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International AIDS Society and Partners Recognize Outstanding Researchers from Around the World at AIDS 2010

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize; IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award; IAS/CCABA Prize for Excellence in Research Related to the Needs of Children Affected by AIDS; and IAS TB/HIV Research Prize to be Presented to Pioneering Researchers from Canada, France, India, Mali, Tanzania, United Kingdom and United States

16 July 2010 (Vienna, Austria) – The International AIDS Society (IAS) announced today the ten winners of four prestigious scientific awards, to be presented at plenary sessions during the XVIII International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2010). Presented by the IAS and partners, these awards recognize scientists involved in innovative HIV and AIDS research throughout the world. “The quality of work represented by the 2010 awardees is remarkable,” said IAS President Julio Montaner. “The IAS hopes to draw the world’s attention to these individuals and to their significant scientific accomplishments, as well as to the continued need for innovation in all of the major areas of HIV and AIDS research, represented by the six conference programme tracks.”

Click [here](#) for complete information on award recipients and winning abstracts.

Award winners will be available for interview after their award presentations and at other mutually convenient times.

About the Awards

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize

Date: Tuesday, 20 July

Tuesday, 20 July, Session Room 1, 08:55 (before Plenary)

Presented by Annie Lennox, Singer/Songwriter/Activist, Founder of The SING Campaign: A Voice for HIV/AIDS Women and Children and UNAIDS International Goodwill Ambassador.

The Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize is offered jointly by the IAS-Industry Liaison Forum and UNAIDS, and supported by the International Centre for Research on Women and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS. The US\$2,000 prize is awarded to an investigator from a low-income 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 this epidemic and to encourage investigators from low- and middle-income countries to pursue research in this area.

The winner of the Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize is:

Naina Rani, India

Abstract Title: *Mainstreaming the Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) Program with the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM): Experiences from Southern India.*

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award

Wednesday, 21 July, Session Room 1, 08:55 (before Plenary)

Presented by Julio Montaner (IAS) and Jean-Francois Delfraisse (ANRS).

The US\$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le SIDA (ANRS) to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV and AIDS research. To be eligible, the presenting author of an abstract accepted for presentation must be under 35 years of age. One prize is awarded in each of the six conference tracks.

The tracks and HIV Reservoirs Workshop winners are:

Track A: Basic Science

Winner: Stephanie Planque, USA

Abstract Title: *Prototype covalent HIV vaccine for inducing antibodies that neutralize genetically divergent virus strains*

Track B: Clinical Sciences

Winner: Gabriel Chamie, USA

Abstract Title: *TB microbiologic and clinical outcomes in a randomized trial of immediate vs CD4 initiated antiretroviral therapy (ART) in HIV+ adults with high CD4 cell counts*

Track C: Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences

Winner: Joseph Larmarange, Mali

Abstract Title: *Mapping HIV prevalence in Africa for a better understanding of epidemics: example from Burkina Faso using 2003 demographic and health survey data*

Track D: Social and Behavioural Sciences

Winner: Michaela Leslie-Rule, Tanzania

Abstract Title: *The language of love: Tanzanian women define intimacy, sexuality and violence in the 21st century*

Track E: Economics, Operations Research, Care and Health Systems

Winner: Gesine Meyer-Rath, United States

Abstract Title: *Total cost and potential cost savings of the national antiretroviral treatment (ART) programme in South Africa 2010 to 2017*

Track F: Policy, Law, Human Rights and Political Science

Winner: Khalil Elouardighi, France

Abstract Title: *Biogeneric development : when trade secret law clashes with research ethics*

HIV Reservoirs Workshop

Winner: Patricia Monteiro, Canada

Abstract Title: *Peripheral blood CCR4+ CCR6+ and CXCR3+ CCR6+ CD4+ T cells are highly permissive to HIV-1 infection*

IAS/CCABA Prize for Excellence in Research Related to the Needs of Children Affected by AIDS

Thursday, 22 July, Session Room 1, 08:55

Presented by Julio Montaner (IAS) and Lorraine Sherr (CCABA Steering Committee).

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.

The winner of the IAS/CCABA Prize for Excellence in Research Related to the Needs of Children affected by AIDS is:

Priscilla Akwara, USA

Abstract Title: *Who is the vulnerable child? Using survey data to identify children at risk in the era of HIV and AIDS.*

IAS TB/HIV Research Prize

Thursday, 22 July, Session Room 2, 12:55

Presented by Papa Salif Sow, IAS GC.

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.

The winner of the IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is:

Katherine Todrys, UK

Abstract Title: *HIV and TB management in 6 Zambian prisons demonstrate improved but ongoing prevention, testing, and treatment gaps.*

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About the IAS:

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 of the biennial International AIDS Conference, which will be held in Vienna, Austria from 18 to 23 July 2010.

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