport Should a Transgender Surgery Person Compete"

01-16-09: Detroit Examiner: "Meet TS Performer And Star Kimber James"

01-15-09: Florida Baptist Witness: "Gainesville citizens fight 'gender identity' law" - "March 24 referendum would overturn 'government gone wild'"

01-15-09: Inter Press Service (re Mexico): "RELIGION: Catholic Church Family Meet Slams Door on Diversity"

"Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, said the family is a gift from God that is threatened by error and sin, and by "relativism." . . . His remarks were read by analysts as more or less veiled criticism of new Mexico City laws that legalised same-sex unions and abortion on demand up to the 12th week of pregnancy, and allow transsexuals to change their identity and gender on their identity documents. "

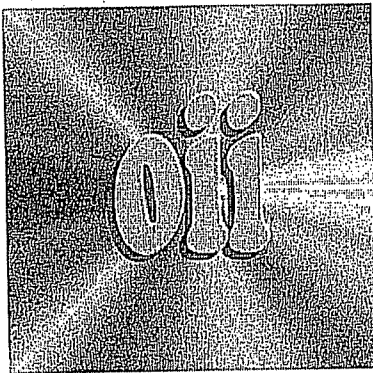
01-15-09: KCBS: "San Francisco Makes Municipal ID Cards Available"

"Supporters say the program will aid undocumented immigrants, as well as homeless residents, transgender individuals, seniors, students and children who often lack government-issued identification."

01-15-09: Bay Windows (Boston): "MTPC town hall meeting addresses status, strategy for passing trans rights bill"

"MTPC Steering Committee chair Nancy Nangeroni told the audience that MTPC has learned that someone anonymously e-mailed every member of the state legislature a copy of a video created by the Gainesville, Florida-based Citizens for Good Public Policy . . . The commercial shows a young blond girl walking from a playground into a public restroom. A few seconds after she closes the door, a menacing man wearing a baseball cap and dark sunglasses walks into the bathroom behind her. A message on the screen links the video to the city's gender identity ordinance, reading, "On January 28, 2008, your City Commission made this legal. Is that what you want in Gainesville?"

01-15-09: IFGE Press Release: "International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), Announces Plans for Transgender 2009 – the 23rd Annual Conference"



Open Letter to President of WPATH from OII - (Sent 28 May 2008)

Dear Stephen Whittle,

Sophia Siedlberg and I are writing to you on behalf of the Organisation Intersex International about a very disturbing problem associated with WPATH and what appears its total lack of intersex input and representation. We in OII have worked very diligently to prove that we are allies with your membership. We therefore are concerned that we have been ignored and perhaps even intentionally harmed by WPATH.

There is a committee in WPATH with the following name:

WPATH Committee on Disorders of Sex Development

One of the members of this committee is **Ken Zucker**, Ph.D. (Canada).

This is offensive to the membership of OII which is the largest intersex organisation in the world and also a Canadian organisation. We are very concerned that Ken Zucker is the Canadian representative on a committee devoted to intersex issues using the extremely stigmatizing term "disorders of sex development". It is important to point out that more and more Canadians, many of whom are in close contact with OII, find that Ken Zucker is an embarrassment to Canadians and many are very upset about abuse of gender variant children being subsidized by publicly funded dollars.

<http://www.intersexualite.org/Ontario.html>

http://www.intersexualite.org/CAMH.html#anchor_6

Also, there is no intersex membership on this committee. There was absolutely no discussion with intersex people that we are aware of about forming this committee and we would like to know why this committee is even a part of WPATH.

If you watch the following video, you will see why many intersex people are not interested in having Zucker be part of a committee devoted to these issues.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnozs83MIZ4>

We are also concerned about the conflation of the DSD terminology in a mental health setting and do not have time to share all those concerns with you in this communication. However, you can find information on OII's website at the following link:

<http://www.intersexualite.org/investigation.html>

Does WPATH approve of referring to people with intersex variations as having a "disorder of sex development"? Does WPATH approve of Ken Zucker's membership on this committee despite that fact that we in the intersex community are not aware of any attempt on his part to inform himself of what the majority of intersex activists feel about these issues?

I would like to know if this is the image that WPATH wishes to give to the world and I would like to know what the overall membership feels about stigmatizing intersex people and putting Zucker on this committee. Would you please let the Organisation Intersex International know how the membership feels about treating intersex people and our issues in this manner?

We hope that this matter can be resolved in a manner that does not cause serious damage to the intersex community and all the intense work we have done to be inclusive of trans issues.

We urge all people worldwide who are concerned about the CAMH to sign the following petition.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/hrights/petition.html>

Kind Regards,
Sophia Siedlberg, OII-UK
Curtis E. Hinkle
Fondateur, Organisation Internationale des Intersexes
Founder, Organisation Intersex International
<http://www.intersexualite.org/>

ADDENDUM:

Please read the following information from Intersex Initiative which also expresses these same concerns.

<http://www.intersexinitiative.org/news/000050.html>

Follow up:

OII has yet (31 July 2008) to receive any serious response from Stephen Whittle concerning the specific issues raised in this letter, nor the serious allegations and other ethical issues concerning Zucker that the president of OII shared with many members of WPATH who were members of the Gender ID Coalition which Stephen Whittle was also a member of.

The following information was shared:

http://www.intersexualite.org/Zucker_boys.html

* OII received communication from an individual that **alleged that as a child Zucker had sexually abused her**. OII reported this to the proper authorities, including many members of WPATH.

http://www.intersexualite.org/Zucker_ethics.html

Please note:

OII did eventually receive an email from Stephen Whittle which appeared initially to answer some of the questions raised by members of OII. And it also appeared that Stephen Whittle was being polite and reasonable. However, later on Stephen Whittle said in his blog that he was both angry and felt the discussion with OII was very hostile. For us the problem appears to be the inconsistency with which Stephen conducted himself in this debate, being civil with us at first, but later taking a very unpleasant stance in his blog and in emails to various individuals who challenged him on some points. We are concerned because OII and intersex activists feel they are being attacked by Stephen Whittle for asking these questions about Zucker. The president of OII has decided not to communicate any further with Stephen Whittle.

OII considers any allegation of child sexual abuse to be very serious (see bold print above). We regret that our attempt to inform some people about Zucker and issues affecting the intersex community is met with what we perceive to be intimidation.

Letter from Whittle to Andrea Brown, someone who is not a member of OII, who tried to get both sides of this story

From: Stephen Whittle

Date: 2008/7/30

Subject: Re: Whittle and OII arguement: Now we have both sides of the arguement, eventually. You can make up your own minds, who is telling the truth.

To: Andrea Brown

Andrea (or whoever you are)

I knew an Andrea Brown in the early days of Press for Change, she was out, an activist and a kind, sensible, realistic young woman. I presume you are not her. But, to the point, my side of the argument was presented to OII at the end of June, within 3 weeks of reading their mail.

What is there not to believe in my reply - it is a simple outline of facts.

You really are becoming a disgraceful pariah, feeding off other people's miseries, and ultimately causing harm to those you profess to support. And you are vicious to boot.

This is not a threat, this is a promise: if you once again repeat, in any forum, yours', Sophia Seidberg's or OII's defamatory lies and allegations, or anything else that is untrue or defamatory about me, I will sue you for defamation, even if I have to hunt you down to the ends of the earth. And I promise that - speak the truth and you have nothing to fear, continue these lies and I will use the law to obtain what is right and truthful.

Stephen

I would suggest you crawl back into your closet (from where you have never actually left), behind your wall of secrecy, and leave alone the rest of us who want to change the world for the better.

Stephen
