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Friday Plenary Presenters Urge Improved Access to Care

Presenters at Friday's Plenary Session will advocate for improved and integrated care for prisoners and people living with hepatitis C. The importance of community health workers will also be highlighted.

HIV and Incarceration: Prisons and Detention

This presentation will feature two speakers. Dmytro Shermebey (Ukraine) of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA will offer a powerful account of his personal fight for survival during a nine-year prison sentence served in a Ukrainian jail where he contracted HIV, hepatitis and tuberculosis. He survived because he wanted to prove that prisoners are humans who have a right to life, respect, understanding, help and protection.

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Manfred Nowak will call for comprehensive reform of the criminal justice and prison system to ensure an adequate response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and detainees' human rights. The prevalence of HIV/AIDS in prisons and the measures authorities take to deal with it, impact – and often violate – detainees' human rights. Evidence-based interventions, such as voluntary HIV testing and counseling and the provision of condoms, needles, syringes and opioid substitution therapy, would provide effective means to contain the spread of HIV.

Care and Support: Integral to Comprehensive Care

Elizabeth Gwyther (South Africa) of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of South Africa will call for the integration of HIV treatment, care and support programmes to ensure comprehensive HIV care to meet the needs of PLHIV. She will also call for governments and donors to provide accessible funding to support the community-led response to HIV/AIDS. Often, community care workers are undervalued and do not receive the recognition they deserve, especially in light of the complex interventions and continuity of care needed to maintain the health of PLHIV.

Hepatitis C: Cure and Control, Right Now

Dr. David Thomas (United States) of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine will discuss the serious and common problem of HIV and HCV coinfection, particularly among people who acquired HIV through drug use. HIV/HCV coinfecting persons die at a much higher rate than people with only one of the two infections, and liver failure is now the second leading cause of death among PLHIV on antiretroviral therapy. HCV infection is curable and major improvements in treatment are expected within the year. Thomas will call for a scale-up of hepatitis C testing, particularly among PLHIV, and new ways to integrate HCV treatment with comprehensive HIV health and wellness services.

Location: Session Room 1, 8:45-10:30

Reminder: Donation Boxes

Remember that you can place any items you do not wish to take home (delegate bags, stationary, printed materials, etc.) in one of the "donation boxes" located in Foyer A, Foyer D, the concourse and the Global Village.

Beyond AIDS 2010

The data and dialogue from AIDS 2010 will continue to serve as a vast, accessible resource to delegates and others worldwide. "When AIDS 2010 ends tonight, its life will continue in cyberspace and on the ground in communities around the world," said Mats Ahnlund, Acting Executive Director of the International AIDS Society. We will have unlimited access to videotaped sessions and materials archived on the Internet. Equally important is that we know over 80% of participants act on what they learned or the contacts they make when they go home." Materials, webcasts and reports are available at www.aids2010.org. Many resources are located in the interactive Programme-at-a-Glance, where you can search by day, track, session number, room, presenter name or keyword.

Another important resource are the rapporteur reports. An international team of over 50 rapporteurs worked throughout the week to prepare reports describing major findings, discussion and debate. Topic areas covered include the five science tracks, the Global Village, Youth Pavilion, and the Leadership & Accountability and Community Programmes. All reports, including a final report in each area, will be available at on the website's Conference Programme page.

Conference organizers will measure progress following AIDS 2010 with an impact report that identifies the major issues raised. The report will become an integral part of planning and follow-up leading up to AIDS 2012 in Washington, DC. Online programming Kaiser Family Foundation, Clinical Care Options and NAM offers additional opportunities to review any session you missed this week. Archived webcasts of over 50 sessions, as well as newsmaker interviews, transcripts and expert summaries of key scientific data presented at the conference, are available through the conference website at www.aids2010.org.

AIDS 2010: The Numbers

- 19,100 participants, including:
 - 14,325 delegates
 - 828 delegates from Austria
 - 770 volunteers
 - 1,261 media delegates
- 193 countries represented
- 848 scholarship recipients
- 10,831 abstracts submitted, 6,238 abstracts accepted
- 248 sessions (59 non-abstract driven sessions, 79 workshops, 110 abstract-driven sessions)
- 19 plenary speeches
- 18 special sessions
- 151 exhibits
- 127 satellite meetings
- 10 scientific awards
- 12,324 Facebook fans, 361 tweets, 8,550 #aids2010 tweets and 48 blog posts
- 12,726 Vienna Declaration signatures (as of Thursday, 22 July)

Programme Highlights

Prevention and Treatment of HIV and AIDS Among Drug Using Populations: A Global Perspective

Location: Session Room 7, 11:00-12:30

This session will report on a global consultation convened in January 2010 by the International AIDS Society and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). This symposium will advance understanding of the neurobiology of drug use and HIV risk behaviour and the elements of comprehensive HIV prevention among people who use drugs. It will also provide an overview of PEPFAR's Evolving Strategy to Prevent HIV among Persons Who Inject Drugs. At the conclusion, the joint IAS/NIDA fellowships will be awarded.

No Resources, No Results!

Location: Session Room 9, 11:00-12:30

This session will address the impact of decreased or flat-lined funding on programmes and people's lives, actual estimated needs, and how to advocate for adequate resources for AIDS and the health-related Millennium Development Goals.

Regional Session on the Caribbean

Location: Session Room 2, 11:00-12:30

The session will highlight key issues and themes of the HIV response in the Caribbean region within the context of the conference theme and the goal of universal access.

Closing Session Schedule

15:20 in Session Room 1, Hall D

- 15:20 Conference Video Highlights
- 15:27 Archbishop Tutu (South Africa) addresses AIDS 2010 via video
- 15:30 Closing Remarks
Brigitte Schmied, AIDS 2010 Local Co-Chair (Austria)
- 15:35 Co-organizers' Remarks
Rachel Ong, Chair, Global Network of People Living with HIV (Singapore)
- 15:40 Patricia Perez, Chair, International Steering Committee of the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (Argentina)
- 15:45 Introduction of the New IAS President
Julio Montaner, IAS President (Canada)
- 15:55 Presentation of the first IAS Presidential Award
Awardee: Dr. Jack Whitescarver, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Associate Director for AIDS Research and Director, Office of AIDS Research (United States)
- 16:05 Inaugural Speech
Elly Katabira, IAS Incoming President, AIDS 2012 Chair (Uganda)
- 16:15 Looking Ahead to AIDS 2012
Diane Havlir, AIDS 2012 Local Co-Chair (United States)
- 16:25 U.S. Community Perspective: Human Rights as a Conscious Achievement
Waheedah Shabazz-El, Community Organizer and Trainer, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP) (United States)
- 16:33 Introduce AIDS 2010 Local Partners and AIDS 2012 Local Partners
Diane Havlir
- 16:35 Handover of the IAC Globe
Representatives of AIDS 2010 and AIDS 2012
- 16:45 Washington, DC Video

IAS 2011 – Rome, Italy

The 6th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2011), 17–20 July 2011 in Rome, will be a crucial opportunity to examine the latest developments in HIV-related research and explore how scientific advances can be translated quickly into effective interventions to prevent and treat HIV, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

IAS 2011 will be organized by the International AIDS Society, in partnership with Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Italian National Institute of Health), the leading technical and scientific body of the Italian National Health Service. Dr. Elly Katabira, President of the International AIDS Society and Professor of Medicine at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, and Dr. Stefano Vella, Head of the Department of Therapeutic Research and Medicines Evaluation at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, will serve as IAS 2011 International Chair and Local Co-Chair, respectively. In the months ahead, make plans to join us and participate in the conference programme as we further our collective efforts to promote all facets of HIV science and hasten their implementation.

AIDS 2012 – Washington, DC, USA

The return of the International AIDS Conference to the United States in July 2012 represents a significant victory for public health and human rights. The selection of Washington, DC as the site for the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) is the result of years of dedicated advocacy to end the nation's misguided entry restrictions on people living with HIV – restrictions that were based on fear, rather than science. AIDS 2012 will play a key role in shaping international responses to the epidemic, further strengthen the U.S. role in global AIDS initiatives and re-energize the response to the U.S. domestic epidemic.

The conference, convened by the International AIDS Society in collaboration with local and international partners will be held from 22 to 27 July 2012 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Dr. Elly Katabira, President of the International AIDS Society and Professor of Medicine at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda and Dr. Diane Havlir, Professor of Medicine and Chief of HIV/AIDS Division at the University of California-San Francisco, will serve as AIDS 2012 Chair and Local Co-Chair, respectively.

Georgian First Lady Signs Vienna Declaration

Sandra Roelofs, First Lady of Georgia, signed the Vienna Declaration yesterday along with two other Georgian officials. "Georgia supports evidence-based policy in our efforts to protect community health and safety," said Roelofs, the wife of Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia. "Our signatures on the Vienna Declaration reinforce our recognition that harm reduction can provide numerous benefits and highlights the need to design policies that align with emerging science."

The declaration – the official declaration of AIDS 2010 – is a scientific statement seeking to address the HIV epidemic among persons who inject drugs, among other harms, through the incorporation of scientific evidence into drug policies. Irakli Giorgobiani, Georgia's Vice Minister of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, and George Tsereteli, Georgia's Deputy Chairman of Parliament, joined Roelofs in signing the declaration.