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Monday August 4, 2008

Faith in Action on the Margins - This session attempts to highlight the scope of what Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) are doing and to present some examples of innovative work with marginalised populations.

Time: 09:00 - 11:00, 03.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Drug dependency rehabilitation based on Hindu values
Richa Chopra

The Lutheran Church in Liberia--work with internally displaced person with the assistance of zoees/traditional midwives
Steven Korvah

How theology assisted in setting up a comprehensive prevention program for IVDUs in Iran
Arash Alaei

Panel Discussion
Bishop Hanson
Elizabeth Pisani
Jaya Nair

Tuesday August 5, 2008

Plenary - This panel discussion will address issues such as: The global epidemiological statistics, universal access to ARTs, the shifting architecture in funding for HIV/AIDS, the current policy environment and new initiatives.

Time: 09:00 - 10:30, 04.08.2008

Co-Chairs: Thembi Ngubane, Ana Maria Salazar, (Facilitator)

Presentations in this session:

Introduction of the panel
Thembi Ngubane

State of the Epidemic
Geoffrey Garnett

HIV Prevention for Women and Girls: Changing Gender Norms Co-Chairs: Yolanda Simon, Carmen Zorrilla,
Time: 11:00 - 12:30, 04.08.2008

MOAC02

Presentations in this session:

A combined microfinance and training intervention can reduce HIV risk behaviour among young program participants: results from the IMAGE study

Presented by Charlotte Watts

P. Pronyk¹, J. Kim¹, T. Abramsky², G. Phetla¹, J. Hargreaves², L. Morison², C. Watts², J. Busza², J. Porter²

¹University of the Witwatersrand, RADAR, School of Public Health, Acornhoek, South Africa, ²London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, United Kingdom

SisterAct: sisters inter-acting - intergenerational communication between African American girls and women in Washington, DC as an alternative/effective HIV/AIDS prevention strategy

Presented by Abby Charles

A. Charles, N. Watsa, J. Valrie, F. Nageer-Kanthor

The Women's Collective, Intergenerational Program, Washington, United States

Small house, hure, sugar daddies, and garden boys: a qualitative study of heterosexual concurrent partnerships among men and women in Zimbabwe

Presented by Wellington Mushayi

N. Taruberekera¹, L. Kaljee², H. Astatke², W. Mushayi¹, M. Chommie¹, N. Shekhar³

¹PSI Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, ²PSI, Washington, United States, ³PSI, Johannesburg, South Africa

Female condom breaks gender barriers - India - A case study

Presented by Manoj Gopalakrishnan

B. Gaddi¹, K. Potturi², M. Gopalakrishnan³, M. Agarwal⁴, E. Bayliss⁵, Female Sex Workers

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Integrating gender into HIV/AIDS interventions - does it make a difference to outcomes?

Presented by Karen Hardee

E. Rottach¹, K. Hardee², S. Schuler¹

¹Academy for Educational Development, Empowerment of Women Research Program, Washington, United States, ²Population Action International, Research Department, Washington, United States

Antiretroviral Therapy in 2008: Current Issues and Controversies in Optimal Antiretroviral Therapy Chairpersons: Pedro Cahn, Carlos del Rio, (Co-Chair) MOSS02

This will be a highly-interactive, case-based session covering current issues and controversies in initiating antiretroviral therapy and managing antiretroviral failure. The initial therapy cases will discuss when to start therapy, and will examine the special considerations for selecting initial regimens such as disease status, co-morbidities, pre-existing conditions, and other factors. The cases on antiretroviral therapy failure will illustrate complex issues in switching therapies for early failure, strategies for late and complicated failure, and the use of new drugs in treatment-experienced patients.

Time: 12:45 - 14:15, 04.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Opening remarks

Pedro Cahn

Initial antiretroviral therapy: Current considerations for treatment-naive patients

Joseph Eron

Peter Reiss

Andrew Carr

Jose M Gatell

Elly Katabira

Robert Schooley

Melanie Thompson

Strategies for antiretroviral failure: Managing early, late, and complicated failure

Sharon Walmsley

Carlos del Rio

Scott Hammer

Douglas Richman

Mauro Schechter

Pedro Cahn

The Hidden Side of Stigma and Discrimination Co-Chairs: Ana Amuchástegui, Marian Pitts
Time: 14:30 - 16:00, 04.08.2008

MOAX02

Presentations in this session:

Enacted stigma and psychological problems among children with parental HIV/AIDS in rural China

Presented by Xiaoyi Fang
X. Li¹, L. Zhang¹, X. Fang², B. Stanton¹
¹Wayne State University School of Medicine, Pediatrics, Detroit, United States, ²Beijing Normal University, Psychology, Beijing, China

Secondary stigma: elderly women's experiences of adult HIV/AIDS morbidity and mortality in rural South Africa

Presented by Catherine Ogunmefun
C. Ogunmefun
University of the Witwatersrand, Demography and Population Studies, Johannesburg, South Africa

Health and treatment seeking behaviour among Hijras

Presented by Yashwinder Singh
Y. Singh, Y. Singh
The Naz Foundation (India) Trust, MSM & TG, New Delhi, India

Children of sex workers unite to fight stigma and discrimination

Presented by Parbati Halder
P. Halder
Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee, Outreach, Kolkata, India

HIV-related knowledge, attitudes, stigma, and testing history among Shan migrants in Northern Thailand

Presented by Charles Washington
C. Washington¹, V. Suwanvanichkij¹, S. Sam², S. Lein Harn², S. Loa Phun², L. Johnson¹, S. Odell¹, D. Celentano¹, C. Beyrer¹
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Combating Stigma and Discrimination in Healthcare Settings Co-Chairs: Kim Ashburn, Tho Khvat

MOAX06

Time: 16:30 - 18:00, 04.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Introduction

Tho Khvat

Dealing with HIV and stigma among health professionals: how to reduce a collateral risk in the fight against HIV in Haiti

Presented by Sorel Bertrand
S. Bertrand¹, C. Calvel², C. Tourette-Turgis³
¹Concern Worldwide, Port-au-prince, Haiti, ²Concern Worldwide, HIV Program Coordinator, Port-au-prince, Haiti, ³PhD Rouen University, Rouen, France

Knowledge, attitudes and practices of health care providers towards HIV and PLWHA in North Sudan

Presented by Zied Mhirsi
Z. Mhirsi¹, W.M. Hassan¹, M. El Khalifa¹, A. Hummaida¹, T.M. Mansour²
¹Health Alliance International, Khartoum, Sudan, ²Sudan National AIDS Program, Khartoum, Sudan

Power and prejudice: the perceptions of people who provide services to non-gay-identifying African American men who have sex with men

Presented by Hema Ramamurthi
N. Harawa¹, J. Williams², H. Ramamurthi³, L. Muccitelli⁴
¹Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, Research, Los Angeles, United States, ²University of California Los Angeles, Department of Neuropsychiatry, Los Angeles, United States, ³University of California Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute, Los Angeles, United States, ⁴University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States

HIV stigma reduction intervention in health care in China

Presented by Li Li
L. Li¹, Z. Wu², L.-J. Liang³, S. Wu¹
¹UCLA Semel Institute Center for Community Health, Los Angeles, United States, ²Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China, ³UCLA Department of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Los Angeles, United States

HIV and AIDS related stigma and discrimination in the health care setting

Presented by Nnamdi Ibekwe
N. Ibekwe¹, A. Igwe², C. Iloghalu³
¹Health Link Organization, Counsellor, Ekwulobia, Nigeria, ²Youth Network On HIV/AIDS and Sexual Reproductive Health in Nigeria (NYNETHA), Zonal Coordinator, Abakaliki, Nigeria, ³Health Link Organization, M&E Officer, Ekwulobia, Nigeria

Wednesday August 6, 2008

Plenary Session, Day 2 Presentations: Prevention Strategies, Substance Use and Harm Reduction, Sex Between Men (JMML)

TUPL01

Chairpersons: Nils Daulaire, Françoise Girard, Tachi Yamada

Time: 09:00 - 10:30, 05.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Prevention of the sexual transmission of HIV-1: A view from early in the 21st century

Myron Cohen

Substance use and harm reduction

Adeeba Kamarulzaman

Jonathan Mann memorial lecture: Sex between men

Jorge Saavedra

Women's Rights Equal Women's Lives: Violence Against Women and HIV Facilitator: Charlotte Bunch

TUSY04

Time: 11:00 - 12:30, 05.08.2008

The links between violence against women and HIV and AIDS are clear. Studies on VAW report that one in three women will suffer abuse in her lifetime. Violence against women is both a cause and consequence of HIV and AIDS: A cause because rape and sexual assault are vectors for HIV transmission--a consequence because HIV-positive women often suffer abuse when disclosing their status. This dialogue aims to highlight common strategies as well as the specific ways in which women's rights activists, policy makers, and donors are working together to overcome challenges and find opportunities to combat violence against women.

This dialogue between community activists, researchers, media and policy makers will highlight the creative and innovative strategies that they use to address the links between violence against women and HIV and AIDS. The session will conclude with a challenge and call to action to donors, governments, policy makers and civil society to address the intersection between violence against women and girls and HIV and AIDS.

Presentations in this session:

Promoting an ethic of responsibility among men

Bafana Khumalo

How does violence against women increase their vulnerability to infection?

Charlotte Watts

Transforming minds through radio

Eliana Elias

Effective responses to combating HIV

Does disclosure increase risk of violence?
Gcebile Ndlovu

HIV/AIDS and health system reform: Achieving universal coverage Chairpersons: Julio Montaner, Luis Soto-Ramirez, (Co-Chair) MOSS04
Time: 13:15 - 14:15, 04.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Introductory comments
Julio Frenk

Keynote lecture

William J. Clinton

Injecting Drug Use and Infectious Diseases: Implications for the Global HIV/AIDS Response (An IAS/IDSA Partnership)
Co-Chairs: Arlene Bardequez, Pedro Cahn, (Chairperson)

Time: 14:30 - 16:00, 05.08.2008

The Panel Discussion will bring leading researchers and clinicians to outline comprehensive services for injecting drug users and to highlight key infectious diseases affecting injecting drug users and define implications for the HIV/AIDS response. Discussions will provide insights into policy implications for planning, service delivery and monitoring, and will provide a framework for further research and state-of-the-art for action in the most affected regions.

Nearly one third of all new HIV infections outside of sub-Saharan Africa are attributed to injecting drug use. The world's fastest growing epidemic is in Eastern Europe where more than 70% of the infections are driven by injecting drug use. It is well known that levels of hepatitis B and hepatitis C infection are extremely high among injecting drug users. Studies show that injecting drug users also face higher risks of contracting TB and are more likely to develop it in multiple organs and sites: they have high incidence of other sexually transmitted infections; commonly develop skin infections at the site of injecting with resulting consequences including ulcers, abscesses, stroke, botulism, tetanus and destruction of heart valves; and have associated bacterial / viral systemic infections.

The information from the session will provide an update to researchers and will help clinicians, people living with HIV and advocates better understand the complex challenges associated with injecting drug use and HIV. This session will also highlight recommendations for policy, provide guidelines for clinical management and establish a platform for continued critical dialogue on injecting drug use and infectious disease in the context of HIV/AIDS. TUSY06

Presentations in this session:

Comprehensive care for injecting drug users: Syringe exchange, methadone and HIV care and treatment
Eric Goosby

TB and IV drug use in Eastern Europe: Clinical and epidemiological aspects and implications for public health
Daria Podlekareva

Staph infections in intravenous drug users
Frederick Altice

Vulnerability and Poverty: How They Drive the Epidemic Co-Chairs: Stuart Gillespie, Olive Shisana TUAD04
Time: 16:30 - 18:00, 05.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Current evidence of links between poverty, vulnerability and HIV
Stuart Gillespie

The relationship between socio-economic status and HIV/AIDS prevalence among adolescents in three South African provinces
Presented by Maria de los Angeles Cabrera Escobar
M.d.I.A. Cabrera Escobar, N. Ngcobo, T. Quinlan
University of KwaZulu- Natal, Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division, Durban, South Africa

SEHTUA: community based action research project to strengthen livelihood and food security for households affected by HIV/AIDS through urban agriculture
Presented by Donald Cole

D. Cole¹, N. Andersen², M. Samuel³, N. Karanja⁴, F. Yeudall⁵, M. Njenga⁴, D. Sellen⁶, G. Prain⁷, Sustainable Environments and Health Through Urban Agriculture (SEHTUA)
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Socio economic impact of AIDS in Asia
Presented by Jacques Jeugmans

S. Sarkar¹, R. McLeod¹, T. Brown², N. Siripong³, J. Jeugmans¹
¹Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, ²East-West Center, Honolulu, United States, ³UNAIDS RST-AP, Bangkok, Thailand

Macroeconomic effects of the response to HIV: defining the path to long run impact
Presented by Erik Lamontagne

E. Lamontagne¹, B. Ventelou², B. Walters³, R. Greener¹, Y. Videau²
¹UNAIDS, Economics and Development Analysis Unit, Geneva, Switzerland, ²Health and Medical Research National Institute, Marseille, France, ³University of Manchester, School of Social Sciences, Manchester, United Kingdom

Thursday August 7, 2008

Plenary Session, Day 3 Presentations: The Virus and the Immune System, No small issue: Children and families, Sex Work WEPL01
Chairpersons: Suniti Solomon, Jack Whitescarver
Time: 09:00 - 10:30, 06.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Prize Presentation day 3 Women's prize

Young Investigator Prize: For Research on Women, Girls and HIV/AIDS

The Young Investigator Prize for research on women, girls and HIV/AIDS is offered jointly by the International AIDS Society (IAS), the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW) and the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). The \$3,000 USD prize is awarded to a young woman investigator from a resource-limited setting whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice in addressing women, girls and gender issues related to HIV/AIDS.

To be eligible for nomination, the presenting author must be a woman, from a low/middle income country, no older than 35 years of age on 3 August 2008, and the investigation must have taken place in a low/middle income country.

The ICRW, ICW and IAS hope that this prize will serve to highlight the challenges faced by women and girls in the epidemic and to encourage young women investigators from resource-limited settings to pursue research in this area.

HIV Persistence on Patients on HAART: Re-evaluating Prospects for Eradication

Robert Silicano

No small issue: Children and families

Linda Richter

Sex Work

Elena Reynaga

Optimizing HIV Testing Interventions Co-Chairs: Thomas Coates, Marie Marcelle Deschamps WEAC01

Time: 11:00 - 12:30, 06.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Introduction

Counseling and testing in health: a public health approach to increase access to health promotion in Mozambique

Presented by Cristina Raposo

C. Raposo¹, K. Mabaia², R. Benevides de Barros³, C. Muambo⁴, P. Sebastian⁵, L. Nelson⁵, M. Hochgesang⁵, I. Benech⁵, R. Friedman⁶

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Behavior change among repeat testers in Namibia

Presented by Dvora Joseph

L. Wolmarans¹, D. Joseph², T. Koppenhaver³

¹Social Marketing Association, Windhoek, Namibia, ²Population Services International, HIV Department, Washington, United States, ³United States Agency for International Development, Windhoek, Namibia

Urban home based HIV counseling and testing can improve identification of infected household members of index clients in Kampala

Presented by Cecilia Nawavvu

C. Nawavvu¹, R. Wanyenze¹, J. Busingye¹, J. Ouma², A. Wanzusi², A. Namale³

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HIV/AIDS community mobilization (CM) and mobile HIV voluntary counseling and testing (MVCT) utilization in rural Thailand

Presented by Surinda Kawichai

S. Kawichai¹, S. Chariyalertsak², K. Srithanaviboonchai³, S. Visrutaratana⁴, B. Genberg¹, K. Panchareon², M. Wichajarn², C. Chariyalertsak⁴, D. Celentano¹, NIMH Project Accept

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HIV partner notification: which case interviews yield the highest number of new positive partners in NYC?

Presented by Angelica Bocour

A. Bocour, C.-C. Udeagu, R. Gutierrez, Y. Ramos, T. Renaud, E. Begier

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH), Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, New York, United States

Family Acceptance: A Family and Community Approach to Prevention, Wellness and Care for LGBT Youth and Young Adults Facilitator: Jorge Saavedra, WESS02

The session will present this important new research and will discuss current approaches to working with families to prevent HIV infection, promote well-being, decrease rejection and increase social support for sexual minority individuals. The session will provide a forum to discuss the role of institutions (e.g. families, community programs, health agencies) and community-level interventions to help change outcomes for LGBT young people and to change negative and rejecting group norms that increase stigma, victimization and low self-esteem in LGBT young people which increase their risk for HIV infection.

Time: 12:45 - 14:15, 06.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Family acceptance of LGBT youth: Framing the issue

Hector Carrillo

Family acceptance: Rethinking prevention and care for LGBT youth and young adults

Caitlin Ryan

Mobilizing family support in China

Humphrey Wou

A parent's perspective: Families as advocates and sources of support

Albert Arcarons

The New Frontiers of Harm Reduction Chairperson: Gerry Stimson

WESY06

Harm Reduction has moved beyond the traditional focus on opiate drugs, injecting drug use, needle and syringe exchanges, and substitution therapy. As our understanding of the global state of drug use has matured in recent years, so a more global approach to harm reduction has developed ? encompassing human rights, non-injecting drug use, alcohol and tobacco use, issues for producer countries, challenging oppressive legal systems, and engraving drug use within a broader poverty and marginalization agenda. This session will aim to outline some of the new frontiers for the developing international harm reduction agenda ? including the frequent violations of the human rights of drug users, the emergence of a new generation of drug users, the engagement of drug user activists in policy discussion and creation, and the changing scenarios in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Time: 14:30 - 16:00, 06.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

HR2 - Harm reduction and human rights

Rick Lines

Young people taking the lead

Caitlin Padgett

HIV and drug use (including alcohol) in Africa

Olanrewaju Onigbogi

Nothing about us without us

Stijn Goossens

HIV and non-injecting drug use in Latin America

Graciela Touze

Criminalization: Why, Where and What are the Alternatives? Chairperson: Edwin Cameron

WESY09

This session, Chaired by Plenary speaker Edwin Cameron, will seek to understand where criminalization of HIV transmission is occurring, what the reasons are behind it, and alternative responses by which to address the concerns of those who promote it. Speakers will examine whether criminalization of HIV transmission advances either the public health goal of HIV prevention or the criminal law goals of justice and deterrence (or serves any other useful purpose). They will also consider scientific issues that impact on criminalization, such as phylogenetic testing and new studies regarding infectiousness while on successful treatment, as well as social issues, such as selective enforcement and possible impact on women living with HIV. The appropriate boundaries of criminalization of HIV transmission, including the appropriate role of the State with regard to intervening in intimate sexual encounters, and the extent to which each sexual partner should take autonomous responsibility for self-protection, will be explored.

Following panel presentations there will be an opportunity to engage in a moderated discussion with speakers.

Time: 16:30 - 18:00, 06.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Where is criminalization occurring, what does it involve and why?

Michaela Clayton

Gender issues - why criminalization doesn't work for women

Pricilla Misi Hairabwi Mushonga

What do homophobia, racism, vulnerability and marginalization have to do with it?

Vuyani Jacobs

A government against it

Jayarama Valayden

Report back from the Positive Leadership Summit: where do we go from here?

TBD TBD

Friday August 8, 2008

Plenary Session, Day 4 Presentations: Advances in ART, The Greater Involvement of HIV+ People in Healthcare, ART Scale up

THPL01

Chairpersons: Kevin De Cock, Jacob Gayle, Lars Kallings

Time: 08:45 - 10:30, 07.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Prize Presentation day 4 Young investigator

IAS Young Investigator Awards

To encourage young researchers, the IAS offers the Young Investigator Award \$1,000 USD each, to the highest scoring abstract in each of the five conference tracks.

To be eligible for nomination, the presenting author of the abstract must be no older than 35 years of age on 3 August 2008.

Advances in ART

Anton Pozniak

Greater involvement of people living with HIV in healthcare

Rolake Odetoyinbo

ART scale up

Gregg Gonsalves

Hepatitis C/HIV Co-Infection Co-Chairs: M Nelson, Jorge Perez

THAB02

Time: 11:00 - 12:30, 07.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Introduction: liver fibrosis and its importance in prognosis and clinical decisions

M Nelson

HCV relapses upon completion of peg-interferon plus Ribavirin in HIV-infected patients: rate, timing and predictors

Presented by Jose Medrano

P. Barreiro¹, M. Nuñez¹, I. Santos², J. Medrano¹, J. Sola³, E. Vispo¹, I. Maida¹, P. Labarga¹, L. Martin-Carbonero¹, V. Soriano¹

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Determination of Transient Elastography (TE) cutoff values for the detection of significant hepatic fibrosis through a systemic review and meta-analysis and, evaluation in HIV+ve individuals of the effect of body mass index (BMI), alcohol intake, smoking, gender, age on liver stiffness measurements

Presented by George Panos

G. Panos¹, P. Holmes¹, S. Mandalia¹, A. Mc Kenna¹, P. Randell¹, S. Valero¹, A. Scourfield¹, E. Law¹, M. Anderson², M. Bower¹, B. Gazzard¹, M. Nelson¹

¹Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, HIV/GUM, London, United Kingdom, ²Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, Dept of Gastroenterology, London, United Kingdom

Occult hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) viremia in women with and at-risk for HIV/AIDS

Presented by Lynn Taylor

L. Taylor¹, P. Gholam², A. Delong¹, A. Rompalo³, R. Klein⁴, P. Schuman⁵, L. Gardner⁶, C. Carpenter¹, HIV Epidemiology Research (HER) Study Group

¹Brown University, Providence, United States, ²Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, United States, ³Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, United States, ⁴Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, United States, ⁵Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, United States, ⁶Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta, United States

HCV co-infection and risk of acute myocardial and cerebrovascular disease among HIV-infected patients in the pre-HAART and HAART eras

Presented by Roger Bedimo

R. Bedimo¹, A. Westfall², M. Mugavero², H. Drechsler¹, N. Khanna³, M. Saag²

¹VA North Texas Health Care System, Medicine, Dallas, United States, ²University of Alabama at Birmingham, Medicine, Birmingham, United States, ³University of Texas Southwestern Medical Ctr, Medicine, Dallas, United States

Distinct hepatitis C virus kinetics in HIV-infected patients treated with ribavirin plus either pegylated interferon α -2a or α -2b

Presented by Eugenia Vispo

E. Vispo¹, P. Barreiro¹, S. Rodriguez-Novoa², J. Morello², P. Labarga¹, L. Martin-Carbonero¹, I. Maida¹, P. Garcia-Gascó¹, V. Soriano¹

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Strengthening Health Systems Through the AIDS Response

THSS02

Facilitator: Richard Horton
After almost twenty years of woefully inadequate resources devoted to the global response to AIDS, the past five years have seen dramatic increases in funding, from less than \$1 billion US per year in 1999 to over \$10 billion per year today. While this figure remains well below estimates of what is required to achieve universal access, progress has been made in many areas. As treatment and prevention programmes are taken to scale, there has been criticism over the past year that an expanded AIDS response is somehow detracting from broader health systems strengthening.

This special session will explore different perspectives on the current debate as to whether and how HIV specific funding is contributing to strengthening health systems on a global scale. Public health experts, health economists, civil society leaders and advocates will discuss the impact of HIV care and treatment on health care services in resource-limited settings. They will address how the energy and momentum generated by the AIDS movement for global health can be further mobilized to ensure broader health systems strengthening for universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

Time: 12:45 - 14:15, 07.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Report back on Antwerp 2008 meeting

Gorik Ooms

Panel discussion

Francisco Songane

Eileen Stillwaggon

Daniel Low-Beer

Aditi Sharma

Rolake Odetoyinbo

Prasada Rao

Carissa Etienne

The Needle and the Damage Done: Addressing HIV among Injection Drug Users

Time: 14:30 - 16:00, 07.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Introduction to the topic

Rebeca Ramos

HIV and related risk behaviors of injecting drug users (IDU) in Iran: findings from the first respondent-driven sampling (RDS) survey of IDU in Tehran in 2006-2007

Presented by Nooshin Razani (TBC)

M. Malekinejad¹, M. Mohraz², N. Razani³, P. Khairandish⁴, W. McFarland⁵, G. Akbari⁴, H. Malekafzali⁵, G. Rutherford⁶

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An explosive HIV epidemic among IDUs in Sargodha, Pakistan: a call for urgent expansion of prevention efforts

Presented by Faran Emmanuel

F. Emmanuel¹, N. Hasan Saleem², A. Razaque³, S.S. Abbas¹

¹HIV/AIDS Surveillance Project, National AIDS Control Program, Islamabad, Pakistan, ²HIV/AIDS Surveillance Project, Lahore, Pakistan, ³Punjab AIDS Control Program, Lahore, Pakistan

Predictors of needle exchange program utilization during its implementation and expansion in Tijuana, Mexico

Presented by Alicia Vera

S. Strathdee¹, R. Lozada², C. Magis-Rodriguez³, D. Abramavitz¹, A. Vera¹, J. Alvelais⁴, K. Brouwer¹, R. Pollini¹, T.L. Patterson⁵, Proyecto El Cuete

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Evaluation of the harm-reduction program in Taiwan

Presented by Yu-Ching Lan

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HIV risk factors and injection drug use among men who have sex with men in Zanzibar (Ugunja), Tanzania

Presented by Abigail Holman

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THAE03

Time: 16:30 - 18:00, 07.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

Topic overview

Ralf Jürgens

The now more than ever declaration: defining and taking action on AIDS and human rights

Presented by Jonathan Cohen

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Human rights and HIV/AIDS: legislation, policy and practise in five Central American countries

Presented by Diego Postigo Otero

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Sex workers' experience of police raids and violence in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (CEE/CA): implications for HIV transmission

Presented by Anna-Louise Crago

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HIV disclosure laws within a criminalized sex industry: the failure of prevention strategies and policy to protect the basic human rights of sex workers

Presented by Kate Shannon

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Rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and HIV: promoting women's rights through legislation

Presented by Richard Pearshouse

R. Pearshouse, R. Elliott, J. Csete, A. Klein, A. Symington, S. Chu

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto, Canada

Saturday August 9, 2008

Plenary Session, Day 5 Presentations: HIV and TB, Prevention Strategies, Criminalization, Women and Girls

FRPL01

Time: 08:15 - 10:30, 08.08.2008

Chairpersons: Paul Bekkers, Jean Francois Delfranses, Julio Frenk, Sigrun Møgedal,

Presentations in this session:

Prize Presentation day 5 ANRS/IAS

The prize is funded by the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le SIDA (ANRS) and supports young researchers who demonstrate excellence in research related to the scaling up of prevention and treatment interventions in resource-limited settings.

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HIV and TB

Chakaya Jeremiah

HIV prevention: What have we learned from community experiences in concentrated epidemics?

Bruno Spire

Criminal Statutes and Criminal Prosecutions in the Epidemic: Help or Hindrance?

Edwin Cameron

Investing in gender equality: Why women and girls matter in the AIDS response

Zonibel Woods

Rapporteur Session FRPL02

Time: 11:00 - 13:00, 08.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

11:00 **Rapporteur Track A** Guido Silvestri
11:15 **Rapporteur Track B** Marco Vitoria
11:30 **Rapporteur Track C** Patrick Sullivan
11:45 **Rapporteur Track D** Carlos F. Cáceres
12:00 **Rapporteur Track E** Mandeep Dhaliwal
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12:25 **Rapporteur Community** Tilly Sellers
12:40 **Rapporteur Leadership** Nathan Geffen

Closing Session

Time: 13:30 - 15:00, 08.08.2008

Presentations in this session:

13:30 **Closing Remarks**
13:35 **Closing Keynote** Michel Kazatchkine

13:55 **Inaugural Address** Julio Montaner
14:05 **Hand over of globe**
14:10 **Vienna address and movie** Sonja Wesely
14:10 **Vienna address and movie** Frank Michael Amort
14:10 **Vienna address and movie** Gery Keszler
14:10 **Vienna address and movie** Brigitte Schmied