Journal of the International AIDS Society Special Issue:

POLICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HIV

Call for Papers

Invitation for abstract submission NOW OPEN

Deadline: July 30, 2015

This is a call for abstracts proposing research articles for a special issue of the Journal of the International AIDS Society on Police, Law Enforcement and HIV to be published in 2016. The editors invite submissions on any aspect of the theme of the Police role in the HIV response. Papers reporting original research are especially sought, but commentaries, reviews, and other discursive articles will be considered for the Special Issue. (see Proposed Topics below for further details).

Special Issue – Guest Editors:

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Background

Police behaviours are the key determinants of the risk environment for many people at risk of HIV. This is especially the case for street-based communities of sex workers and people who inject drugs, but applies to other marginalised communities such as MSM and transgendered people. The injurious impact of much police behaviour towards these communities has been well documented. What is not so well documented is how these behaviours can be changed, and how they are being changed, to make allies of Police in the national responses to HIV.

Police can play a vital role in facilitating access to life-saving services that seek to reduce the impact of HIV among Key Affected Populations. By ameliorating the potential harmful impacts of the application of criminal and administrative laws in some circumstances, and reducing stigmatization and discrimination to which key populations are exposed, police can play a vital leadership role in the response to HIV and other harmful aspects of drug use.

The 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban, 17-22 July, 2016, will provide an opportunity to critically evaluate the role of police in the HIV response; to distil and learn from the experience of those working successfully with police against HIV and discrimination; and to plan more effective partnerships.
The Law Enforcement and HIV Network (LEAHN) will launch a special Thematic Series of the Journal of the International AIDS Society on Police, Law Enforcement and HIV at a LEAHN Consultation on Police and HIV at the Durban IAS Conference.

**Submission Process**

Initial contributions should be in the form of an **abstract** in English outlining the main arguments or findings of the proposed paper. If the abstract is based on empirical research, please follow the *Journal of the International AIDS Society*’s guidelines and structure the abstract using the subtitles Background, Method, Results and Conclusions. Abstracts should be no longer than 350 words. Abstracts should be emailed to nick.crofts@unimelb.edu.au with the subject line (POLICING AND HIV/AIDS). The **deadline** for submission of abstracts is **July 30, 2015**.

The abstracts will be reviewed by the editors and shortlisted for the Special Issue. The authors of shortlisted abstracts will be invited to prepare articles of up to 3,500 words (shorter articles are also welcome) for submission to *Journal of the International AIDS Society*. The deadline for submission of articles is **15 December, 2015**. Only **invited** articles will be considered, although invitation to submit an article is not a guarantee of publication. All editorial decisions regarding publication in the Journal will be based on the outcome of peer review. As an Open Access Journal, there is normally a fee associated with publication of articles, which may apply in the case of this Special Issue – however, sponsorship is being sought and potential authors should feel free to communicate with the Guest Editors about progress in this.

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**Proposed Topics**

- Descriptions and evaluations of:
  - Police collaborations with HIV programs
  - Police collaborations with Civil Society Organizations and Networks
- Training for police in harm reduction and human rights
- HIV Prevention and
  - Policing and young people
  - Policing and minority groups (MSM, minority ethnic communities)
  - Policing and women
- Professional police culture and HIV prevention
- Methodological issues in evaluating contribution of police to HIV prevention