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WELCOME WORDS

Dear AIDS 2010 delegates

On behalf of the International AIDS Society (IAS) and our Austrian and international partners, welcome to Vienna and to the XVIII International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010). With approximately 25,000 participants, including more than 2,000 members of the media in attendance, those of us assembling in Vienna have both an opportunity and a responsibility to ensure that this week-long event is translated into significant strides in the global response to AIDS.

The AIDS 2010 theme, Rights Here, Right Now, emphasizes the critical connection between human rights and HIV. Recent evidence has shown that stigma and discrimination are major barriers to HIV prevention and treatment scale up. They also contribute to misguided policies and misallocated resources as many governments are reluctant to implement evidence-based programmes for key groups, such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers, and women and girls, whose vulnerability to HIV is heightened by gender discrimination. AIDS 2010 is an opportunity to identify how human rights violations hamper effective programme implementation and to re-examine counterproductive drug policies that ignore the evidence of what works best. This is of particular importance given the focus on the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region, where the majority of new infections are linked to drug use.

Since the previous International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, a global economic crisis and faltering political support have threatened to slow the significant progress made towards the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010. This week, conference organizers and delegates will emphasize the need to stay the course and follow through on this commitment. Those of us assembling in Vienna, and our colleagues and allies around the world, will not watch silently as the financial commitments needed to make universal access a reality falter. This is the moment when we must re-double our efforts to find the resources to maintain the impressive scale up we have begun. With these goals in mind, let us commit to making the most of our time together in Vienna.

This week’s programme is the result of almost two years of work by international committees dedicated to building a conference that further strengthens the scientific programme and highlights the most important policy and programmatic issues on the horizon. You will see that the AIDS 2010 programme explores in greater depth the key issues facing the three programme areas: Science, Community, and Leadership and Accountability. In addition to the abstract-driven sessions, daily plenaries, symposia sessions and independently organized satellite meetings, we hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities for professional development and networking that AIDS 2010 provides. We also encourage you to make a point of visiting the Global Village and Youth Programme activities, and to participate in some of the many cultural activities taking place throughout the city.

We wish to thank our many local and regional partners, including the City of Vienna, the Government of Austria, Austrian AIDS Society, Aids Hilfe Wien, East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLHIV, European AIDS Clinical Society and the European Commission. Our hope is that AIDS 2010 will have an important and lasting impact in Austria and in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region, which is home to one of the fastest growing HIV epidemics. If we succeed in this regard, it will be in large part due to our partners’ tireless commitment to make this a truly memorable event.

We would also like to thank our international partners for all their hard work to make this conference a success, including: the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and its co-sponsors, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations; the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS; the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS; the World Young Women’s Christian Association; and the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition.

It is a great privilege for the two of us to co-chair this meeting. We, along with the AIDS 2010 organizing partners and the Conference Secretariat, are committed to working with you over the course of the conference to ensure that AIDS 2010 proves to be a pivotal step toward our shared goals of universal access and full human rights for all those affected by HIV.

Kind regards,

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Conference Profile

Vision for AIDS 2010

The organizers of AIDS 2010 envision a conference that promotes scientific excellence and inquiry, encourages individual and collective action and dialogue, and fosters accountability. AIDS 2010 will have a positive impact on the HIV/AIDS response globally, and in Austria and the neighbouring region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia in particular.

The specific objectives of the conference are to:

- Increase the capacity of delegates to introduce, implement and advocate for effective, evidence-based HIV/AIDS interventions in their communities, countries and regions
- Influence leaders, including key policy makers and donors, to increase their commitment to gender-sensitive, evidence-based and human rights-based HIV/AIDS interventions, including harm reduction strategies for people who inject drugs
- Serve as an accountability and feedback mechanism for those engaged at various levels of the response to HIV/AIDS, including policy makers and other leaders
- Increase public awareness of the continued impact of HIV/AIDS and the need for responses to the epidemic through the media and other means
- Increase understanding of the connection between human rights and an effective response to HIV/AIDS
- Increase understanding of the synergistic relationship between the scale up of the HIV/AIDS response and other global health, human rights and development priorities among key stakeholders involved in these distinct fields
- Provide opportunities for multi-stakeholder dialogue to develop creative solutions to unresolved challenges in research and implementation of HIV policies and programmes.

The conference will seek to engage with and link people in an ongoing way, rather than focus simply on five days of meetings. It will be the premier international forum on HIV/AIDS in which key research findings, lessons learned, gaps in knowledge and best practice are acknowledged and shared, and successes and shortfalls in the global response to HIV are highlighted. Importantly, AIDS 2010 also marks the deadline for the global target on universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. At the conference, priorities for future action will be identified, productive and forthright dialogue will be nurtured, and new or changed leadership will be called upon to share priorities and plans.

Theme

The theme, *Rights Here, Right Now*, emphasizes the central importance of protecting and promoting human rights as a prerequisite to a successful response to HIV. The right to dignity and self-determination for key affected populations, the right to equal access to health care and life-saving prevention and treatment programmes, and the right to interventions based on evidence, rather than ideology, are all incorporated in this urgent demand for action.

*Rights Here, Right Now* emphasizes that concrete human rights measures need to be in place to protect those most vulnerable to and affected by HIV, especially women and girls, people who use drugs, migrants, prisoners, sex workers, men who have sex with men, and transgender persons.

*Rights Here, Right Now* also emphasizes the location of the conference in Vienna, chosen in part for its proximity to Eastern Europe and Central Asia, a region experiencing one of the fastest growing epidemics that is fuelled primarily by injecting drug use. It also underscores this critical moment for the global epidemic – with the 2010 deadline that world leaders set for providing universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support on the immediate horizon. *Rights Here, Right Now* is a call for leadership, accountability and action.

Logo

The AIDS 2010 logo depicts a ribbon cutting dramatically through a sphere of moving circles of different sizes and colours. Recognizable as the universal symbol for AIDS, the ribbon simultaneously represents a crossroads, illustrating the unique role that Vienna plays in linking different regions and cultures. The moving circles are a metaphor for people and opinions coming together on the subjects of HIV and AIDS.

Conference Information

Conference Publications

This General Information guide is available online and contains overall information on AIDS 2010, including details on the structure and organization of the conference, and practical information on the conference venue and Vienna.

The Conference Programme is included in the conference bag that delegates receive on site in the registration area, and contains a complete list of oral sessions, poster discussions, exhibitions and satellite meetings taking place during the conference. The Pocket Programme is inserted in the badge holder.

We use Forest Stewardship Council-certified paper for all our conference publications.

The Conference CD-ROM contains all accepted abstracts presented in the abstract-driven oral sessions, oral poster...
discussions and the poster exhibition, as well as electronic posters. Abstract books can also be purchased on site in the registration area while stock lasts.

**Daily Conference News Bulletin**

Six issues of the four-page, bilingual (English and Russian) conference news bulletin will be available during the conference (Saturday, 18 July, to Friday, 23 July). The Sunday edition will be distributed at registration on Saturday and Sunday, and each weekday edition will be available at the morning plenary session and at various locations throughout the Reed Messe Wien Conference Centre and the Global Village.

**Conference Website**

Reflecting a commitment to make AIDS 2010 as accessible as possible to as many people as possible, organizers are partnering with several groups to make a significant portion of the AIDS 2010 programme available online. Copies of speeches, slide presentations, abstracts, digital posters, session-specific and daily rapporteur reports, workshop handouts and audio recordings will be accessible through the online Programme-at-a-Glance. Webcasts of major sessions, produced by the Kaiser Family Foundation, will also be available for viewing via the conference website. Clinical Care Options, Inc. is the official online provider of scientific analysis for Vienna, with NAM providing official scientific reporting.

**Abstracts and Presentations Online**

All abstracts are available through the Programme-at-a-Glance on the conference website, [www.aids2010.org](http://www.aids2010.org) as of Saturday, 17 July.

The online, peer-reviewed, open-access [Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS)](http://www.jiasociety.org) also features the complete AIDS 2010 abstracts in searchable format at [www.jiasociety.org](http://www.jiasociety.org), as does the IAS Online Resource Library at [http://library.iasociety.org](http://library.iasociety.org).

All presenters have been asked to allow their presentations to be accessible online. The PowerPoint presentations and transcripts of those who gave consent are available in the Programme-at-a-Glance. All poster presenters have been asked to upload an electronic version of their posters: these are available on the Conference CD-ROM and in the Programme-at-a-Glance.

The Programme-at-a-Glance also provides access to all rapporteur reports of each session, multilingual audio files and, when available, video files. It is possible to build a personalized itinerary based on your interests or on a pre-established, topic-driven roadmap.

**Kaiser Family Foundation**

Visit [www.kff.org/aids2010](http://www.kff.org/aids2010) to view the official AIDS 2010 webcasts produced by the Kaiser Family Foundation. During the conference, and archived online after the conference, the Kaiser Family Foundation will provide:

- Live and tape-delayed webcasts of the opening and closing sessions, all plenary sessions and selected other sessions and press conferences
- Transcripts of all webcast sessions and English- and Russian-language podcasts, along with the corresponding slide presentations
- Daily interviews with *Science* magazine’s Jon Cohen to summarize conference developments
- Extended summaries of conference news coverage, as well as on-the-ground syntheses of conference developments in a special edition of the *Kaiser Daily Global Health Policy Report*
- A widget featuring daily webcasts and news summaries for sharing content on websites, blogs and social networks.

**Clinical Care Options**

Clinical Care Options (CCO) is the official online provider of scientific analysis for the conference, delivered through comprehensive online continuing medical education (CME) activities. Visit [www.clinicaloptions.com/aids2010](http://www.clinicaloptions.com/aids2010) for:

- Individual capsule summaries of the most clinically relevant studies, selected by the CCO’s expert faculty
- Audio podcasts, in which leading clinicians and researchers review highlights throughout the conference
- The CCO’s own downloadable PowerPoint slides summarizing the key data
- CME-certified expert analyses, organized by topic, in which panels of international leaders explore the clinical application of the conference data.

**NAM**

NAM is the official online provider of scientific reporting for AIDS 2010. Visit [www.aidsmap.com/vienna2010](http://www.aidsmap.com/vienna2010) for:

- News stories on major scientific presentations
- Discussion of the practical implications of key scientific developments through new online discussion forums for HIV implementers in developing countries
- A daily English-language electronic news bulletin summarizing key scientific news stories from the previous day (to be published each afternoon and translated into French, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian).

**ABCC Directory**

The ABCC Directory is unique platform that provides opportunity for networking among conference delegates. Registered delegates attending AIDS 2010 can send an email to programme presenters, workshop faculty and other delegates, from around the world present at the conference.

To access the ABCC Directory, log on to your [conference profile](http://www.clinicaloptions.com/aids2010) to:

- **Access** top scientists, leading activists, political leaders, frontline practitioners and policy makers that
assemble every two years to decide the next steps in
the global HIV response. The directory is categorized
according to the area of expertise, institution and region
of conference delegates.

- **Build networks** with leading HIV experts, including
programme presenters, workshop faculty and other
delegates, from around the world present at the conference.
- **Connect and Build Capacity**: The platform will enable
health practitioners, faculty and delegates to connect
via email to exchange knowledge beginning on-site and
continue after the conference.

Onsite delegates will be able to sign up to access the ABCC
directory in the main concourse of the venue.

**Evaluating AIDS 2010**

As a delegate you can be involved in the conference
evaluation by:

- Taking part in a short interview if you are approached
during the conference by one of the Evaluation Team
members
- Providing feedback on sessions that you will attend each
day of the conference through the online instant poll that
will be active throughout the conference (the link will be
posted on the conference website)
- Filling in the post-conference online survey that will be
emailed to you in August.

Conference organizers are committed to reporting findings
and the Evaluation Report will be posted on the AIDS 2010
website in early 2011. Your feedback will be carefully taken into
consideration for planning AIDS 2012. Thank you in advance for
your participation.

**Conference Hubs: Bringing AIDS 2010
to Your Community**

In order to enable more people around the world to access
AIDS 2010 content, conference hubs are being organized
globally, featuring screenings of selected sessions followed
by moderated discussions on how each session’s content can
be used or is relevant locally. Some conference hubs may also
feature workshops and trainings in addition to the conference
sessions.

Three official conference hubs in Eastern Europe and Central
Asia are being organized in:

- Moscow, Russia, hosted by AIDS Infoshare
- Kiev, Ukraine, hosted by the All-Ukrainian Network of
People Living with HIV/AIDS
- Almaty, Kazakhstan, hosted by the Kazakhstan Union of
People Living with HIV/AIDS.

In addition, many other organizations around the world have
decided to host their own independent conference hubs. These
hubs will facilitate discussion and debate among stakeholders
to help strengthen the local response to HIV and AIDS with the
potential of developing a comprehensive plan for future actions
at the local or regional levels.

**Programme Activities**

AIDS 2010 features programme activities to build bridges
between the Science, Community and Leadership programmes
and to generate action and commitment from conference
delegates and members of the public. The programme activities
for AIDS 2010 include:

**Global Village**

*Rights Here, Right Now*

The AIDS 2010 Global Village provides a space to share
knowledge and skills, build coalitions, and promote interactive
learning among communities living with and affected by HIV and
AIDS, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholder groups.
It is an interactive and participatory, community-focused space
that aims to strengthen the overall theme of the conference: *Rights Here, Right Now.*

Global Village activities include: panel discussions and debates
on cutting-edge issues in HIV; networking zones focusing
on priority populations, issues and geographic regions; daily
Meet the Plenary Speakers sessions; cultural activities and
performances; non-governmental organization (NGO) and
marketplace booths; and small meeting rooms to enhance
opportunities for collaboration and networking.

Additional information about Global Village activities can

The Global Village area covers more than 8,000 square metres
and is located in Hall A of the Reed Messe Wien, next to the
Messe Prater metro station. Entrance is beside the registration
point for delegates entering the conference. No registration
is required to enter the Global Village and admission is free of
charge.

**Global Village Rapporteurs**

This is the first time that Global Village activities will be
covered by a dedicated group of rapporteurs. The rapporteurs
will prepare daily summaries of Global Village activities to be
posted on the conference website, and will present a report for
delegates at the Rapporteur Session on Friday, 23 July.

**Youth Programme**

The Youth Programme at AIDS 2010 is a chance to empower
young people, advocate for critical issues affecting youth
worldwide, and further pinpoint current strategies for effective
change. In addition, the Youth Programme focuses on young
people living with HIV and youth-serving organizations for
people living with HIV, as well as international networks and groups. Young scientists are also key contributors to the programme.

Young people have been involved in the planning and implementation of AIDS 2010 at all levels. The International AIDS Conference is an example of how youth participation can make an important contribution to the success of a big strategy. However, in many instances, youth continue to be left out of interventions that affect their lives. It is necessary to engage, encourage, and acknowledge youth as assets in the response against the HIV epidemic. We need “Rights Here, Right Now” for young people.

The Youth Programme has an important partnership with the Vienna YouthForce, a coalition of youth-driven and youth-supported NGOs, including: Advocates for Youth; CHOICE for youth and sexuality; Community Forum Austria; Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS; International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations; the World AIDS Campaign; YouAct; Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights; Youth R.I.S.E.; and Y-PEER. This is the fifth time that the YouthForce has contributed to the Youth Programme.

AIDS 2010 Youth Website
Delegates can get the latest information about youth activities at AIDS 2010 and the Vienna YouthForce at www.youthaids2010.org. Using this interactive website, youth delegates can network and connect, learn from those who attended past International AIDS Conferences, receive an orientation to AIDS 2010, get help navigating the conference, learn tips on how to prepare for presentations, find practical information about visiting Vienna, and more. The website was built with the support of TakingITGlobal.

Youth Pocketbook Guide to Navigating International AIDS Conferences
All young delegates can get their own copy of the Youth Pocketbook Guide at the Youth Pavilion. The pocketbook was created to support young people’s participation in the conference and to raise and influence important issues that affect their lives and the lives of their peers and communities. The pocketbook provides information on how to get the most out of your time at AIDS 2010 and future International AIDS Conferences. This includes background information, advocacy and networking strategies, young people’s personal experiences, travel information, and much more.

Pick up a copy of the Youth Pocketbook Guide in the Youth Pavilion inside the Global Village, or download a copy at www.youthaids2010.org.

Youth Conference Programming
Throughout the conference week, the Youth Programme will offer:

- Youth presenters in plenaries and other sessions
- The Youth Pavilion in the Global Village as the main networking space for young people
- Sessions and workshops in the Youth Pavilion on such topics as young women and girls, young men having sex with men, safer sex, harm reduction and drug use, and effective advocacy capacity building
- Emphasis on youth-adult partnerships and how to strengthen them
- Communication and outreach strategies, including a youth newsletter, the youth website and a youth journalist team to highlight youth-related issues in the media and among delegates
- A youth-adult commitment desk to ask decision makers for their concrete commitments to young people

Youth Rapporteur Team
As a part of the co-organizers’ commitment to support meaningful youth participation and representation of young people’s voices, AIDS 2010 will mark the third time that a rapporteur team is dedicated entirely to recording the proceedings and ground-breaking presentations at the conference from a youth perspective. The rapporteurs’ work will be shared throughout the week with global media and delegates and will be presented at the Youth Pavilion.


Catch the latest news on youth activities prior to and at the conference at www.youthaids2010.org.

International and Media Scholarship Programmes
The International and Media Scholarship Programmes are an integral part of the conference and provide full and partial scholarships to eligible, highly-evaluated applicants. The aim of the programme is to bring individuals to the conference who are most able to transfer the newly acquired skills and knowledge to the work they undertake in their own organizations and communities.

Over 11,000 applications were received from 179 different countries, from all realms of the field of HIV and AIDS. As part of the scholarship application, candidates were required to answer questions regarding their work, motivation to attend the conference and benefits that they would bring back to their organization and community after attending the conference.

Over 900 successful applicants were chosen from the pool of applicants, selected according to recommendations and criteria established by the Conference Coordinating Committee, the Scientific Programme Committee, the Workshop and Programme Activities Working Groups and the IAS Communications Department. This year, a Scholarship Review Committee was charged by the CCC to oversee the selection process and overall distribution. We would like to thank the members of these committees and working groups who helped shape the scholarship programmes.
The majority of scholarships were offered to delegates who would directly contribute to the conference programme through an abstract, a programme activity (Global Village or Youth Programme) or workshop. A small number of media representatives were also funded to attend both the conference and a pre-conference training. In addition to these groups, priority was given to women, PLHIV, people from key affected populations, young people, students and community representatives.

The following is a breakdown of how the scholarship budget was spent:

![Scholarship Budget Allocation by Geographic Region](chart1)

![Scholarship Budget Allocation by Type](chart2)

Statistics were correct at the time of writing.

Funding for the AIDS 2010 Scholarship Programmes has kindly been provided by the Life Ball, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), and Sidaction. The conference organizers would like to thank these organizations for their generous contribution to the scholarship programmes.

### Social Responsibility

#### AIDS 2010 is Socially Responsible

In an effort to ensure that AIDS 2010 is socially responsible, the Conference Secretariat has taken measures to:

**REDUCE** the environmental impact of the conference while supporting the local economy by:
- Using local suppliers who have good social responsibility policies, whenever possible
- Offsetting carbon emissions and giving conference attendees the opportunity to do so
- Reducing the number of publications printed, and printing on Forest Stewardship Council-certified paper.

**REUSE** conference surplus by:
- Implementing a donation programme. You can contribute to this initiative by leaving 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.
- Collecting surplus food and redistributing it to homeless people in Vienna.

**RECYCLE** conference waste by:
- Giving conference attendees the opportunity to recycle their waste through sorting bins placed throughout the venue.

**RAISE AWARENESS** on:

a) Our greening efforts by:
- Communicating these efforts to our staff, suppliers, delegates and exhibitors.

b) HIV and AIDS issues for non-delegates by:
- Expanding our online coverage of conference issues
- Extending outreach by holding conference hubs in Eastern Europe and Central Asia for those who are unable to attend the conference
- Giving our volunteers access to the sessions and content of the conference.

### Volunteer Programme

More than 1,000 dedicated volunteers are helping at AIDS 2010, contributing to the success of the conference. Identifiable by their brightly coloured T-shirts, they are organized in teams to ensure the smooth flow of the conference. The volunteers are here to provide assistance to all delegates and you will see them throughout the conference venue, as well as in the Global
Village. Do not hesitate to approach them! The conference organizers would like to take this opportunity to thank all conference volunteers for their dedication to AIDS 2010 and wish them all an enjoyable conference.

Faith-based Participation

Representatives of faith-based organizations and people of faith engaged in the response to HIV and AIDS are organizing and involved in a range of activities in conjunction with AIDS 2010. A calendar of these events is available at www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hivaids/iac2010/events-calendar.

Events organized specifically to bring various people of faith together to raise awareness of and to strengthen the faith-based response to HIV and AIDS include:

1. Multi-faith Pre-conference to AIDS 2010

Some 250 representatives and members of faith communities involved in responding to HIV and AIDS will meet on 17 July 2010 at the Technical University in Vienna. Plenary sessions, breakout workshops and opening and closing prayers will be offered under the theme: Rights Here, Right Now: What’s faith got to do with it? The pre-conference will allow for networking, skills building and an exploration of the challenges posed by the HIV pandemic.

Simultaneous interpretation in German will be provided for the plenary sessions and some breakout sessions.

2. Interfaith Prayer and Meditation Room during AIDS 2010

An oasis for quiet prayer can be found in Hall A during the entire period of the conference. The room is available for individual prayer and meditation, as well as for groups that wish to organize prayer sessions for their own faith traditions. Time slots will need to be arranged with the chaplain on duty at the prayer room. A daily schedule will be posted at the entrance to the room and made available at www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hivaids/iac2010.

A multi-religious team of chaplains is available throughout the conference to provide spiritual accompaniment. If you would like to talk with someone from your faith, chaplains at the prayer room will do their best to arrange it.

3. Multi-faith Networking Zone in the Global Village

Many different faith-based organizations will join together to share information and resource materials in the Global Village. The Multi-faith Networking Zone will also provide a space for informal discussions and meetings with and among people of faith involved in the global response to AIDS. A programme of speakers, music, prayer and activities will be hosted at the zone, including a daily faith-based caucus.

4. Multi-faith Prayer Gathering prior to the Human Rights March

At 18:30 on 20 July 2010, people of faith will gather at Votivkirche (Rosseveltplatz 8) to collectively reflect and meditate on the relationship between human rights, HIV and faith. Participants in the gathering will then join the human rights march through the streets of Vienna to demonstrate their commitment to promoting the human rights of all people, including people living with HIV.
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**Positive Lounge – Hall D, 1st Floor**

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**Posters – Hall B**
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**Registration – Hall A**
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**Speaker Centre – Hall A**
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**Accessibility**

AIDS 2010 has an Accessibility Information Desk, located in Foyer A, to assist delegates with disabilities during the conference. Two sign language interpreters, one for Russian and one for English, are available at the desk.

AIDS 2010 offers sign language interpretation in English and Russian for the Opening Session, the daily plenary sessions and the Closing Session. The Conference Pocket Programme, which includes basic information, list of sessions, hours of operation and the conference floor plan, is also printed in Braille and large print for visually impaired delegates who had requested it when registering.

The Convention Centre incorporates features that meet internationally defined standards and regulations, as well as comply with the Disabilities Act and the Austrian Building Regulations Standards. The venue offers full wheelchair access, parking spaces for people with disabilities, toilets for the physically challenged, and elevators with Braille inscriptions. There are also directions for blind or visually impaired delegates on the floor leading to the entrances.

Wheelchairs are available at no cost during the conference. Please ask at the Accessibility Information Desk.

The AIDS 2010 website also conforms with the Level A standard for accessibility, having eliminated the major accessibility barriers. Content will be accessible to a wider range of people with disabilities, including those with blindness and low vision, deafness and hearing loss, learning disabilities, cognitive limitations, limited movement, speech disabilities and photosensitivity, as well as those with a combination of these conditions.

**Banking Facilities**

There are two cash machines (automated teller machines, or ATMs) in the concourse area.

**Certificate of Attendance**

Delegates will receive an email from the AIDS 2010 Registration Department after the conference, containing a link to download a Certificate of Attendance in PDF format.

**Childcare**

AIDS 2010 offers a free on-site childcare service for children between the ages of two and ten. The centre will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The children’s room (kindergarten) is located in the concourse area between Halls B and C.

AIDS 2010 does not offer an in-house childcare facility for children over 10 years of age, but there are many options for childcare, as well as summer camps, in Vienna. A list of these options is available on the AIDS 2010 website. The list will be updated with new information on a regular basis. For registration, detailed information and prices, please contact the provider that you feel best matches your needs directly.

For more details on childcare at AIDS 2010, email us at: childcare@aids2010.org.

**Community Activism Office**

The Community Activism Office is a space in which delegates can plan their daily activities, hold meetings, use the printing and photocopying services, and obtain information on sessions and other conference activities. The office is open to all delegates with an interest in community issues and is located in the Seminarraum, Office 1a.

**Delegate Bag**

The AIDS 2010 delegate bags are imported by a socially responsible supplier, which cooperates with an Austrian organization. The latter supports socially disadvantaged
families and unemployed people by giving them useful work and tasks to help them reintegrate into social life. Furthermore, the supplier is a member of the Austrian Recycling Organisation and is committed to not using any type of PVC material.

Medical Services, First Aid and Harm Reduction Services Available at AIDS 2010

Ganslwirt Clinic

The Ganslwirt Clinic offers general medical assessment and treatment, crisis intervention, clinical examinations, a free needle and syringe exchange programme, and daily care provision (costs covered by the conference organizers). German and English are spoken at the clinic.
Address: Esterhazygasse 18, 1060 Wien
Telephone: +43 1 586 04 38
Opening hours: 24 hours a day, seven days per week

ASK Clinic

The ASK Clinic offers clinical examinations, blood samples, urine testing, diagnosis, crisis support, medical treatment, and prescriptions (only). Languages spoken are German, English, Romanian, French, Polish and Serb-Croat.
Address: Döblerhofstrasse 10 A, Erdgeschoß (ground floor), 1030 Wien
Telephone: +43 1 4000 53 479
Email: office-ask@sd-wien.at
Opening hours: Monday 08:00-19:00
Tue-Fri 08:00-16:30

For more information about these services and directions to the clinics, please visit the Harm Reduction and Drug Policy Information Networking Zone in the Global Village.

AIDS 2010 conference delegates who are on Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST) will have access to treatment in Vienna at a local clinic designated by the conference organizers. The medications available will be methadone and buprenorphine. Delegates who are not receiving OST in their home country will not be able to initiate treatment in Vienna. Harm reduction services and supplies will also be available at the clinic. More information about these services is available on the conference website.

Information Desks

Two information desks are available for general inquiries related to the conference. One is located in Foyer A; the other is in Foyer D.

Internet Café

The Internet Café, located in Hall B, is a free service provided to all delegates. It offers:
- A computer area where delegates can use a computer and printer. Access to this area is regulated by a ticketing system. Tickets are available free of charge at the entrance to the Internet Café.
- A laptop area equipped with power and Internet hookups (cabled and wireless), where delegates can use their own laptop computers.

Interpretation

English is the official language of the conference.
However, simultaneous interpretation from English to Russian is available for conference sessions taking place in Session Rooms 1 to 9 (except for satellite symposia). Sessions providing simultaneous interpretation are marked with “RU” in the conference programme. A limited number of interpretation receivers/headsets will be available on a first come first served basis.

Simultaneous interpretations from English to Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish are available at the Opening Session. Interpretation devices are available at the conference venue. A photo ID or credit card authorization is required as a deposit.

Liability

The liability of the conference organizers, for whatever legal reason, shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. Delegates shall take part in AIDS 2010 at their own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if they have not been confirmed in writing by the International AIDS Society.

Meals and Snacks

Catering concessions offering light, nutritious snacks and beverages are available on a cash basis throughout the Reed Messe Wien Convention Centre. Items on offer include sandwiches, salads, fruits, hot dishes and beverages.
**Media Centre: On site and Online**

An international Media Centre for accredited journalists is located in Hall A of the Reed Messe Wien. The Media Centre is equipped with workspaces that include computers with high-speed Internet access, laptop hookups, printers, faxes and photocopiers. Broadcast media facilities are also available.

Access to the Media Centre is strictly limited to accredited journalists only.

The Online Media Centre is hosted on the AIDS 2010 website for all journalists, including those not attending the conference, and other interested parties. The Online Media Centre will provide access to webcasts of key conference sessions and other online coverage provided by Clinical Care Options and NAM, as well as presentation slides, speeches and press releases. Access to other information, such as conference abstracts and rapporteur summaries of sessions, will be available through the AIDS 2010 homepage.


For more information, email us at media@aids2010.org.

**Positive Lounge**

The Positive Lounge is designed as a place of rest, support and networking for HIV-positive conference delegates. The Positive Lounge provides opportunities to meet and talk with other people living with HIV from across the globe in a relaxed and nurturing environment. The lounge provides spaces for informal meetings, and private facilities for taking medication. The Positive Lounge is intended for HIV-positive delegates only. It is located on the 1st floor, Foyer D.

**Registration**

The registration fee for regular delegates, and for student, post-doctoral and youth delegates, includes entry to all conference sessions, the Exhibition Area, the Poster Area, the Opening Session and the Closing Session. Media representatives also have access to the Media Centre.

The registration fee for accompanying adults includes entry to the conference venue, the Opening Session and the Closing Session, as well as a sightseeing tour (a hop-on, hop-off bus tour). Entry to the Exhibition Area, the Poster Area and all other conference sessions is not included.

Accompanying children (under the age of 18 years) are required to provide a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form in order to attend the conference. Accompanying children have access (together with the regular delegate they are accompanied by) to all conference sessions, the Exhibition Area, the Poster Area, the Opening Session and the Closing Session. Accompanying children must be with the regular delegate at all times when they are in the conference venue or when they are attending conference-affiliated activities outside of the conference venue.

**IAS Principles and Values of Conference Participation**

By attending the XVIII International AIDS Conference, participants agree to comply with the Principles and Values for Conference Participation.

The conference endorses freedom of expression as an essential principle in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in promoting full participation in our conferences. The combined efforts of all stakeholders in the public and private sectors and civil society are required to halt and reverse the AIDS pandemic. Activism and advocacy contribute to advancing commitment, policy and practice aimed at ending the epidemic.

The right to participate at an IAS-supported conference is fundamental to ensuring open dialogue between all stakeholders. The IAS encourages debate and dialogue as key elements of participation among all conference participants, including delegates, sponsors, speakers and presenters, researchers and scientists, community representatives, leaders and the media.

Peaceful protest has always been and continues to be a key element of participation at the conferences. The IAS opposes the destruction of property or the use or threat of physical force by any individual or group of individuals during the conferences. The IAS opposes the disruption of conference sessions or satellite meetings that results in preventing dialogue and debate from taking place.

Additional information and the full statement of the IAS Principles and Values for Conference Participation are available on site at the registration desks and on the conference website at [www.aids2010.org](http://www.aids2010.org).

**Name Badge**

All participants receive an official conference name badge. This name badge must be worn at all times during the conference and is not transferable. If, for whatever reason, a participant’s name badge is used by another person in his or her stead, the participant is fully liable for any consequences of this person’s actions.
Access to the conference facilities and session rooms will not be granted without a proper name badge. For security reasons, your name badge will be scanned at the entrance to the conference venue.

The conference name badge can be used as an electronic business card at some exhibition booths and at the entrance to some satellite symposia as a way for delegates to provide their contact details to exhibitors.

Registration Name Changes and Lost Name Badges

A handling fee of EUR 45 will be charged for every name change to an existing conference registration. If a participant loses, misplaces or forgets the name badge, he or she needs to inform the registration staff immediately. A handling fee of EUR 45 will be charged for a new name badge, which is available at the registration desks. The old name badge will then become invalid.

Smoking Policy

All inside areas of the convention centre are non-smoking. It is therefore prohibited to smoke in any indoor area of the convention centre.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY

Banks and Currency

Banks are open from 08:00 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 15:00, Monday to Friday, except Thursday, when they close at 17:30. Banks are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. The monetary unit in Austria is the Euro. Cash machines (ATMs) are commonly used in Austria. Credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, major restaurants and stores, but they are less used for purchases in small shops, grocery stores, taxis and cafés. Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, but it may be easier to use ATMs.

Business Hours

Most stores and malls generally open from 10:00 to 18:00 during the week and on Saturdays. Grocery stores are usually open from around 08:00 until 19:00. Opening hours depend on the shop and its location. Shops are closed on Sundays.

Climate and Clothing

Vienna has a humid, continental climate. The city has warm summers with average high temperatures of 22 to 26°C (72 to 79°F), with maxima exceeding 30°C (86°F) and lows of around 15°C (59°F). Located along the Danube River near the foothills of the Alps, it is situated about 155m (510 feet) above sea level. Rain is not frequent during the warm period, although the chance of intermittent rain during Vienna’s summer should not be overlooked. Shirts and shoes are required in every dining, club and retail establishment.

Drinking Water

It is safe to drink tap water in Vienna; it is as pure as bottled water.

Eating Out

Traditional Austrian cuisine is influenced by different styles from countries like the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary and Italy. The best way to find a good spot for eating out is to ask at the front desk of your hotel or at the Tourism Information Desk in the conference centre. Vienna is also famous for its coffee culture and offers a variety of old traditional cafés, and also modern coffee houses. If you are looking for quick and cheap snacks, you can find many stands, called würstelstände, all over the city.
Electricity

In Austria, electrical current is 220 volts/50Hz and European, round, two-pin plugs are standard. Make sure you bring along an electric plug adapter, if needed.

Language

The official language in Austria is German. English is the most common second language, and is widely understood and spoken.

National and International Calls

The phone code to access Vienna from abroad is +431. Generally, the mobile phone you may bring from your home country is compatible with local network requirements. However, while in Vienna, you may prefer to use the services offered by local providers or make your calls out of your hotel. For further information, please contact local service providers or your hotel.

Public Transportation

Vienna has a very well-developed public transport network. Underground trains, trams, buses and suburban trains (S-Bahn) run from 05:00 until midnight, and night buses run from 00:30 to 05:00. Tickets are valid for all these modes of public transport and throughout Zone 100, which covers the whole city of Vienna.

Children under the age of six travel free on Vienna’s public transport network. All taxis are metered: if a taxi does not have a meter, do not ride in it. Taxis can be found at convenient taxi stands throughout the city: these are usually near shopping malls, major tourist sites and transport transfer points.

A 30% discount on weekly transportation passes from 17 to 23 July 2010 is provided by the conference organizers. AIDS 2010 participants can buy this seven-day pass, valid throughout Zone 100, in the registration area of the conference centre (the pass covers the city of Vienna, the conference venue, and all the conference hotels listed on the AIDS 2010 website).

Security and Safety in Vienna

Vienna is the capital of Austria and is considered one of the safest cities in Europe. The crime rate is low. The conference venue is located in one of the most popular areas of the city with numerous nearby attractions; it is also located on an excellent and easily accessible public transport system route.

Whether you are staying in the area close to the conference venue or travelling around the city, it is necessary to consider the following common-sense principles for travellers to any city:

- Avoid areas of the city that are unfamiliar to you
- Always travel with someone or in a group
- Avoid carrying large sums of money with you; bring only what you will need
- Always let people know where you are and, if possible, carry a mobile phone with you
- Always carry identification (including a copy of your passport) with you, along with the name, address and contact information of your hotel.

Taxes

The standard value-added tax (VAT) rate in Austria is 20%. A reduced VAT rate of 10% applies to tourism services and food. This tax is charged in the final price of most products and services; if it is not included, there will always be a notification stating that you need to add the VAT.

Time Zone

Vienna falls within the Greenwich Mean Time+1 time zone.

Tipping

It is common to give a tip of 10% to 15% of the bill to taxi drivers, as well as to waitrons at restaurants, bars and clubs. The tipping amount depends on your satisfaction with the services provided.

Travel in Austria

From Vienna, you can easily reach many other cities in Austria, such as Salzburg (the home town of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart), Innsbruck in Tyrol, a town situated in the Inn Valley and surrounded by stunning mountains, or Graz, the second largest city in Austria, located in Styria, one of Austria’s major wine regions. The easiest way to get to these cities is by train or bus. For further information about trains and buses, you can contact the reception of your hotel or the Tourism Information Desk in the conference centre.
**Tours**

Please visit the Tours Desk located in Foyer A for detailed schedules, reservations and further information about these tours.

1. **City Tour Vienna & Sissi Museum**

   **Morning tour**
   Monday, 19 July, 08:30 – about 11:30
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 08:15

   **Afternoon tour**
   Saturday, 17 July, 13:30 – about 16:30
   Sunday, 18 July, 13:30 – about 16:30
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 13:15

   Price per person: **EUR 45** (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, all entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

   The coach picks you up at the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien and drops you off in the city centre. From there, this walking tour offers you an initial overview of the history and the structure of the city. It takes you through the most beautiful and elegant streets (Kohlmarkt-Graben-St Stephens Square and Kärntner Strasse) to the most famous sights in Vienna. The highlight of this walking tour is a visit to the Imperial Silver Collection, followed by the Sissi Museum and the rooms of the Imperial Apartments. After the walking tour, the coach will take you back to the conference centre.

2. **Museum Tour**

   **Morning tour**
   Tuesday, 20 July, 08:30 – about 12:00
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 08:15

   **Afternoon tour**
   Wednesday, 21 July, 13:30 – about 17:00
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 13:15

   Price per person: **EUR 65** (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, all entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

   During this tour, you will be guided through the Austrian National Library, an outstanding baroque hall that houses one of the biggest collections of medieval books. Afterwards, you will visit the Leopold Museum in Vienna's Museum Quarter, which contains the largest Egon Schiele collection in the world, together with major works by Gustav Klimt, Oskar Kokoschka, Richard Gerstl and Albin Egger-Lienz.

3. **History of Medicine in Vienna**

   **Morning tour**
   Thursday, 22 July, 08:30 – about 12:30
   Friday, 23 July, 08:30 – about 12:30
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 08:15

   Price per person: **EUR 50** (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

   Our tour guide will provide a great overview of Vienna’s remarkable history as a city of medical pioneers. Follow us through the medical history of Vienna and visit places like Josephinum, Narrenturm and the Sigmund Freud collection. In 1784, Austrian Emperor Joseph II founded the basis of what is now the Viennese General Hospital, a hospital intended to be the most progressive medical centre of its time. In 1867, Theodor Billroth became head of the second Surgical Clinic at the General Hospital in Vienna. In 1881, he performed the first successful resection of a pyloric cancer in a human being: this stomach resection in its two variants marked the beginning of abdominal surgery. As the most gifted surgeon of the latter part of the 19th century, Billroth was a teacher and model for a vast number of students who subsequently attained worldwide acclaim.

4. **Castle Schönbrunn**

   **Afternoon tour**
   Monday, 19 July, 13:30 – about 17:00
   Friday, 23 July, 13:30 – about 17:00
   Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 13:15

   Price per person: **EUR 50** (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, entrance fee and English-speaking guide)

   On the way to the Castle Schönbrunn, you will be able to see numerous grand buildings, such as the State Opera House, the magnificent Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum, the cultural district of the Museums Quarter, the Hofburg, the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burgtheater. At the castle, you will be guided through 40 magnificent rooms, such as the Imperial Apartments of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Elisabeth, as well as the splendid audience chamber of Maria Theresia and Emperor Franz Stephan.
5. Magnificent Klosterneuburg

Morning tour
Thursday, 22 July, 08:30 – 12:30
Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 08:15

Afternoon tour
Tuesday, 20 July, 13:30 – 17:30
Thursday, 22 July, 13:30 – 17:30
Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 13:15

Price per person: EUR 55 (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

The origins of the Klosterneuburg Monastery date back to the time of Margrave Leopold III, who in 1113 relocated his residence to Klosterneuburg. For nearly 900 years, the Augustinian canons of the Klosterneuburg Monastery performed pastoral, economic, social and cultural functions. Numerous artistic treasures and an impressive architectural heritage can be viewed via the thematic tours through the monastery. Klosterneuburg Monastery Winery is not only one of the oldest wine estates in Austria, but also one of the largest with its 108 hectares of cultivated land. We invite you to take part in more than a guided tour through the magnificent abbey; we also intend to take you down into the ancient wine cellar for a guided wine tasting.

6. Vienna Woods – Mayerling

Morning tour
Sunday, 18 July, 08:30 – about 12:30
Wednesday, 21 July, 08:30 – about 12:30
Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 08:15

Price per person: EUR 55 (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

A half-day excursion shows you the most beautiful sights of the southern part of the Vienna Woods. Passing the Roman city of Baden, which is famous for its thermal springs, we drive through the romantic valley of Helenental to the former Mayerling hunting lodge (visit to a memorial chapel), where Crown Prince Rudolph died tragically with Baroness Vetsera in 1889. In the Cistercian Abbey of Heiligenkreuz (1133), you visit the medieval cloister, which houses the remains of the last Babenberg. We then pass the Höldrichsmühle and arrive at the Seegrotte. After a boat ride on the largest subterranean lake in Europe, you leave the Vienna Woods and return to Vienna.

7. Day Trip to Salzburg

Thursday, 22 July, 07:00 – about 20:00
Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 06:45

Price per person: EUR 155 (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, three-course lunch menu and English-speaking guide)

On our way to the town of Mozart’s birth, you will become acquainted with the beautiful Salzkammergut landscape with its mountains and numerous lakes. After skirting Lake Fuschl and Lake Wolfgang, we will reach Salzburg. After lunch, a walking tour through the old city is scheduled, showing you the most important sights of this old Bishop’s Seat. These are the cathedral, the Festival Hall, St Peter’s Abbey Church and its graveyard, and, of course, Mozart’s birth place in the Getreidgasse. The Edelweiss song from the movie, The Sound of Music, will come to mind while passing the horse pound. From the gardens of the Mirabell Palace, you will have a marvelous view of the Hohensalzburg Fortress.

8. Post-conference Tour to Budapest

Departure
Saturday, 24 July, 08:00

Return
Sunday, 25 July, about 18:00

Meeting point: Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien / registration area / 07:45

Price per person: EUR 250, sharing twin/double room, EUR 20 single supplement (including pick up and return to the Conference Centre Reed Messe Wien by private coach, entrance fees and English-speaking guide)

Budapest

The Eravisci, a tribe of highly cultivated Celts, had already settled at Gellért Hill in the third and fourth century BC. They worked with iron, decorated their earthenware pots and even minted their own coins. Later, the Romans built a settlement, called Aquincum, on the riverbanks of today’s Budapest, and it became an important chain in a series of settlements along the Danube River. It is no wonder that the Castle District, the River Danube embankments and the whole of Andrásy út have been officially recognized as UNESCO World Heritage sites. Budapest possesses a rich and fascinating history, as well as a vibrant cultural heritage. Recognizing the unique value of its traditions, it has managed to maintain its magic and charm, and is rightly known as the Queen of the Danube. It has also been called the City of Spas, as there are a dozen thermal bath complexes served by more than 100 natural thermal springs.
Saturday, 24 July
8:00: Departure by private coach from Vienna and direct transfer to Budapest. The coach will arrive in Budapest at approximately 12:00, when it will stop at the restaurant, Kárpátia, for lunch. After lunch, a local English-speaking guide will pick you up at the restaurant and take you on a classic Budapest tour. This will commence by bus and continue on foot with two short walks. Visitors will see the most important sights and monuments of the city and thus get an overall idea of Budapest. On the Pest side, the route touches Parliament, the Opera House, the Museum of Applied Arts, the Andrássy Avenue and Heroes’ Square (where you can get out of the bus and take photos). In Buda, you will visit the Castle District, including the Royal Castle, Matthias Church and the Fishermen’s Bastion, from where you can enjoy a great view of Pest, the Danube and Margaret Island. The tour ends at the hotel for check in. Dinner and accommodation will be at the Danubius Hotel Gellért, which is uniquely located at the foot of Gellért Hill. Built in 1918, it is famous for its wonderful Art Nouveau architecture with its double-decker rotunda. The pièce de résistance, however, is really the monumental thermal bath and an outdoor pool with wave machine.

Sunday, 25 July
After breakfast and check out at 9:30, you will be picked up by coach and an English-speaking guide.

Visit to: Parliament (one hour) – the huge, impressive building situated on the banks of the Danube on the Pest side is probably the most emblematic sight of Budapest; it is the seat of the government and the coronation regalia. A visit to the Parliament is certainly one of the most unforgettable parts of a trip to Budapest. Opera (one hour) – the State Opera House is another of Budapest’s characteristic monuments. It is located in the UNESCO World Heritage area of Andrássy Avenue, which was completed in 1884 in renaissance style. It is richly decorated inside and outside with references and statues of Hungarian and international classical musical life. After lunch at the almost 200-year-old restaurant, Márvány menyasszony (Marble bride), return transfer back to Vienna. Arrival at Reed Messe Wien Conference Centre at 18:00.

The price includes:
• One night’s accommodation in twin/double room with breakfast buffet in a centrally located four-star hotel
• Meals and tours as per the programme just outlined
• Admission fees for Matthias Church, Fishermen’s Bastion, Parliament, Opera House
• English-speaking guide in Budapest
• Private coach for the whole tour, i.e., transfer from Vienna to Budapest, sightseeing within Budapest and return transfer to Vienna

ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS
International AIDS Society
The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world’s leading independent association of HIV professionals, with 14,000 members from 190 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. Our members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners. The IAS is the custodian and lead organizer of the biennial International AIDS Conference and the organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which focuses on the biomedical aspects of HIV and AIDS. Every two years, it brings together individuals and organizations from around the world to explore current issues in HIV-related basic, clinical, prevention and implementation science.

The IAS plays a leading role in policy and advocacy, working to implement effective, evidence-based policies and programmes to enhance the global response to AIDS. The IAS engages in a range of policy and advocacy activities on behalf of its membership and is committed to working across the full range of responses to AIDS. The IAS works with industry through the IAS Industry Liaison Forum (IAS-ILF) and publishes the Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS), a peer-reviewed, primary-source online journal dedicated to the publication and dissemination of vital HIV and AIDS research relevant to developing countries.

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IAS Exhibition Booth
Sunday, 18 July–Thursday, 22 July; Exhibition Hall B, Exhibition Booth 400
12:00–18:30 (Sunday); 10:00–18:30 (Monday–Thursday)

At the IAS Exhibition Booth, delegates can learn more about the IAS and its conferences, policy and research promotion activities, including the Journal of the International AIDS Society. Visitors have the opportunity to collect information on the upcoming IAS 2011 and AIDS 2012 conferences, meet IAS staff and network with IAS members and representatives from the IAS Governing Council. Delegates can also apply for or renew...
their IAS membership at the IAS Membership Desk. The IAS also provides visitors with Internet access in the Internet area of the Exhibition Booth.

**IAS Members’ Meeting: Stronger Together: Can IAS Members End the HIV Epidemic?**

**Wednesday, 21 July, 18:45–20:30 with a networking session at 18:15, Session Room 7**

Conference delegates are invited to attend the IAS Members’ Meeting with feedback from IAS-sponsored satellites and pre-meetings, and the opportunity for participants to ask questions. In addition, the new IAS Strategic Plan, which will guide the work of the IAS over the coming five years, will be presented, and meeting participants will be introduced to the newly elected members of the IAS Governing Council (GC), as well as current GC members. The meeting will be preceded by a networking reception at 18:15.

**Office**

The on-site IAS office is located in Hall A of the Reed Messe Wien. This is also the location of the AIDS 2010 conference secretariat.

**IAS Events and Activities at AIDS 2010**

The International AIDS Society (IAS) will host a range of organization-specific activities before and during the conference, highlighting its priorities and some of the new initiatives it is undertaking. All locations are in the Reed Messe Wein unless otherwise noted.

The following activities are confirmed to date. For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.aids2010.org](http://www.aids2010.org).

**IAS Events**

**Pre-Conference Workshop: Towards a Cure: HIV Reservoirs and Strategies to Control Them**

**Friday and Saturday, 16–17 July. By invitation only.**

To expand the focus on basic science at the International AIDS Conference, the IAS is hosting a high-level, two-day workshop, chaired by 2008 Nobel Laureate for Medicine and IAS Governing Council Member Françoise Barré-Sinoussi. The workshop will focus on HIV reservoirs and strategies to control them, and will be closely linked to the conference programme. Related abstracts submitted under Track A and Track B (Basic Science and Clinical Sciences) of the conference will be presented and discussed, and results from the workshop will be shared with AIDS 2010 delegates. The best abstract presented by a young investigator will receive the IAS-ANRS Prize on HIV Reservoirs. This workshop will gather up to 200 leading HIV basic scientists, clinical researchers, selected editors of scientific journals, community advocates and senior administrators from major research institutions.

**Pre-Conference Meeting: Bridging the Divide: Interdisciplinary Partnerships for HIV and Health Systems**

**Friday and Saturday, 16–17 July, Vienna Marriott Hotel. By invitation only.**

The IAS – with funding from the Rockefeller Foundation and in collaboration with the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria – is hosting a two-day meeting for 200 researchers, practitioners and implementers from the fields of HIV and health systems. The discussion builds on lessons learned from Accelerating the Impact of HIV Programming on Health Systems Strengthening, held in advance of IAS 2009, outcomes of the Bellagio meeting, Leveraging HIV Scale-Up to Strengthen Health Systems in Africa, and other relevant initiatives. This meeting will foster interdisciplinary partnerships between HIV and other health experts, health economists and health systems experts; present data and evidence from implementation research, evaluation and case studies addressing vital questions on the impact of HIV programming on health systems; discuss options for the future with respect to leveraging HIV programming to improve health systems and priority health conditions; and identify a priority research agenda regarding HIV and health systems.

**Satellite: The Global Context of Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV: Making Seamless Programmes and Services a Reality for PLHIV**

**Sunday, 18 July, 11:15–1:15, Mini Room 9**

With support from the Packard Foundation, the IAS is hosting a satellite on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) for women living with HIV. Promoting women’s rights and access to reproductive and family planning services is a global imperative, and this satellite will explore the challenges of integrating HIV and SRH services and programmes in both generalized and concentrated HIV epidemics. Participants will be invited to review programmes and funding streams, review public health planning and explore opportunities for advancing SRH/HIV linkages.

**Satellite: “Towards a Paradigm Shift in HIV Treatment and Prevention”**

**Sunday, 18 July, 13:30–15:30, Session Room 9**

UNAIDS and the IAS are hosting a discussion on a new vision to reinvigorate the global movement to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. National and global leaders will examine emerging opportunities to expand access to better treatment and significantly reduce HIV transmission, while shaping a more efficient and sustainable global AIDS response. Elements of the new vision for debate include:

- Development of more resilient treatment regimens and simplified diagnostic tools
- Increased treatment coverage to strengthen the prevention impact of ART
- Reduced non–drug-related costs of ART
- Increased demand for testing and HIV services within a rights-based framework through community-systems strengthening.
Workshop: Change Your Country’s Discriminatory Laws: How to Advocate for Removal of HIV-specific Travel and Residence Restrictions
Monday, 19 July, 11:00–12:30, Mini Room 9
The IAS in partnership with the Global Network of People Living with HIV and AIDS, the European AIDS Treatment Group and Deutsche-AIDS Hilfe will convene a satellite that aims to capture best models of country-level and global advocacy toward removing HIV-specific entry, resident and immigration restrictions. Examples of advocacy experiences from China, El Salvador, Namibia, South Korea, Ukraine and the United States will be explored. Presenters and participants will be asked to identify how to overturn these discriminatory laws and how to mobilize support for their removal through evidence-based advocacy.

Meetings: Social and Political Science
Tuesday, 20 July, 07:00–08:30, IAS Office
Social and political scientists who are members of the IAS are invited to discuss strategies for raising the profile of social and political science in the work of the IAS, following publication of the recent report The State of Social and Political Science Research Related to HIV. This meeting will also hear the outcomes and proposed plan of action for Thinking Politically—a workshop to be held in 2011.

Thinking Politically
Sunday, 18 July, Courtyard Vienna Messe. By invitation only.
A small closed meeting of political scientists to be held prior to the conference. This steering group is working together with the IAS and UNAIDS to develop a 2011 workshop on political science and AIDS, intended to generate engagement with a broad spectrum of political scientists and to pave the way for greater social and political science participation during AIDS 2012 in Washington, DC

Thursday, 22 July, 18:30–20:30, Mini Room 5
This satellite will examine key achievements, best practice and research needed to support women living with HIV to realize and enjoy safe motherhood and healthy sexual lives, including the need to address challenging rights issues such as abortion and forced sterilisation. Attention will also be given to male involvement in sexual and reproductive health and to youth-specific needs. The satellite is open to researchers, implementers and activists concerned with sexual and reproductive health issues.

Friday, 23 July, 11:00–12:30, Session Room 7
The International AIDS Society (IAS) in collaboration with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) convened a global consultation meeting on prevention and treatment of HIV and AIDS among drug using populations from 11-12 January 2010 in Washington DC. The goal of this symposium is to present key outcomes from the consultation meeting to HIV and AIDS scientists attending the AIDS 2010. The session is intended to advance understanding of the neurobiology of drug use and HIV risk behavior, the role of substance abuse treatment as HIV prevention-pharmacological and behavioral therapies, the “Seek, Test, Treat and Retain” strategy, the elements of comprehensive HIV prevention in substance users, particularly injecting drug users. The symposium will also provide an overview of PEPFAR’s Evolving Strategy to Prevent HIV among Persons Who Inject Drugs. At the conclusion of the joint IAS/ NIDA Symposium IAS/NIDA fellowships will be awarded.

IAS Education Programmes
Research Grant Programme: Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research
Thursday, 16 July–Friday, 23 July, By invitation only.
In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for AIDS Research and the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the IAS will unveil a new research grant programme to encourage innovation in HIV research. The focus of the programme is developmental research by scientists from outside the field of HIV research to help address new questions related to emerging issues such as long-term survival with HIV infection and the prevention of HIV transmission. The initiative aims to foster cross-disciplinary research, promote novel ideas and aid in the success of investigators at an early career stage. Following a robust and competitive application process, 12 to 15 grantees were selected and each awarded up to US$150,000. They will be announced immediately before the plenary session on 23 July. Award recipients will participate in a pre-conference seminar with leading HIV scientists entitled The Field of HIV Research: An Introduction.

The International AIDS Society and National Institute on Drug Abuse Joint Fellowship Programme
Encouraging HIV and Drug Use Research
Friday, 23 July, 11:00–12:30, Session Room 7
With the support of NIDA, the IAS established a multi-year research fellowship programme in 2009, focusing on HIV and illicit drug use with the goal of contributing to advances in the scientific understanding of the complexity of drug use and HIV. The programme hopes to foster collaborative international research. Five fellowships will be awarded at the conference, immediately following the joint IAS/NIDA Symposium Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS among Drug Using Populations: A Global Perspective.
Publish or Perish for Junior Authors: Writing and Publishing Scientific Manuscripts on HIV/AIDS and Related Topics
Wednesday, 21 July, 16:30–18:00, Mini Room 3
This interactive workshop provides an overview of the scientific writing process and an introduction to the publishing process. The writing section will cover key components of a scientific manuscript with the aim of providing researchers with a practical cookbook on how to write a good paper and highlight resources available to authors. The publishing section will describe the publication and the peer-review process, and address ethical issues in scientific writing. An editors’ panel will give insights into the workings of an editorial office and discuss the most common reasons for manuscript rejection. The aim is to make the editorial decision-making process transparent and provide practical information on how to navigate the publication process by avoiding common pitfalls. Although targeted at junior researchers, the workshop focuses on practical issues in scientific publishing also of interest to more experienced authors. It is hosted by the Journal of the International AIDS Society in collaboration with the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors and European Association of Science Editors.

Interactive Workshop on Scientific Writing: Scientific Integrity and Ethical Issues in Publishing in the Field of HIV and AIDS
Thursday, 22 July, 11:00–12:30, Mini Room 2
This workshop will focus on the ethical and practical dilemmas faced by novice and experienced authors in the course of publishing their research on HIV and AIDS and related topics. Experienced editors will discuss the most common issues related to scientific integrity in publishing, including the principles and responsibilities of authorship, plagiarism, duplicate publication, good citation practices, conflict of interest, confidentiality of patient data and the special challenges faced by young investigators in publishing their dissertation research. Editors will review practical measures to address these issues, and will present model institutional guidelines aimed at promoting research integrity and a model for ethical decision making in scientific publishing. The workshop will be hosted by the Journal of the International AIDS Society, International Society of Addiction Journal Editors, and European Association of Science Editors.

IAS Prizes and Awards
The IAS and its partners sponsor a number of scientific prizes and awards aimed at rewarding promising researchers who are doing outstanding research on HIV and AIDS.

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize
Tuesday, 20 July, 08:55, Session Room 1
The Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize is offered jointly by the IAS, the IAS-Industry Liaison Forum and UNAIDS, and is supported by the International Centre for Research on Women and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS.

Regional Sessions
Regional Session on Sub-Saharan Africa
Monday, 19 July, 14:30–16:00
Session Room 2
Simultaneous interpretation from and English and French

Regional Session on Middle East and North Africa
Tuesday, 20 July, 16:30–18:00
Session Room 2
Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and French

Regional Session on Latin America
Wednesday, 21 July, 11:00–12:30
Session Room 2
Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and Spanish

Regional Session on Asia and the Pacific
Wednesday, 21 July, 16:30–18:00
Session Room 2
Languages: English

Regional Session on Europe and Central Asia
Thursday, 22 July, 11:00–12:30
Session Room 2
Simultaneous interpretation from and into English and Russian

Regional Session on USA and Canada
Thursday 22 July, 14:30–16:00
Session Room 2
Languages: English

Regional Session on the Caribbean
Friday, 23 July, 11:00–12:30
Session Room 2
Languages: English

The US$2,000 prize is awarded to an investigator from a low- or middle-income country whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice that addresses women, girls and gender issues related to HIV and AIDS. This prize serves to highlight the challenges faced by women and girls in the epidemic and to encourage investigators from low- and middle-income countries to pursue research in this area.

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award
Wednesday, 21 July, 08:55, Session Room 1
The US$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur
le SIDA et les Hépatites Virales to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV and AIDS research. The award is made to the author of an abstract accepted for presentation who is under 35 years of age. One prize is awarded in each of the six conference tracks.

**IAS/CCABA Prize for Excellence in Research Related to the Needs of Children Affected by AIDS**  
**Thursday, 22 July, 08:55, Session Room 1**  
The US$2,000 prize is jointly offered by the IAS and the Coalition on Children Affected by AIDS. One prize will be awarded to an investigator whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research that is likely to lead to improved services for children affected by HIV and AIDS.

**IAS TB/HIV Research Prize**  
**Thursday, 22 July, 12:30, Session Room 2**  
The aim of the US$2,000 IAS prize on TB/HIV research is to generate interest and stimulate research on basic, clinical and operations research in TB/HIV prevention, care and treatment. The IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is an incentive for researchers to investigate pertinent research questions that affect TB/HIV co-infection and operational effectiveness of core TB/HIV collaborative services.

**IAS Presidential Awards**  
**Friday, 23 July, Session Room 1, Closing Session**  
The IAS Presidential Awards aim to recognize the achievements of individuals who demonstrate a long history of leadership and excellence as pioneers or advocates at the forefront of the response to HIV and AIDS. The awards highlight an individual’s contribution that results in increased knowledge, skills, creative solutions or evidence-based policies and programmes to enhance the global response to AIDS. The Presidential Awards are recognition awards, with no monetary value.

**Conference Partners**

**The Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)**

GNP+ is a global network for and by people living with HIV. GNP+ advocates to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV. As a network of networks, GNP+ is driven by the needs of people living with HIV worldwide.

Under the central theme *Reclaiming Our Lives*, GNP+ implements an evidence-informed advocacy programme organized under four different platforms for action:

- Empowerment of people living with HIV
- Human Rights of people living with HIV
- Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of people living with HIV

The platforms for action are the means to realize the Global Advocacy Agenda, agreed upon at the 9th International Conference of People Living with HIV/AIDS in 1999 in Warsaw, revalidated at the Nairobi Think Tank Meeting in November 2005, and reaffirmed at the LIVING2008: The Positive Leadership Summit in August 2008, Mexico City.

The Global Advocacy Agenda focuses on: promoting access to HIV treatment, care, support and prevention; fighting stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV; and, promoting the greater involvement of people living with HIV (GIPA).

GNP+ is the only international network representing all people living with HIV. As a network based on emancipation and self-determination, GNP+ works with and is closely affiliated to independent regional and national networks of people living with HIV on all continents. Elected representatives from the affiliated regional networks form the GNP+ Board.

The on-site GNP+ office is located in Hall A, near the Speakers’ Centre.

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**The International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO)**

Founded in 1991, the mission of the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) is to mobilize and support diverse community organizations to build an effective global response to HIV and AIDS. This is done within a vision of a world where people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS can enjoy life free from stigma, discrimination and persecution, and have access to prevention, treatment, care and support.

Framed by our vision, mission and guiding principles, ICASO’s work is shaped by a set of strategic directions (2007-11) that include:

- Building community sector capacity to advocate
- Advocating for the effective implementation of universal access to comprehensive HIV and AIDS services
- Mobilizing and strengthening community sector partnerships and networks
Specific program activities include: advocacy and networking on prevention and treatment; universal access; human rights; gender and sexuality; the NGO Code of Practice; community involvement in the development and establishing of AIDS-related policies (including conferences, the UNAIDS Board, and the review of UNGASS Declaration of Commitment); and the funding of AIDS programming (including the Global Fund Board and support to civil society in accessing Global Fund grants).

ICASO hosts the e-Guide to community involvement in AIDS 2010 through its site www.aids2010community.org aimed at increasing community understanding of and participation in AIDS 2010.

The ICASO network of networks operates locally, regionally and globally in more than 100 countries. ICASO’s International Secretariat is based in Canada, with its Regional Secretariats based on five continents:

- African Council of AIDS Service Organizations in Senegal
- AIDS Action Europe in The Netherlands
- Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations in Malaysia
- Latin America and the Caribbean Council of AIDS Service Organizations in Brazil
- North American Council of AIDS Service Organizations in Canada

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ICW Global - The International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS

ICW Global is the only global network run by and for HIV-positive women and young women. It was founded in 1992 due to a desperate lack of support, information and services available to women living with HIV, and in response to the need that HIV-positive women felt to influence policy development. The founding members were a group of 56 HIV-positive women from around the world, who attended the VII International Conference on AIDS held in Amsterdam in July 1992.

ICW Global’s Vision is a world where all HIV-positive women:
- Have a respected and meaningful involvement at all political levels (local, national, regional and international) where decisions that affect their lives are being made
- Have full access to care and treatment
- Enjoy full rights, particularly sexual, reproductive, legal, financial and general health rights, irrespective of culture, age, religion, sexuality, social or economic status/class and race

ICW Global has adopted a human rights framework for all its work. ICW Global campaigns to promote gender equity, universal access to care, treatment and support, and solidarity with and involvement of HIV-positive women at all levels of decision making that affect their lives.

ICW Global works internationally, regionally and nationally, ensuring worldwide links of mutual support, learning and advocacy among HIV-positive women and their organizations, and between HIV positive women and their allies and partners. We have a growing membership of over 15,000 HIV-positive women and girls from about 130 countries. ICW Global members engage in activism and advocacy at local, national and international levels.

As an international network working to support all HIV-positive women, ICW Global is able to share experiences, strategies and advocacy messages, strengthen globally as a united movement for the rights of women living with HIV, and empower and build the capacity of positive women in advocacy.

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Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and its co-sponsors including the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, is an innovative joint venture of the United Nations family, bringing together the efforts and resources of ten UN system organizations in the AIDS response to help the world prevent new HIV infections, care for people living with HIV, and mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

With its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the UNAIDS Secretariat works on the ground in more than 80 countries worldwide. Coherent action on AIDS by the UN system is coordinated in countries through the UN theme groups, and the joint programmes on AIDS.

UNAIDS’ co-sponsors include the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the WFP, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the WHO and the World Bank.

UNAIDS helps mount and support an expanded response to AIDS – one that engages the efforts of many sectors and partners from government and civil society.

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World YWCA: Women Leading Change

25 million women and girls
22,000 communities in 125 countries
One vision

The World YWCA is a global movement of women leading change, advocating for peace, justice, health, human dignity, freedom and care of the environment. Present in 22,000 communities, 125 countries and with an outreach of 25 million women and girls, the YWCA movement has over 20 years of extensive community and global interventions on HIV prevention, care and support. The World YWCA convened the first ever International Women Summit on Women’s leadership on HIV and AIDS in 2007, in which over 2,000 people adopted the Nairobi 2007 Call to Action on HIV and AIDS.

The World YWCA develops the leadership of women and girls to find local solutions to global gender inequalities. YWCA community experiences shape the World YWCA global agenda, advocating for laws, policies and practices that promote and protect the human rights of women and girls, including the elimination of violence against women and girls. YWCAs work is inspired by Christian principles and a commitment to women’s full and equal participation. The YWCA is a volunteer membership movement, inclusive of women from different faiths, backgrounds and cultures.

The World YWCA promotes comprehensive prevention, care and support towards Universal Access, and especially calls for organizations, governments and all stakeholders to:

- Invest in women and girls
- Provide comprehensive and integrated information and services
- Support young women and intergenerational leadership
- Ensure safe, inclusive and secure spaces
- End stigma and discrimination

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Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC)

Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC) is a coalition of community leaders and non-governmental agencies providing services directly to and on behalf of Caribbean populations who are especially vulnerable to HIV infection or often forgotten in access to treatment and healthcare programmes. These groups include men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who use drugs, orphans and other children made vulnerable by HIV, migrant populations, ex-prisoners, and youth in especially difficult circumstances. We currently have over ninety members from across the Caribbean, and work in, Antigua, Belize, Bahamas, Dominica, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, Barbados, Grenada, Curacao, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent, French Caribbean and Suriname.

Founded in December 2004, CVC seeks to:

- Generate an enabling environment to support human rights and improve the quality of life of vulnerable populations
- Advocate for and facilitate the development of infrastructure to support culturally and contextually appropriate and accessible HIV management for vulnerable populations
- Develop and support culturally appropriate prevention programmes and models geared towards vulnerable populations
- Establish strategic partnership built on trust
- Monitoring and evaluate the impact of the project on vulnerable populations

The communities of concern to CVC are characterized by social subordination and their inability to effectively challenge this status or the hostile stereotyping to which they are generally subjected. They also lack social protection and are often socially excluded because their behaviour may be deemed delinquent, deviant or criminal. Furthermore, the extent and efficacy of their struggle against HIV and AIDS is constrained by the fundamental character of the economic, social, cultural and political systems within which they live. Our work on the ground makes it clear that gender, youth, poverty and language differences exacerbate the vulnerabilities of some groups.

While we realize that the majority of those with whom we work will remain underground, invisible and without a voice, we are committed to promoting leadership among them and, where possible, will work to strengthen their capacity to act on their own behalf.

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Aids Hilfe Wien

The Aids Hilfe Wien is a non-profit organisation based in the Aids Hilfe Haus in Vienna.

The main objectives of the Aids Hilfe Wien are:
- To support people who are affected by HIV/AIDS
- To make every effort in order to keep HIV and AIDS from spreading

In order to accomplish these goals, the Aids Hilfe Wien has set the following focal points in their work:
Counselling and testing offer
The Aids Hilfe Wien has a long tradition of counselling, especially in the field of HIV antibody testing as well as the appropriate pre- and post-test-counselling. Free and anonymous HIV antibody testing and counselling are offered since 1985. All other tests in the Aids Hilfe Haus can be carried out anonymously as well, but they have to be paid for. During the last years the range of tests has been extended: hepatitis tests and screening, syphilis screening and HIV rapid testing. Additionally, the counselling department of the Aids Hilfe Wien offers psychological as well as medical consultation.

Support by social workers and day care centre
Three social workers support PLWA with their advice in different areas of daily life e.g. lodging, finances, questions of law, etc. The day care centre is another offer widely accepted by clients, where PLWA can get a healthy meal at very low costs, can talk to advisors and can take part in different kinds of activities and workshops.

Prevention
The department of prevention focuses its work on different target groups, concentrating on primary prevention, which comprises all measures that prevent new HIV infections. The target groups are women, youth, migrants, MSM and people who might come in contact with HIV in the course of their profession.

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The European AIDS Clinical Society / EACS
The European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS) is a not-for-profit society of European clinicians and researchers working in the field of HIV/AIDS which was established in 1991. It aims to bring together scientists from across Europe to help exchange the latest medical and scientific knowledge particularly regarding clinical aspects of HIV/AIDS and its complications.

The Society mainly aims to:
- Facilitate networking among HIV physicians, virologists and immunologists in Europe
- Train and educate young HIV physicians from western and eastern Europe and from countries with limited resources
- Establish guidelines and recommendations for the diagnosis and management of HIV infection

The main activities of the Society are:
- **European AIDS Conference**
  A conference focusing on clinical aspects and treatment of HIV in Europe held in a different European city every two years. The 13th European AIDS Conference will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2011
- **Publication of the European guidelines**
  EACS publishes HIV treatment guidelines developed by a panel of European HIV physicians together with selected experts from outside the field of HIV to assist in the care of HIV patients and to establish a standard of clinical practice across Europe. Version 5 is available in a range of languages at www.europeanaidsclinicalsociety.org/guidelines.asp
- **Educational programmes**
  - **Advanced HIV Course**, a three-day intensive course that focuses on antiretroviral therapy and comprehensive care for people living with HIV and consists of presentations followed by in-depth workshops.
  - **Medical Exchange Programme and One-Year Fellowship Programme**, a unique opportunity for HIV physicians to be exposed to the day-to-day routine of highly qualified teams, participate in managing clinical trials and have the opportunity to publish their work. Selected candidates carry out a one-month, four-month or one-year internship in a European clinical centre authorised by EACS.

More than just a course, this is an opportunity to exchange ideas and practices and create an international network. It is open to a maximum of 80 participants with a limited number of scholarships available to those from developing countries. Since it started in 2003, 352 medical doctors from 74 different countries have attended the course, often rating it the best course they have ever attended.

The joint on-site EACS/ECUO booth is located in the Exhibition Hall.

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**East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLHIV (ECUO)**

ECUO was founded in 2005, and registered in 2007 and unites national networks and organizations of people living with HIV from 14 countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Byelorussia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldova, Mongolia, Poland, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Ukraine).

ECUO is an inspiring* resource in EECA countries for the PLWH communities (National PLWH Networks, PLWH organizations, initiative PLWH groups and activists, who seek to create and develop their organizations and networks) in their promotion as leaders, professionals, equal and responsible partners in overcoming HIV/AIDS epidemic in our countries. ECUO governed by a Board, members of which are selected by representatives of PLWH from member countries.

*To be inspiring for us means – to be proud of our organization and what we are doing, to perceive victories and defeats of our organization as our own, to continue self-development and development of the organization, to enjoy what we are doing and inspire others.

Since 2007 ECUO strengthens the capacity for PLWH-communities through:
- Ongoing exchange of information between PLWH networks and organizations in the region
- Ongoing professional development through education and learning-by-doing for PLWH activists from the region
- Promoting and ensuring meaningful participation of PLWH in decision making at regional and international level
- Supporting PLWH activists’ meaningful involvement in significant events and discussions such as regional and international AIDS conferences etc.

ECUO is focused on PLWH leadership development in order to strengthen the role of the community in countering the HIV/AIDS epidemic in EECA-countries. Specifically during 2010-2015 ECUO works to ensure that all PLWH who need treatment in all EECA-countries receive effective, safe, timely and quality treatment.

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**City of Vienna**

Vienna is the capital of the Republic of Austria. It is the country’s largest city and seat of many international organisations (official UN seat, OSCE headquarters). Its 1.67 million inhabitants live on an area of 414 square kilometres. Vienna defines itself as the “heart of Central Europe” and the “gate to Eastern Europe”.

Vienna has a special position in Austria, as it is both a city and a federal province. The role of Vienna’s mayor is also as governor of the province, while the City Council also acts as a Provincial Parliament. According to the provisions of the federal constitution, the municipal structure of the City of Vienna is composed of the City Council, the City Senate and the Mayor. The City Administration (Magistrat) administers the city. The City Council consists of 100 members and constitutes the city’s highest official body.

Vienna is one of the most flourishing congress cities worldwide. In 2009, 882 congresses took place in Vienna. One-third of the Austrian GDP is earned in Vienna. About 25% of the Austrian employees work in Vienna.

Vienna’s health care system is one of its kind, as confirmed by the WHO and the OECD, amongst other bodies. The city’s hospitals have a high reputation internationally. The services of Vienna’s top medical experts are available to everyone in Vienna regardless of age, income or living circumstances. Vienna not only provides top medical care but preventive medicine as well: the city has launched a series of health precaution information campaigns and initiatives to ensure that all citizens have the means to stay healthy.

Vienna supports AIDS 2010 for reasons of public health and to show its solidarity. To document the importance of the topic as such Vienna hosts the biggest European AIDS-charity event, the Lifeball, since 1992. One of Vienna’s main goals dealing with HIV and AIDS is to win the fight against ‘social AIDS’ as soon as possible. Affected people are part of the society – a big NO to discrimination! Another aspect of the City’s commitment to AIDS 2010 is Vienna’s approach in harm reduction, a model practice which points the way forward for other cities.

**General information**

[www.wien.gv.at/english](http://www.wien.gv.at/english)

**List of hospitals**

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**Tourist Information/WienTourismus**

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The City Information Centre is the central information center of the City Council and offers information of any kind. The staff members answer questions about competencies and services of the City Council and other local authorities, about federal facilities and everyday life, as well as enquiries about sites of cultural interest (for example museums or exhibitions).

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Health care administration based on national health policy is a major responsibility of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health. This includes among others the control of communicable diseases. A special focus in this context is given to the fight against HIV/AIDS and associated diseases like TB. A major tool to reach our goals in this field is harm reduction program focused on intravenous drug users (IVDUs).

Today, in Austria treatment of HIV/AIDS is practically totally integrated in the general system of health care. There is no difference in access or other regulations than for every other disease, fully covered by the social health insurance schemes.

Austria achieved the following milestones in the national fight against HIV/AIDS: At a very early stage after the outbreak of the pandemic, Austria adopted specific legislation: on the one hand it grants high safety standards to prevent nosocomial infections and guarantees blood and product safety and on the other hand provides free access to testing, treatment and care.

Since their entry into force these legislative measures were accompanied by intensive information campaigns, addressing both the general public as well as vulnerable groups. These campaigns focused primarily on education and comprehensive information about HIV transmission and prevention while also taking into account gender and discrimination questions. They were backed up by an additional package of harm reduction programmes for people at risk, and in particular by programmes for the provision of clean needles and syringes and a nation-wide drug substitution programme. Moreover, effective measures have also been taken in the field of vertical transmission and reproductive health which has nearly eliminated mother-to-child HIV transmission in Austria.

From 1997 onwards advancements in treatment lead us to further improve structures to provide nation-wide, free-of-cost access to treatment and care for all, both for intramural and extramural settings. This led to a dramatic decrease in the number of new infections and people dying from AIDS.

Civil society and a number of competent NGOs were included in national prevention and information policies since the beginning of the pandemic. Sustainable financial support enabled these NGOs, among them the “Austrian AIDS Hilfen” to play a major role both for individual prevention and for access to free and anonymous testing. Anti-discrimination measures were included in all policies from the very beginning. These NGOs cover the school sector on the one hand and give us access to high risk behaviour groups on the other hand. In Austria HIV/AIDS has become an integral part in relevant legal sectors and a normative part of daily life.

Latest data documenting the progress of the pandemic in the Eastern part of the European region clearly shows that the pandemic is boosted by the exploding infection numbers by IVDU. This has unfortunately led to a major increase of new TB cases since co-infection has become the rule in these cases. The burden of multi-resistant TB will therefore continually increase.

By hosting this conference Austria hopes to be able to share our positive experience and encourage neighbouring countries to implement a legal framework as a basis for a new comprehensive fight against HIV/AIDS.

General information: www.bmg.gv.at

European Commission
The European Commission is the executive body of the European Union. The mission of the European Commission is to promote the general interest of the European Union. It does so by participating in the decision-making process, in particular by presenting proposals for European law, by overseeing the correct implementation of the Treaties and European law, and by carrying out common policies and managing funds.

Several Directorates General of the European Commission are actively involved in a cooperative, integrated response to HIV/AIDS and associated implications on a European and a global level, respectively. These commitments are underlined
by particular policies such as the Commission communication «A European Programme for Action to Confront HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis through External Action (2007-2011)». The Commission has also adopted a Communication «on combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighboring countries for 2009-2013» with the view of addressing the unfortunate trend of increasing infections in Europe. It focuses in particular on the promotion of prevention, and on the implementation of measures targeting most at risk groups and particular geographical areas mostly affected by HIV/AIDS. As the world’s largest donor, the EU has collectively provided the majority of the significant increase in recent years of international financing earmarked for HIV/AIDS. Collectively, the EU has provided more than 55% of the total contributions to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (GFTAM) since 2001. The Commission is increasingly channeling its funds available through budget support to strengthen health systems in third countries as one of the main ways to confront AIDS. This new instrument is thought to be particularly beneficial for health systems, providing longer-term and predictable financing.

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The organizers of the XVIII International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010) desire to maintain the focus and integrity of the conference and therefore have approved a limited number of Affiliated Events being held in conjunction with the conference.

Affiliated Events are held outside the main conference venue and take place before or after conference hours. Affiliated Events include a broad range of venues and formats, such as meetings, pre-conferences, social functions and cultural events.

Affiliated Events address HIV, co-infections or issues faced by individuals or organizations affected by or responding to the epidemic. Events may be population or issue specific (e.g., women, men who have sex with men, harm reduction, faith-based), and organized by corporations, scientists, or community or health care workers.

For a list of Affiliated Events, please refer to the **Programme Supplement** or the conference website.

The sponsoring company or organization is responsible for the content, programme, employees and agents involved with the Affiliated Event. AIDS 2010 expects them to follow the Rules and Guidelines for Affiliated Events. Each event should respect and support the conference’s philosophy, atmosphere and policies. Failure of any company, non-profit organization or working group and its agents or employees to follow these guidelines should be brought to the attention of conference organizers.

Affiliated Events are not the same as satellite meetings. Please refer to the Programme for a list of satellite meetings.
EXHIBITION

AIDS 2010 offers opportunities to both commercial and non-commercial organizations to showcase their products and services to the largest gathering of HIV/AIDS professionals in the world. With more than 7,500 square metres of prime exhibition space and more than 20,000 delegates expected, organizations can effectively reach a broad cross section of players in the global response to HIV/AIDS. The Exhibition Area is located in Hall B.

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Commercial and non-commercial satellite meetings on specific HIV-related issues take place on site in the mornings and evenings during the conference, and all day on the Sunday before the Opening Session. Satellite meetings are fully organized and coordinated by the party proposing the satellites (company, government, institution or NGO). Slots have been allocated by the conference organizers based on the overall conference programme.

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17 – 20 July 2011
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12 – 15 September 2010
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek
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Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre
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**2nd International Scientific Symposium on Antiretroviral Drug Resistance in Africa**
Scaling-up HIV Treatment in Africa: Challenges, Prospects and Outcomes
24 – 26 November 2010
Accra International Conference Centre
Accra, Ghana

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