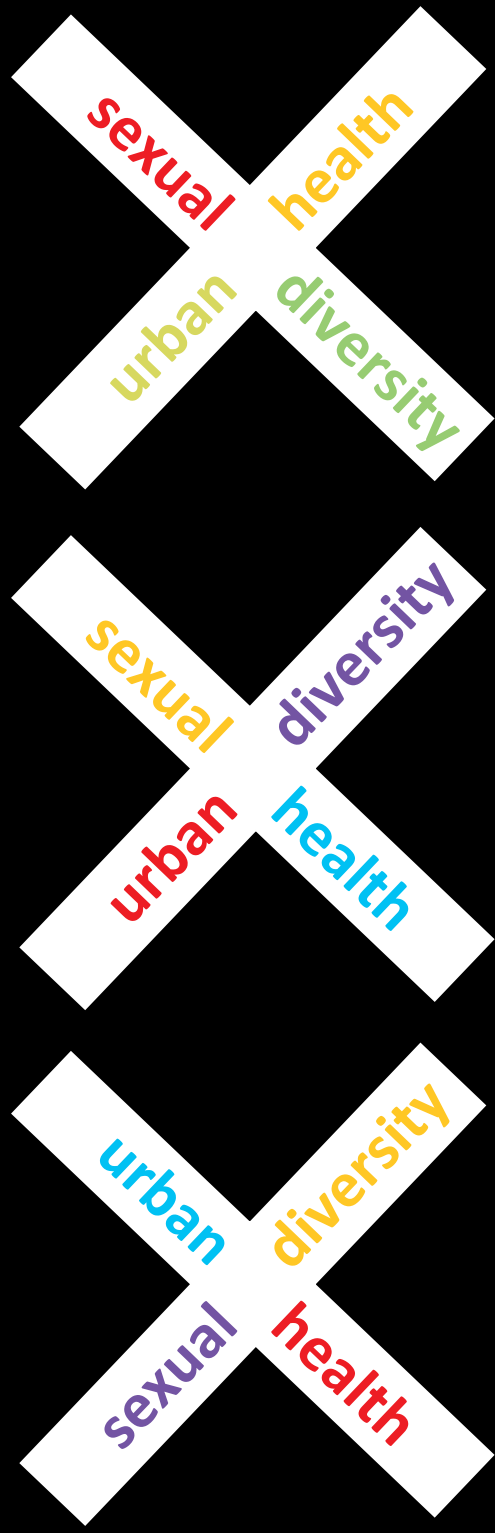




# 24<sup>th</sup> STI & HIV World Congress



18 – 21 July 2021 Amsterdam



# Invitation

In a joint effort, the Public Health Service of Amsterdam and the Aidsfonds and Soa Aids Nederland, welcome the opportunity to host the 24th ISSTD & 22nd World IUSTI Meeting 2021 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Dutch STI and HIV scientific research has been characterized by its innovative potential. In the spirit of the late Joep Lange, its goal has been the swift translation of problems arising from real life into research questions and the subsequent implementation of results into practice. Science and innovation are focused on key populations most affected by STI and HIV and driven by non-normative solutions applicable in various international settings.

The Netherlands have an excellent research environment with a fine infrastructure and international acknowledged research institutes in a wide range of disciplines needed in the fight against STI and HIV and the improvement of sexual and reproductive rights and health. The Netherlands tradition to combine excellent research with a pragmatic and non-normative attitude leads to fast applications of scientific results in the daily life of professionals and key populations. We do this with a modest budget. This is known as "The Dutch Approach", which is characterized with its inclusiveness approach.

The Netherlands are international an important donor in the field of sexual and reproductive rights and health including HIV, STI, hepatitis. The Dutch Approach means the Dutch government supports the involvement of people of key populations and the strengthening of their civil society organisations and networks.

The Netherlands play an important role in supporting key populations in East Europe and Central Asia and are host of the International AIDS Conference 2018. We want to seize the unique challenge to accommodate all these developments for the 24th ISSTD & 22nd World IUSTI meeting. We envision to stimulate participation of young researchers by travel grants and reduced registration fees. We propose as theme for the 24th ISSTD & 22nd World IUSTI meetings: "urban diversity and sexual health". Within the European Community, the Netherlands has played an important role as founding nation and continues to put forward the importance of integration, global health and human rights within Europe and elsewhere. This is especially relevant in the current political climate, where resources and support for populations most affected by HIV and STI are under continued pressure.

In close collaboration with the ISSTD Society, we propose to single out emerging themes for structured sessions under guidance of moderators of outstanding reputation, with excellent key note speakers and presentations selected from the abstracts. We will maintain and guard the high scientific standard of the ISSTD.

The 24th ISSTD & 22nd World IUSTI meeting will be hosted in the RAI Congress Centre & NH Hotel located 10 train minutes from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and 2 metro stops from Amsterdam city center. Amsterdam is a vibrant city which is unique in many aspects. It ranks amongst one of the most beautiful cities in the world with its canals and largely preserved historical center. The city hosts several world class musea including the Rijksmuseum, the Van

Gogh museum and the Anne Frank house. Tourist attractions and guided tours are numerous.

Beyond Amsterdam, many other exciting cities in the Netherlands are very close by. By generating a mix of top quality science, intensive social and scientific interactions and a unique and vibrant

city and social program we trust to deliver a fantastic meeting in 2021!

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# RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre

To host the 24th ISSTD & 22th World IUSTI 2021 it is important to select a venue that fulfills the criteria. We propose the RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre as venue for the 24th ISSTD & 22th World IUSTI 2021. RAI Amsterdam is the biggest congress centre in the Netherlands. It has a long and impressive track record of hosting international events. The lay-out of the facility offers flexibility that fits the needs of the congress.

### Flexible configuration

- Meeting rooms 100-5000 seats
- 2 auditoriums 700 - 1750 seats
- Exhibition & catering space next to meetings rooms

RAI Amsterdam convention centre is situated in one of Amsterdam's green areas, only some three kilometres from the historic city centre and thirteen kilometres from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol. This modern congress centre, the largest of its kind in the country, is professionally equipped, serviced and staffed to meet all the needs of successful international meetings. RAI Amsterdam is best measured in terms of the expertise of its management and staff, and the advanced and sophisticated amenities that enhance the programme and assure the comfort of the delegates.

### Sustainability

For years, RAI Amsterdam has had a highly successful policy, placing us in the vanguard



of the industry. Our Zero Waste programme guarantees 100% recycling of all waste. We also have the largest sunroof in Amsterdam, which gives visible shape to our renewable energy programme, as well as a broad range of other energy saving measures.

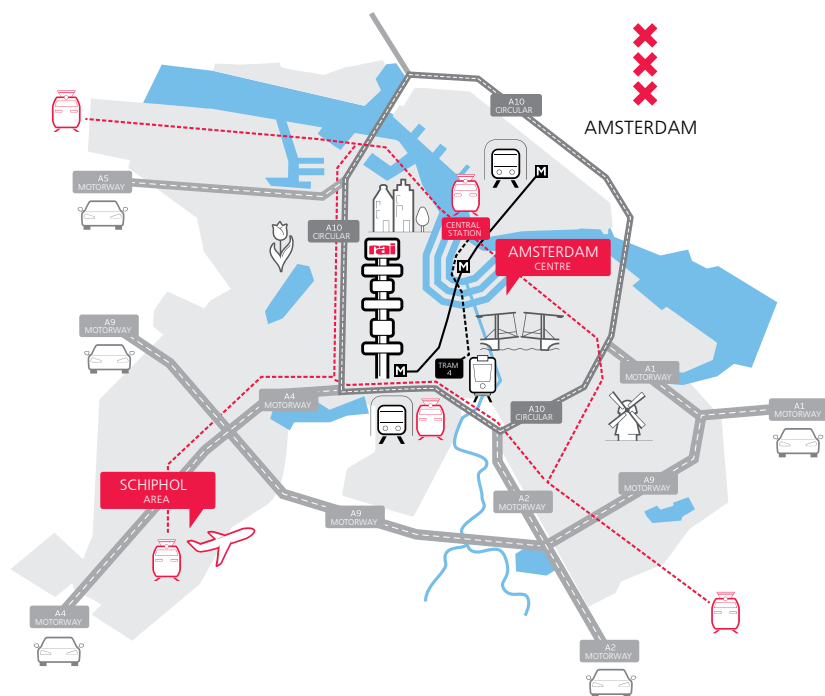
### nhow hotel Amsterdam RAI

The RAI is set to add an iconic element to the skyline of the Zuidas business district in 2018 with the nhow Amsterdam RAI. This 91-metre hotel with 650 rooms will occupy a triangle bounded by the Europaboulevard, the A10 ring road and RAI Amsterdam Convention

Centre. With 650 rooms, the four-star nhow RAI Amsterdam will be the largest hotel in the Benelux. The addition of nhow RAI Amsterdam means that there is now a high-quality headquarter hotel available. It will increase the total number of hotel rooms in Amsterdam to 40,000 in 2019.

### The North|South Metroline

Amsterdam's future moves underground. In 2019 the North|South metro line will be up and running. With a station underneath the Front Square of the RAI, the connection from and to the RAI will be considerably enhanced and quite easy. Next to taxis, shuttle busses and tram lines, this brand new method of transport will seamlessly take visitors from the RAI to Central Station in 9 to 10 minutes with stops at the various areas downtown, making it even easier to get access to many hotels situated along or nearby the line.



# Finance, Fundraising & Organization

The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions (NBTC) will support the 24th ISSTD & 22th World IUSTI 2021 with some financial aspects. The Pre-Financing & Guarantee Fund provides the organising partners financial security.

### Congress Care

Congress Care is an international experienced Professional Congress Organizer (PCO) and IAPCO accredited (International Association of Professional Congress Organizers) [www.iapco.org](http://www.iapco.org)

Since 1997 Congress Care has been the leading congress bureau specialized in organizing (international) medical-scientific events. Congress Care is also well known for their very efficient fund raising and exhibition management.

Consequently, there is a great desire for real contact and connection. Congress Care believes in the power of a well set up congress, efficiently organized, inspiring and distinctive and will be happy to serve the local committee ISSTD and make a big success of her 2021 congress in Amsterdam.



# Amsterdam, a unique destination for the 24th ISSTDR & 22th World IUSTI in July 2021.

## Climate in July

July is the warmest month of the year in Amsterdam with temperatures around 22°C or 72°F

## Excellent accessibility

The award-winning Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is one of the world's most efficient airports. Getting to Schiphol is easy as it is an international hub and serves more than 300 destinations. Getting to Amsterdam city centre is even easier: a direct train connects you to the RAI congress center within 7 minutes..

## Compact city

Compared to other European capitals like London and Paris, Amsterdam is a compact city which makes exploring the city by foot easy. Visitors can get a real feel for its neighbourhoods, sights and secrets.

## Historic city

Amsterdam has over 6,500 monuments, including churches, bridges and canal houses. It is no wonder that UNESCO has added the 17th century canal belt to its world heritage list.

## Cosmopolitan city

Due to its colonial past, focus on trade, and liberal policies, nowadays Amsterdam is a multicultural city where people from over 180 nations live. Its open minded and relaxed environment make it a safe and popular destination for persons with an alternative

life style. Amsterdam harbours a large LGBT community. Despite Amsterdam's obvious history, beautiful architecture and canals, the city has a cool youthful vibe and boasts an excellent nightlife.

## Affordable city

Because the Netherlands has a stable economy, Dutch inflation is among the lowest in Europe, which means that financial plans will not be rendered obsolete in the run-up to a conference. In comparison to other conference destinations, average stay over costs in Amsterdam are moderate.

## Safe city

Amsterdam is a safe city, violent crime is rare. There is no reason to feel anxious if you take the normal precautions when visiting any big city.

## Meeting facilities to fit all needs

Amsterdam offers a broad variety of venues, accommodation, entertainment and expertise. The Netherlands Board of Tourism & Conventions, as well as the Amsterdam Convention Board, stand ready to help you.

## Excellent track record

For many years now, Amsterdam is listed among the world's top ten conference destinations. Amsterdam has an excellent track record of hosting prestigious international conferences.

## Museums

Museums are the main tourist attraction in Amsterdam. The most famous are the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum and the Stedelijk Museum. But also a smaller museum like the Anne Frank House attracts millions of visitors annually.

## Shopping paradise

From world class department stores to trendy boutiques, Amsterdam has it all! Moreover, the world's only floating flower market is in Amsterdam.

## Amsterdammers

Perhaps the best feature of Amsterdam is its inhabitants, the Amsterdammers. Many speak English fluently and virtually all are friendly to visitors. Enjoy a beer in one of the brown café's and soon you will find yourself chatting to an amiable Amsterdammer.

## Most important

A very experienced local organising & scientific committee that will stand for a high quality scientific program and a sound financial outcome!





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