Dear IAS Member,

The International AIDS Society (IAS) hereby invites all its members to vote on the proposed amendments to the IAS Bylaws and the transitional provision. The amendments were proposed by the IAS Executive Committee and approved by the IAS Governing Council, and the IAS is now asking for formal endorsement from the IAS Members, in accordance with Article 12 of the current IAS Bylaws.

These amendments are the result of an extensive review of the IAS’s governance, which was commissioned by the IAS Governing Council in July 2018 to explore opportunities of strengthening the governance of the IAS to make us more robust and fit to proactively respond to an evolving environment.

The proposed amendments aim to enhance the effectiveness of the IAS’s governance structures, functions and procedures. The amendments will, however, not have any impact on the powers of the IAS membership and its role as laid down in the current IAS Bylaws.

In terms of the implementation of the proposed amendments, many of the changes will not be visible until the 2020 IAS Governing Council elections that will start in early 2020 and finish in July 2020, with the new Governing Council taking office at the closing of the 23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020) in San Francisco and Oakland. More information about when the revised governance enters into force can be found in the transitional provision that we are asking members to approve together with the proposed amendments to the IAS Bylaws which are marked in track changes in the document.

CLICK HERE TO CAST YOUR VOTE

We do value your feedback, and hope you are able to take a few minutes to read the proposed amendments and vote.

Electronic votes cast through the voting page will be accepted until 18 July 2019 at 17:59 (Central European Summer Time). Please note that votes sent by email, post, fax etc. will not be considered.

The result of the voting will be presented on the IAS website after the formal endorsement at the IAS Members’ Meeting on 23 July 2019, in conjunction with the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019) in Mexico City.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Anton Pozniak
President
International AIDS Society (IAS)