

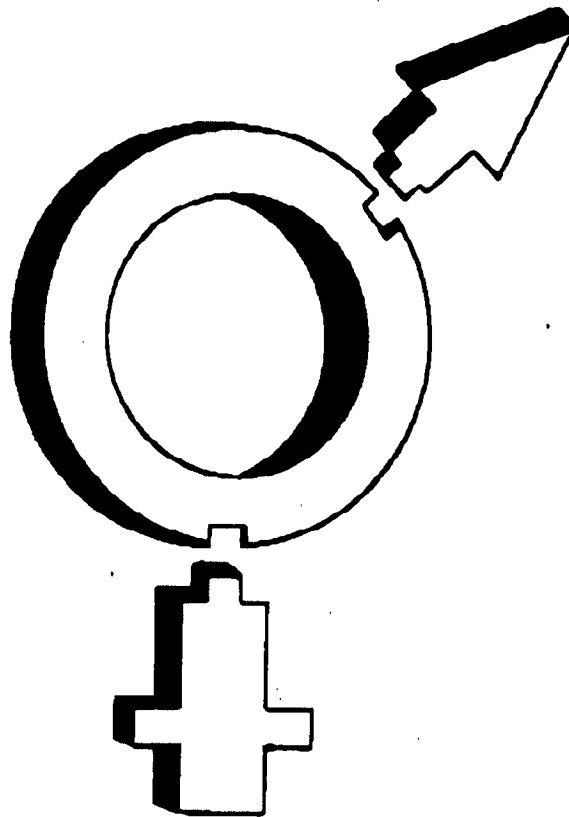
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THE HARRY BENJAMIN

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DEDICATION

Dr. Harry Benjamin was the first to identify and label the problem of transsexualism; he developed and administered a treatment program in the face of overwhelming opposition from his medical colleagues; he wrote the definitive work on the subject, THE TRANSSEXUAL PHENOMENON; and he actively participated in the legal battles of operated patients. Therefore, in this, the year of his 90th birthday, a conference on problems of gender identity is dedicated to Harry Benjamin, the man who pioneered the study and treatment of transsexualism in the United States. It is a fitting tribute.

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The HARRY BENJAMIN FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER IDENTITY has been designed as a forum for an interdisciplinary exchange of scientific information about patients who express confusion with regard to their gender. We have sought a broad-based participation of experts from all disciplines concerned with gender identity problems in the hope that new insights into etiology, diagnosis and total treatment will emerge from this meeting. An additional goal has been set--to explore the relationship of our specialty to medicine in general to achieve a greater acceptance of this field as a medically legitimate practice.

To meet these goals, the HARRY BENJAMIN FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GENDER IDENTITY has been arranged to provide maximum opportunity for an interchange of ideas. During the three days of the conference, papers will be presented with discussion following. Friday afternoon Dr. John Money will lead an Open Forum in which all attendees are encouraged to participate. Friday evening's social hour and Saturday evening's banquet, where there will be no speakers, are integral parts of this meeting. These social gatherings will enhance the overall value of the symposium through informal discussion.

On Saturday, as an adjunct to the formal meeting, three video tapes will be available for independent viewing in the Board Room of the Children's Hospital at Stanford. One video tape which was produced by a Jacksonville television station is a thirty minute documentary on transsexual care. The film includes discussions by Judy Jennings and Ira Dushoff, M.D. of the Gender Identity Association, Jacksonville, a preoperative patient interview, and a surgical procedure performed by Dr. Dushoff. The second video tape, "Video taping as a therapeutic tool in group therapy of transsexuals" was made by Wanda Sadoughi, M.A., F. Litman, M.S.W., and Irving Bush, M.D. of Cook County Hospital, Chicago. This ten minute video tape depicts the responses of male to female transsexuals to their own image on the video screen with segments from different group therapy sessions juxtaposed for purposes of reality confrontation. The third video tape, "Transsexualism: A new medical phenomenon" was created by Drs. Duane E. Spiers and Frederick Gawecki of the Omaha Consultation Service. Lectures, seminars and a series of interviews with patients, one of whom is followed through the film from her initial evaluation, were synthesized into this documentary.