Welcome to Kuala Lumpur and the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013).

As President and Executive Director of the International AIDS Society, we are extremely proud to be part of such an exciting conference that we are sure will mark another important milestone in the fight against the HIV epidemic.

We would like to thank Professor Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Local Co-Chair of IAS 2013, and our Malaysian partner the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERIA), University of Malaya, for welcoming us in Kuala Lumpur and playing a crucial role in building a strong conference programme. The success of the IAS 2013 programme is also due to the contribution and expertise of the Conference Coordinating Committee, the Programme Committees and all those who participated in the abstract review and selection process. We are confident that delegates attending the conference will benefit from a strong programme which covers the most pressing topics in HIV and AIDS.

The conference is also a key platform for the IAS as it allows us to meet with existing IAS members and conference delegates, and to organize events and activities that reflect our organizational priorities and initiatives, including pre-conference symposia, workshops, and networking sessions. More details about the IAS’s activities at IAS 2013 are available in the following pages.

We invite all IAS 2013 delegates to attend our activities and to join us for the IAS Members’ Meeting ‘None Left Behind’ – the IAS’s Work with Key Affected Populations. It will be an occasion for delegates to hear from us about what the organization will be doing in 2013 and 2014 and presenters will discuss the IAS’s initiative surrounding key affected populations, one of our policy priority areas.

We look forward to Kuala Lumpur and we wish those of you attending IAS 2013 a great conference. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to follow the conference remotely via the many online resources available at www.ias2013.org.

Françoise Barré-Sinoussi
IAS President and IAS 2013 International Chair

Bertrand Audoin
IAS Executive Director

Message from the IAS 2013 Local Co-Chair


Saya amat terharu atas pemilihan Malaysia sebagai tuan rumah Asia yang pertama kepada persidangan IAS – persidangan saintifik HIV/AIDS terbuka yang terbesar di dunia – yang merupakan satu pengiktirafan oleh komuniti saintifik HIV/AIDS antarabangsa terhadap itizam dan komitmen pucuk pimpinan negara ini dalam memberantas epidemic HIV/AIDS.


Semoga anda semua berkesempatan untuk menikmati pengalaman dan suasana kehidupan berbilang budaya Asia yang unik di Kuala Lumpur!

Adeeba Kamarulzaman
IAS 2013 Local Co-Chair

To read the welcome message in English please visit: www.iasociety.org/prof_kamarulzaman.aspx
The International AIDS Society (IAS) will host a range of organization-specific activities highlighting its priorities before, during and after the conference. All locations are in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre unless otherwise noted.

The following activities are confirmed to date. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.ias2013.org

The entire IAS 2013 programme is available online through the Programme-at-a-Glance (http://psg.ias2013.org) and through the mobile application (free download).

IAS Members’ Meeting: ‘None Left Behind’ – The IAS’s Work with Key Affected Populations

Tuesday, 2 July, 12:30 – 14:30, Session Room 4

Conference delegates are invited to participate in an IAS special session which also serves as the IAS General Members’ Meeting. The session will be chaired by IAS Executive Director, Bertrand Audoin, who will give an update on the progress of the IAS’s strategic priorities for 2013 and 2014. There will also be presentations delivered by Chris Beyrer; Michel Kazatchkine and Sai Subhasree Raghavan related to the IAS’s work with key affected populations, followed by a discussion. To provide participants with an opportunity to network with speakers and members, there will be a reception after the session.

IAS Exhibition Booth

Sunday, 30 June – Wednesday, 3 July; Exhibition Booth 203
12:00 – 18:30 (Sunday); 10:00 – 18:30 (Monday – Wednesday)

At the IAS Exhibition Booth, delegates can learn more about the IAS and its conferences, policy and research promotion activities, including the Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS). Visitors have the opportunity to collect information on the upcoming AIDS 2014 and IAS 2015 conferences, meet IAS staff and network with IAS members and representatives from the IAS Governing Council. Delegates can also apply for or renew their IAS membership at the membership desk. The IAS also provides visitors with Internet access in the Internet area of the exhibition booth. Visitors can also watch a range of HIV related videos and photo slideshows in the interactive area of the booth.

Regional Partners Exhibition Booth

Sunday, 30 June – Wednesday, 3 July; Exhibition Booth 106
12:00 – 18:30 (Sunday); 10:00 – 18:30 (Monday – Wednesday)

At this exhibition booth, delegates can learn more about IAS regional partners and their regional conferences.

IAS Office

The on-site IAS office at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is located on Level 3, by Session Room 4.

Souvenir Counter

Saturday, 29 (13:00 – 18:00) and Sunday, 30 June (10:00 – 20:00); Registration Area

Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July, 9:00 – 18:00; Level 3 next to Session Room 2

Take a piece of IAS 2013 and Kuala Lumpur home with you by purchasing official IAS 2013 souvenirs. Organizers have produced a special line of items including t-shirts and pens/notepads, featuring the eye-catching IAS 2013 logo. IAS 2013 souvenirs are a great way to remember the accomplishment of IAS 2013 and show your support for a science-driven response to HIV and AIDS.

Pre-Conference Workshop: Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research

Friday, 28 June, 09:00 – 18:00; Hotel Maya, Kuala Lumpur

By invitation only

In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for AIDS Research and the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), the IAS awards for the third time the grant programme “Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research” (CNIHR). In 2013, the CNIHR grant programme supports scientists without prior experience in HIV cure research with the aim of supporting innovative approaches with the potential of contributing to the search for an HIV cure. CNIHR grantees from 2012 and 2013 together with their mentors will attend a pre-conference workshop. The workshop provides an opportunity for CNIHR 2012 grantees to report their research progress and for new grantees to present their prospective research projects.

The new grantees will be announced at the HIV Cure Symposium and in conjunction with the Rapporteur Session on Wednesday, 3 July.

Pre-Conference Scientific Symposium: Towards an HIV Cure

Saturday, 29 June, 09:00 – 18:30 and Sunday, 30 June, 09:00 – 16:30; Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

By registration only — for more information contact Rosanne Lamplough: hvicure@iasociety.org

The IAS and the “Towards an HIV Cure” Advisory Board will convene a two-day pre-conference symposium immediately prior to IAS 2013. The symposium, co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President; Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF); and Sharon Lewin, Director of the Infectious Diseases Unit, Alfred Hospital, Monash University, will provide a platform to present state-of-the-art basic science, pre-clinical and clinical research towards an HIV cure.

Pre-Conference Scientific Symposium “Maximizing the treatment and prevention benefits of antiretroviral therapy for key populations: What additional evidence is required?”

Saturday, 29 June, 08:30 – 18:00; Dorsett Regency, Kuala Lumpur

By invitation only — for more information contact Carmen Flor Singer: carmen.singer@iasociety.org

WHO and IAS are co-organizing a one day pre-conference that will bring together leading experts in HIV/AIDS and implementation research, public health and programme specialists, policymakers, and civil society groups. Building on the advances outlined in the 2013 WHO Consolidated ARV Guidelines for Treatment and Prevention, the main outcome of this meeting will be to identify implementation science research domains and questions for maximizing the treatment and prevention benefits of antiretrovirals (ART) in key populations.

Pre-Conference Scientific Symposium: “HIV in Islamic Societies: Issues and Challenges”

Saturday, 29 June, 09:00 – 18:00; Hotel Maya, Kuala Lumpur

Limited registrations — for more information contact Katherine Ray: katherine.ray@iasociety.org

The symposium provides a platform for scientific exchange and sharing best practices on implementing HIV programmes and research in Islamic societies, by bringing together scientists, policy makers, programme implementers and religious leaders to share their experiences and expertise in the HIV response. The event promotes positive transformation of comprehensive HIV response in Islamic contexts and will assist in defining key questions, challenges and recommendations that can positively influence policy and practice in comprehensive HIV care in the lead up to AIDS 2014 in Melbourne.
Pre-Conference High Level Panel on Drug Policies and Public Health
Sunday, 30 June, 15:00 – 17:00; Hotel Impiana, Banquet Hall 2, Kuala Lumpur
Registration limited to 100 delegates, for more information contact Mara Nakagawa-Harwood: mara.nakagawa-harwood@iasociety.org

The Global Commission on Drug Policy and the IAS are co-organizing this high-level panel to discuss evidence-based solutions towards drug policy in Malaysia, in the region and globally. The panel will be moderated by Kamarul Bahrin Haron, TV anchor and Executive Director of TV channel Astro Awani. Confirmed panelists include Michel Kazatchkine, Asma Jahangir and Sangeeth Kaur.

Community Forum: Building Partnerships between the Community and Scientists to Strengthen the Response to HIV
Sunday, 30 June, 09:00 – 14:00; Wisma M.C.A. No. 163, Jalan Ampang, Seminar room 1, Kuala Lumpur

To register please write to communityforum@ias2013.org

The Community Forum offers local community representatives an opportunity to engage with the latest scientific research on HIV and to provide a forum for exploring the linkages between community and science ahead of IAS 2013. The event will feature interactive discussions about:
- the role of key affected populations (KAPs)
- the global progress towards “HIV cure and the next generation of drugs”;
- “Guidance on comprehensive package of services for key affected populations focusing on Prevention, Treatment and Care”;
- “Policy and legal reform to ensure universal access to HIV services for key affected populations”, and “Trans-Pacific Partnership and Free Trade Treaties and ensuring continued access to generic HIV medicine in developing countries: strategies and future directions”.

Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) Meeting
Sunday, 30 June, 09:00 – 10:00; IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)

This CIPHER STAC meeting is an opportunity to discuss the progress of the various CIPHER projects and next steps.

CIPHER Grantee and Mentor Session
Sunday, 30 June, 10:00 – 11:00; IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)

This is an opportunity for CIPHER grantees to present their proposals, meet each other and network with CIPHER mentors and leading HIV experts and stakeholders in paediatric HIV.

Sunday, 30 June, 14:45 – 16:45; Mini Room 3

As progress continues in the global plan to eliminate new HIV infections in children by 2015, revised WHO guidelines recommend the roll-out of Option B+ for prevention of vertical transmission (PVT) will create new implementation and structural challenges. The session will describe the current status of Option B+ implementation: from pregnancy through breastfeeding, including paediatric diagnosis, care, treatment and retention in care. Interactive panel discussions will provide the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities in implementing Option B+, as well as paediatric diagnosis and care, with a forward-looking approach to identify novel methods to improve the health of infants and children, as well as their mothers.

Sunday, 30 June, 17:00 – 19:00; Mini Room 3

This satellite session will provide an overview of the results of studies on pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in women to date, analyzing underlying factors that may explain much of the variation in results. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss three approaches: (1) how to improve clinical trials designed to address such concerns as pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamics of drugs in women, women’s motivation to participate in clinical trials, and both product adherence and adherence reporting; (2) how to design programmes that can effectively introduce, promote and market ARV-based prevention options for women; and (3) ways forward for developing new product formulations and delivery mechanisms to maximize effectiveness.

EATG, GNP+, IAS and UNAIDS Satellite Session: Towards “zero discrimination”: what can scientists do to help end HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence?
Tuesday, 2 July, 18:30 – 20:30; Mini Room 2

This joint satellite will assess progress and challenges in efforts to review and eliminate HIV-related entry, stay and residence restrictions. Particular focus will be given on the role the scientific community can play in promoting evidence-informed and human rights-based migration policy. Panelists will provide an overview of HIV-related vulnerability faced by migrant workers and the implications for public health and human rights, and also share the personal experience of being deported after testing HIV positive while abroad. Participants will hear about ongoing efforts to lift Australia’s restrictions, including in the context of planning for the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) in Melbourne.

IAS Awardees Networking Sessions
Monday, 1 July and Wednesday, 3 July, 12:30 – 14:00; IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)

In cooperation with its partners, the IAS organizes lunchtime networking sessions for IAS-NIDIA fellows, CNHR grantees, CIPHER grantees, as well as other IAS prize and award winners, to meet with plenary speakers and other experts and community representatives. The networking sessions provide grantees with opportunities to discuss main findings presented at IAS 2013, as well as to network with peers and leading HIV experts and community advocates.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND FOLLOW IAS 2013 ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Get the latest conference updates and share your thoughts and ideas through the IAS 2013 Social Media channels.

We are tweeting @IAS2013 (www.twitter.com/IAS2013) – and hope many of you will tweet along with us, using #IAS2013 to keep the conversation going.

Become a fan of IAS 2013 on Facebook (www.facebook.com/conferenceias2013) and stay in touch with the latest conference updates.

Join the IAS 2013 LinkedIn Group (www.linkedin.com/groups/IAS-2013-7th-IAS-Conference-4795683?gid=4795683&mostPopular=1&lkv=tYah) you are welcome to start new discussions and add your comments to existing threads.
IAS Prizes and Awards

The IAS and partners sponsor a number of scientific prizes and awards for promising young and established researchers who are doing outstanding work in HIV/AIDS research. The following awards will be announced before each pertinent session, either plenary or special, at IAS 2013.

CIPHER Grant Programme Award Ceremony

Monday, 1 July, 08:50 – 08:55; Plenary Session, Session Room 1

The CIPHER Grant Programme will fund, to a total of US$1 million, research projects that have the potential to contribute to the optimization of diagnosis, prevention, treatment and care of infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV. The intention is to attract early stage investigators – from inside and outside the field of HIV research – to address critical questions related to growing up with an HIV infection, as well as to examine the impact of HIV or antiretroviral perinatal exposure in uninfected children. A Call for Letters of Intent was launched in October 2012, and selected applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal. Selection of Full Proposals is based on peer-review. The grant provides up to US$75,000 for up to two years; seven grants will be awarded. CIPHER is made possible through an unrestricted grant from ViiV Healthcare and will be awarded. CIPHER is made possible through an unrestricted grant from ViiV Healthcare and guided by scientific experts convened by the IAS.

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize

Monday, 1 July, 08:55 – 09:00; Plenary Session, Session Room 1

The US$2,000 prize is jointly funded by the IAS, the IAS’s Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and supported by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW). The purpose of the Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize is to encourage research in low- or middle-income countries that can benefit women and girls affected by HIV/AIDS. The prize will be awarded to an investigator from a low- or middle-income country whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice that addresses women, girls and gender issues related to HIV. The prize recipient is selected by a review committee from eligible abstracts submitted to and accepted for presentation at IAS 2013.

IAS-NIDA Fellowship Programme Award Ceremony

Tuesday, 2 July, 08:50 – 09:00; Plenary Session, Session Room 1

With the support of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the IAS established a multiyear research fellowship programme in 2009, focusing on HIV and drug use with the goal of contributing to advances in the scientific understanding of the complexity of drug use and HIV. Four fellows will be awarded at IAS 2013 with US$75,000 to conduct a post-doctoral fellowship at leading research institutes, under the mentorship of an expert with a track record in HIV and drug use research. The fellowship programme aims at providing opportunities for researchers to advance their expertise in HIV and drug use research with the aim of applying the gained knowledge to enhance prevention and/or treatment of HIV-related drug use.

IAS TB/HIV Research Prize

Tuesday, 2 July, 14:25 – 14:30; CCC Symposium: Population based TB control, Session Room 2

The US$2,000 IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is an incentive for young and established researchers to investigate pertinent research questions that affect TB/HIV co-infection and operational effectiveness of implementing core TB/HIV collaborative services. To select the prize winner, a steering committee of TB/HIV experts reviewed top-scoring TB/HIV abstracts accepted for presentation at IAS 2013.

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award

Wednesday, 3 July, 08:50 – 09:00; Plenary Session, Session Room 1

The US$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le Sida et les hépatites virales (ANRS) and will be awarded to a young researcher who demonstrates innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV cure research. The awardee will be announced at the closing session of the HIV Cure Symposium and presented the award in conjunction with the Plenary Session on Wednesday, 3 July.

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award – Special HIV Cure Prize

Wednesday, 3 July, 08:50 – 09:00; Plenary Session, Session Room 1

The US$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award – Special HIV Cure Prize will be awarded to an abstract presenter at the HIV Cure Symposium. The prize is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le Sida et les hépatites virales (ANRS) and will be awarded to a young researcher who demonstrates innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV cure research. The awardee will be announced at the closing session of the HIV Cure Symposium and presented the award in conjunction with the Plenary Session on Wednesday, 3 July.

IAS Education Programmes

Professional Development Workshop: “Publish or Perish” Scientific Writing Workshop

Wednesday, 3 July, 14:30 – 17:30; Mini Room 3

This interactive workshop provides an overview of the scientific writing process and an introduction to the publishing process to less-experienced authors. The writing section will cover key components of a scientific manuscript and it will also highlight some of the resources available to authors. The publishing section will describe the publication and the peer-review process, and also address ethical issues in scientific writing. A panel of editors will give an insight into the workings of an editorial office and discuss the most common reasons for rejection of manuscripts. The aim is to make the editorial decision-making process transparent and provide practical information on how to navigate the publication process by avoiding common pitfalls. The workshop will be facilitated by the Journal of the International AIDS Society.