



Plenary Speaker Bios

SUNDAY, 18 July

19:00 - 21:30, Session Room 1 (OPENING SESSION)

Yves SOUTEYRAND, PhD (France)

State of the Epidemic: Progress, Challenges and Human Rights Implications

Dr. Yves Souteyrand has served as Coordinator of the Strategic Information Unit in the World Health Organization's (WHO) HIV/AIDS Department since 2004 after serving previously as Senior Adviser to the department director. He received his PhD from the University of Aix en Provence and has worked at the French Ministry of Health as a researcher in charge of implementing research programmes in public health and health systems research. Between 1993 and 2003, Dr. Souteyrand was Head of Public Health and Socio-Behavioural AIDS Research for the National Medical and Health Research Institute (INSERM). Dr. Souteyrand leads the publication of the annual global progress report on the health-sector response to universal access to HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment, published by WHO, UNICEF and UNAIDS. He is a member of the UNAIDS/WHO Working Group on Global HIV/AIDS and STI Surveillance and one of the publishers of the biannual AIDS epidemic update.

Sharon LEWIN, FRACP, PhD (Australia)

State of the Epidemic: Strategies for a Cure

Dr. Sharon Lewin is an infectious diseases physician and basic scientist. She completed her medical training at Monash University, followed by a PhD in virology at the Burnet Institute and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, The Rockefeller University in New York City.

Dr. Lewin heads a research laboratory that aims to understand why HIV and hepatitis B virus persist and evade the immune system. She has published over 100 peer-reviewed publications and has received competitive research funding from the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council, the U.S. National Institutes of Health and the Wellcome Trust. Dr. Lewin is the immediate past president of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, the peak body in Australia that represents health professionals and scientists who work in HIV medicine.

Paula AKUGIZIBWE (Rwanda)

State of the Epidemic: Human Rights and the Response

Paula Akugizibwe is the Advocacy Coordinator at the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), which conducts training and advocacy in the Southern African region to improve access to and quality of TB and HIV services, and advances a human rights-based response to health. Prior to joining ARASA in 2008, Ms. Akugizibwe worked as a procurement analyst at the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative in Rwanda, coordinating supply of second-line and paediatric antiretrovirals to Rwanda and Burundi. She also has experience working in community pharmacy and with human rights organizations in Botswana. Ms. Akugizibwe has served on technical advisory groups for the Southern African Development Community and the World Health Organization on issues related to TB. She has a Bachelor of Pharmacy and is currently completing her Master in Public Health (Epidemiology) at the University of Cape Town.

MONDAY, 19 July

8:30 - 10:30, Session Room 1

Vuyiseka DUBULA (South Africa)

Positive Health, Dignity and Prevention

Vuyiseka Dubula is General Secretary of the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) where she founded several TAC branches and programmes. She has served as a member of TAC since 2001 and was elected to her current position in 2008. Ms. Dubula is committed to ensuring that People Living with HIV have a positive voice in the struggle and that women and girls have access to health services and equality in a society free of gender and sexual violence. Ms. Dubula is the National Representative for People Living with HIV in the South African National AIDS Council, the Chairperson of the AIDS Law Project and a member of the Global Task Force on Women, Girls, Gender Equality and HIV. She has presented and published in multiple national and international health and human rights conferences. Ms. Dubula holds a BA in health sciences and social services from the University of South Africa. She is currently completing her Honours in Psychology from the University of South Africa.

Anya SARANG (Russia)

HIV, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction

Anya Sarang is President of the Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice in Moscow where she works on advocacy for access to health and protection of human rights, as well as dignity for people who use drugs and humane drug policies. For the past 11 years, her work has focused on developing and supporting the emerging harm reduction movement in Russia through various training and networking activities. Ms. Sarang has been closely involved with harm reduction development in Eastern Europe and Central Asia through her membership in the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network. She has also been involved in research on drug use and HIV, including epidemiological and behavioral studies and qualitative research on issues such as barriers to harm reduction services, police and human rights, access to HIV treatment, management of drug use, prisons and drug policy.

President William J. CLINTON (United States)

Keynote Lecture

Elected President of the United States in 1992, and again in 1996, President Clinton was the first Democratic president to be awarded a second term in six decades. President Clinton previously served as the Governor of Arkansas, chairman of the National Governors Association and Attorney General of Arkansas. Since 2001, President Clinton has dedicated himself to philanthropy and continued public service through the William J. Clinton Foundation, which is focused on finding practical and measurable solutions to address pressing challenges at home and abroad. In addition to his Foundation work, President Clinton joined with former President Bush to help with relief and recovery following the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, and to lead a nationwide fundraising effort in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He also served as U.N. Special Envoy for Tsunami Recovery.

Established in 2002 by President Clinton as the Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) initially focused on addressing the limited access to HIV/AIDS treatment faced by developing countries, where more than 90 percent of individuals living with HIV/AIDS reside. By working in collaboration with governments and NGO partners, CHAI has been able to expand treatment access and save lives. Since its inception, CHAI has helped more than 2 million people access the medicines needed for treatment, which represents nearly half of all the people living with HIV and on treatment in developing countries. Building on its model, CHAI has expanded its scope to include efforts to strengthen healthcare delivery systems and to combat malaria and tuberculosis.

TUESDAY, 20 July

9:00 - 10:30, Session Room 1

Anthony FAUCI, MD (United States)

New Concepts in HIV/AIDS Pathogenesis: Implications for Interventions

Dr. Anthony S. Fauci is Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Since his appointment as NIAID Director in 1984, Dr. Fauci has overseen an extensive research portfolio devoted to preventing, diagnosing and treating infectious and immune-mediated diseases. He is also Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, where he has made numerous important discoveries related to HIV and AIDS and is one of the most-cited scientists in the field. Dr. Fauci, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, has received numerous awards for his scientific accomplishments, including the National Medal of Science, the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He has received 34 honorary doctoral degrees and is the author, coauthor or editor of more than 1,100 scientific publications, including several major textbooks.

Everjoice WIN (Zimbabwe)

Violence Against Women and Girls

Everjoice Win is Head of Women's Rights at ActionAid International in Harare. Ms. Win is a feminist and has been active in the women's and social justice movements in Zimbabwe and the African continent for the greater part of her life. She has worked with the Women's Action Group and the pan-African Women in Law and Development in Africa, and served as consultant to many local and international NGOs. At ActionAid, an anti-poverty agency working in 50 countries globally, she leads the work on women's rights, which includes providing overall strategic guidance and support on programmes and campaigns. Ms. Win has also served as Commonwealth Advisor to the Commission on Gender Equality of South Africa and on the boards of several civil society and women's rights organizations. She is a founding member of the pro-democracy National Constitutional Assembly of Zimbabwe, and was a spokesperson for the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition. She currently sits on the board of the Women and AIDS Support Network in Zimbabwe, ActionAid Malawi, and is a member of the Civil Society Advisory Committee of the United Nations Development Programme. She is a writer and contributor to many newspapers, magazines and journals.

Aaron MOTSOLEDI, MD (South Africa)

Universal Access: Treatment and Prevention Scale-up

Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi was appointed South Africa's Minister of Health in May 2009. A medical practitioner by training, he has a long history of public service focusing on strategies to address poverty, unemployment and access to services. A member of the African National Congress, Dr. Motsoaledi has served in a number of roles in South Africa's Limpopo Province, including as the former Acting Premier and as a Member of the Executive Council (MEC).

WEDNESDAY, 21 July

9:00 - 10:30, Session Room 1

Bernard HIRSCHEL, MD (Switzerland)

Anti-HIV Drugs for Prevention

Dr. Bernard Hirschel is Professor of Medicine at Geneva University Medical School, Head of the Section of HIV/AIDS in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and Director of the Clinical Research Center at the Geneva University Hospital. His main area of research is in antiretroviral therapy (ART), particularly in novel treatment strategies, including planned interruption of ART and the effectiveness of treatment in prevention. Dr. Hirschel has authored or co-authored over 300 papers in the scientific literature, book chapters and a textbook on HIV infection. He is a member of numerous scientific societies and his service on editorial boards includes the *New England Journal of Medicine* from 1998 to 2006. Dr. Hirschel received his degree from the Geneva University Medical School.

Ellen 'T HOEN, LL.M (The Netherlands)

A Proposal for Change: Managing Patents for Access to AIDS Medicines for All

Ellen 't Hoen is Senior Adviser for Intellectual Property and Medicines Patent Pool at UNITAID. She is a lawyer and an expert in medicines policy and intellectual property law. From 1999 to 2009, she was the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Médecins sans Frontières' Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines. In 2008, Ms. 't Hoen was a research fellow at the IS HIV/AIDS Academy of the University of Amsterdam. She is the author of the book *The Global Politics of Pharmaceutical Monopoly Power: Drug Patents, Access, Innovation and the Application of the WTO Doha Declaration on TRIPS and Public Health*, published in January 2009.

James HAKIM, MD (Zimbabwe)

ART Advances: Into the Next Decade

Dr. James Hakim is Professor of Medicine at the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences where he is Director of the University of Zimbabwe Clinical Research Centre. Dr. Hakim has been on the faculty of the University of Zimbabwe since 1992 and was Chairman of the Department of Medicine from 2001 to 2006. He is also the Site Leader of the University of Zimbabwe-University of California San Francisco Clinical Trials Unit. Dr. Hakim graduated from Makerere University Medical School in Uganda and then specialized in internal medicine at the University of Nairobi, Kenya and the Royal Colleges of Physicians in the United Kingdom. He later received training as a clinical epidemiologist with the University of Newcastle in Australia.

THURSDAY, 22 July

9:00 - 10:30, Session Room 1

Carlos CÁCERES, MD, PhD (Peru)

Combination HIV Prevention: Moving from Debate to Action

Dr. Carlos Cáceres is Professor of Public Health at Cayetano Heredia University and Director of the Institute of Studies in Health, Sexuality and Human Development, in Lima. He obtained his medical degree from Cayetano Heredia University in 1988 and his master's and doctoral degrees in public health/epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991 and 1996. Dr. Cáceres started his career over 20 years ago doing research in sexuality, sexual health and HIV epidemiology and prevention, and more recently, became involved in the analysis of health systems, structural determinants of HIV epidemics, and social change from a human rights perspective. With a significant number of peer-reviewed publications, he is one of the founders of the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society and served as Chair from 2008 to 2009. At present, Dr. Cáceres is Co-Editor of *Sexuality, Health and Society* and a member of the UNAIDS Prevention Reference Group.

Elaine ABRAMS, MD (United States)

Vertical Transmission

Dr. Elaine Abrams is Professor of Pediatrics and Epidemiology at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and the Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH) in New York. She is Director of the MTCT-Plus Initiative at the International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) at MSPH where she is responsible for HIV care and treatment programs for pregnant women, children, and families in Africa and Asia and for developing and supporting ICAP's paediatric and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) agenda. Dr. Abrams was also recently appointed ICAP's Senior Director for Research. Dr. Abrams served as Director of the Family Care Center at Harlem Hospital in New York City until 2005. She conducted extensive research on MTCT and the natural history of paediatric HIV. She has also played a key role in the design and conduct of multiple clinical trials and is currently the Chair of the Primary Therapy Scientific Committee of the NIH-funded International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT) network. Dr. Abrams serves as an advisor for the World Health Organization and U.S. Public Health Service where she participates in guideline development for paediatric care and PMTCT. She received a BA in biochemistry from Princeton University and her MD from the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

Meena SARASWATHI SESHU (India)

No Excuses: A Living Experience of the Struggle for Rights

Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture

Meena Saraswathi Seshu is General Secretary of Sampada Grameen Mahila Sanstha, an organization based in Sangli, India, which has worked for the empowerment of people in sex work, including mobilization for HIV-related peer education since 1991. In 1996, this work broadened into the organization of a collective of women in prostitution called VAMP (Veshya Anyay Mukti Parishad). Ms. Seshu has worked with marginalized populations, particularly rural women, adolescents and people in sex work, on HIV and AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, violence against women, and gender and sexual minority rights through grassroots, rights-based organizations in Karnataka and Maharashtra. She has more than 10 years' experience with global movements addressing violence against women and sex workers' rights.

FRIDAY, 23 July

9:00 - 10:30, Session Room 1

HIV and Incarceration: Prisons and Detention

Dmytro SHEREMBEY (Ukraine)

Dmytro Sherembey is Director of the Department of Communications, Policy and Advocacy at the All-Ukrainian Network of PLHA. He has been HIV-positive for 14 years and was incarcerated from 1992 to 2001. While in prison, Mr. Sherembey studied philosophy and taught himself English. Following his release, he became a volunteer at the harm reduction project Stupeni in Chernigiv. That year, he co-founded and eventually became head of the Chernigiv Regional Branch of the Network of PLWH, the first regional branch of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH. In 2005, he was elected to the Coordination Council of the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH and became its Deputy Chair. He represents the Network's interests at the regional, national and international levels.

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Manfred NOWAK, PhD (Austria)

Dr. Manfred Nowak is Professor of International Human Rights Protection at University of Vienna and Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. He is one of the most significant scholars and experts in the international human rights field. As a researcher and practitioner, he has authored numerous books and articles. He received the UNESCO Prize for the Teaching of Human Rights and was head of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (E.MA) in Venice from 2000 to 2007. He has performed a range of different tasks for the United Nations, including service as the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture since December 2004.

Liz GWYTHYER, MB ChB, FCFP, MSc Pall Med. (South Africa)

Care and Support: Integral to Comprehensive Care

Liz Gwyther is CEO of the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Cape Town where she heads the Palliative Care Unit within the School of Public Health and Family Medicine. She received her medical degree (MB ChB) from the University of Cape Town in 1979, and worked as a general practitioner in Zimbabwe and South Africa until 1993. She began working in hospice care on a voluntary basis in 1993 and obtained MSc in Palliative Medicine from the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff in 2003. Dr. Gwyther is active in palliative care training and education in hospice development programmes, and is a strong supporter of home-based care programmes. She is currently a director of the National Hospice Palliative Care Organization in the U.S., a trustee of the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance, a director of the Pain Society of South Africa and a member of the executive committee of the Networking AIDS Community of South Africa. In 2007, Dr. Gwyther received the South African Medical Association's Gender Award for Human Rights in Health and the South African Institute of Health Care Managers' Leadership in Health Systems Award.

David THOMAS, MD, MPH (United States)

Hepatitis C: Cure and Control Right Now

Dr. David Thomas is Chief of Infectious Diseases and the Stanhope Bayne-Jones Professor of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He is trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases and cares for patients with infectious diseases, including chronic viral hepatitis. Dr. Thomas also oversees clinical research projects focused on understanding the natural history and pathogenesis of hepatitis C virus infection. Liver disease in HIV-infected persons is a special area of his clinical and research focus. He is the principal investigator on numerous National Institutes of Health grants, the author or co-author of over 150 peer-reviewed publications and holds a U.S. patent. Dr. Thomas serves on numerous editorial and advisory boards.