

Craig McClure, Executive Director, *Switzerland*

Craig McClure has been the Executive Director of the International AIDS Society (IAS), the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals since 2004.

He is the international co-chair of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference (EECAAC) with the UNAIDS and Global Fund Executive Directors since 2006, and he served on the Conference Coordinating Committees of the International AIDS Conference and IAS Conferences for the past 6 years. He is also a member of the Global HIV Prevention Working Group and a member of the Core Group of the WHO TB/HIV Working Group, Stop TB Partnership.

Craig has a background in political science, international relations, education and counseling. He has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS for 18 years, primarily in the areas of policy, advocacy and education.

In 2003-2004 he played a central role at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters as a member of the coordination team for the development of the "3 by 5" strategy – WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) initiative to expand ARV treatment access for people living with HIV/AIDS in resource-limited settings.

Prior to working with WHO, Craig was at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), focusing on mobilizing public sector support for vaccine research, as well as working on policy development in vaccine research and access.

As a founding partner of the consultancy Health Hounds, Craig led a number of HIV/AIDS policy and programme development projects for intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and corporate sector clients during 1997-2000.

In 1993-1997, Craig worked at the Canadian Treatment Information Exchange, a non-governmental organization focused on HIV treatment information, education and advocacy. Craig played a central role in the transformation of CATIE from a small, local community-based organization of five staff into a national agency. He developed, implemented and managed the national phone service, which provides free confidential HIV treatment information and referrals for consumers and health care providers.

Craig's involvement in the field of HIV/AIDS began in 1991 in the UK as a volunteer for the activist group ACT-UP Manchester, and as a youth counselor on HIV prevention.

Craig has published and presented on his HIV work at international, regional and national conferences over the past 18 years. He is committed to approaches to ending the epidemic that balance the need for further research with expanded implementation of existing prevention tools, ethical and equitable access to care and treatment, and an end to stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS and the marginalized communities that remain most vulnerable to HIV infection.