



## **Adeeba Kamarulzaman, IAS 2013 Local Co-Chair and Director of CERiA**

A graduate of Monash University and trained in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases in Melbourne Australia, Dr. Adeeba Kamarulzaman established the Infectious Diseases Unit at the University of Malaya Medical Centre in 1997, which has become one of the country's leading infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS tertiary referral centers.

She has directed and managed the development of infectious diseases in both its clinical and research components and has mentored many other clinicians to become Infectious Diseases specialists now serving in the Ministry of Health and University hospitals as well as in private practice across Malaysia.

In addition to her clinical and academic commitments, she has been actively involved in the community response to HIV/AIDS in Malaysia. As convenor of the Malaysian Harm Reduction Working Group of the Malaysian AIDS Council, she led the advocacy for the implementation of harm reduction measures to tackle the problem of HIV amongst injecting drug users in Malaysia. She was President of the Malaysian AIDS Council from 2006 to 2010 and continues to serve as an Executive Committee member since stepping down as President. In this capacity, she has been involved in advocating for and overseeing the implementation of community-based HIV/AIDS programmes across the country. She remains as the Chairman of the Malaysian AIDS Foundation, a Trust whose role is to raise funds for HIV prevention, treatment and care programmes implemented by the Malaysian AIDS Council. She was recently appointed as the Deputy Chair to the Country Coordinating Mechanism Committee for Malaysia's Global Fund program.

In 2008, she established the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA) at the University of Malaya. Research activities undertaken at CERiA include clinical and basic science studies, epidemiological as well as socio-behavioural research focusing on the marginalized communities in Malaysia particularly people who use drugs and men who have sex with men. In addition, CERiA provides training to a range of stakeholders on harm reduction and the delivery of HIV prevention and treatment services to people who use drugs. In its short history, CERiA has managed to attract many local and international research grants including that from the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia, the National Institutes of Health, USA, the Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) and the World Bank.

Dr. Kamarulzaman is a committee member of several regional and international organizations including TREAT Asia, the United Nations Regional Task Force on HIV Prevention Amongst Drug Users and the United Nations Reference Group on HIV and Injecting Drug Use. She is an Executive Committee Member of the International Society of Infectious Diseases and a member of the International AIDS Society's Governing Council. She is also presently is the Co-Chair of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on HIV. In 2010 she was the Scientific Co-chair of the XVIIIth International AIDS Conference in Vienna and in will be the local host for the VIIIth IAS Treatment and Pathogenesis Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2013. In 2011 she was appointed as the Dean of Medicine at the University of Malaya, Malaysia's oldest medical school.