FRIDAY 20 JULY – SATURDAY 21 JULY

10th International Workshop on HIV Pediatrics
Friday 20 July (08:30–18:30) – Saturday 21 July (08:00–17:30)
Steigenberger Hotel Amsterdam, Stationsplein Zuid-West 951, 1117 CE Schiphol
Organizer: Virology Education

Don’t miss CIPHER grantees and Global Cohort Collaboration poster presentations:

CIPHER Grantees poster presentation
Friday 20 July – Session I 12:45-14:00

2013 CIPHER Grantee Nelleke Langerak (South Africa). White matter abnormalities in children with spastic diplegia due to HIV Encephalopathy or Cerebral Palsy: is there a difference? Poster 70.

2015 CIPHER Grantee Heather Bailey (Ukraine). Virological suppression among young people living with perinatally and behaviourally-acquired HIV infection in Ukraine, Poster 120


Saturday 21 July – Session II 12:45-14:00


2017 CIPHER Grantee Watsamon Jantarabenjakul (Thailand). Neurodevelopmental and behavioral outcomes in perinatally HIV infected children who initiated antiretroviral therapy within 3 months of age, Poster 45.

2015 CIPHER Grantee Irene Njuguna (Kenya). Transitioning adolescents to adult HIV care: Health facility models of care and transition practices in Kenya, Poster 123.

CIPHER Global Cohort Collaboration poster presentation

CIPHER thanks Virology Education for supporting the registration to the workshop of four new grantees who will be awarded at the AIDS 2018 conference.

SUNDAY 22 JULY

4th HIV Exposed Uninfected (HEU) Child and Adolescent Workshop
Sunday 22 July, 9:00-14:00
Room E102, RAI Amsterdam
Organizers: CIPHER, WHO, UNICEF, PHACS, MassGeneral Hospital for Children

In high HIV burden countries, up to 30% of children are now HIV exposed uninfected (HEU) but not HIV unaffected, as HEU children experience worse outcomes than their unexposed peers. Since 2015, the HEU Child and Adolescent Workshop has provided a unique forum for policy and scientific dialogue around the short, medium and long-term well-being of HEU children. This year, we will look beyond the biological consequences of HIV-exposure to explore its implications for early childhood development policy and programming and its psychosocial impact on adolescents. Join us for an exciting half-day session of expert presentations, interactive panel discussions and open dialogue around the personal and public health implications of these challenges.

CIPHER Stakeholder Meeting: Translating Evidence into action
Sunday 22 July, 17:30–19:30
Room E102 (CIPHER presentation) and Ruby Lounge (poster presentation), RAI Amsterdam

The CIPHER Stakeholder meeting is traditionally providing an update on CIPHER activities and an opportunity for the CIPHER young investigators to engage with the world-class researchers, partners and funders who make CIPHER possible. This year will place a special emphasis on translating evidence into action by providing a forum for engaging implementers in the research process early on. Participants will join in a facilitated poster walk-through and will have the opportunity to network and discuss with CIPHER young investigators about their research projects.
MONDAY 23 JULY

Accelerating the development and uptake of the most needed drug formulations for children
Monday 23 July, 10:15–12:15
Hall 11B, RAI Amsterdam
Organizer: Global Accelerator for Paediatric Formulations (GAP-f - www.gap-f.org) a collaboration between CHAI, DNDi, EGPAF, the Global Fund, ICAP, ILF, CIPHER, IMPAACT, MPP, PENTA, UNICEF, Unitaid, PEPFAR, WHO.

Limited treatment options and sub-optimal formulations have contributed to poor adherence and outcomes for children living with HIV as well as other diseases that impact the lives of children living in resource limited settings. The Global Accelerator for Paediatric Formulations (GAP-f) aims to promote a faster, more efficient and more focused approach to paediatric formulation development. It is a collaborative framework that can help get better paediatric products quicker and cheaper by prioritizing products, streamlining the generation of clinical evidence, incentivizing manufacturers, accelerating product development and introduction, and coordinating procurement. The GAP-f formalizes collaboration across sectors to ensure accelerated development and uptake of the most needed drugs and formulations for children. This session will include perspectives from different disease angles (e.g., HIV, TB and hepatitis) and different stakeholders, with a presentation of GAP-f outcomes so far.

TUESDAY 24 JULY

2017 CIPHER Grantee poster presentation
Tuesday 24 July, 12:30-14:30
Poster Exhibition area, Hall 1, RAI Amsterdam
Prevalence of early cardiac dysfunction and covariates in children living with HIV in Western Kenya, Andrew McCrary, Duke University.

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY

CIPHER Global Cohort Collaboration oral abstract
Wednesday 25 July, 14:30-16:00
Hall 10, RAI Amsterdam
Oral Abstract Session Track B – Clinical research

2018 CIPHER Grantee oral abstract
Wednesday 25 July, 14:30-16:00
Hall 11A, RAI Amsterdam
Oral Abstract Session Track D – Social and political research, law, policy and human rights
The third generation of HIV: World first longitudinal study of pregnancy in adolescents living with HIV, Elona Toska (South Africa), University of Cape Town.
THURSDAY 26 JULY

CIPHER Grant Programme and Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme – Launch of the 2018-2019 rounds and awards

Tuesday 25 July, 08:45-10:30
Hall 12, RAI Amsterdam

CIPHER grant programme supports early-stage investigators to advance paediatric and adolescent HIV research and to fill critical knowledge gaps that impede paediatric and adolescent HIV diagnosis, treatment and care in resource-limited settings. Four new grantees will be awarded during the ceremony and the next round of the programme will be launched. The 2018-2019 round will have a special focus on operational science in paediatric HIV.

The Growing the Leaders of Tomorrow Fellowship Programme contributes to strengthened HIV clinical research capacity in high-burden countries in sub-Saharan Africa by providing two-year research fellowships to emerging young leaders in paediatric HIV clinical science. The fellowship provides for the fellow the opportunity to work with an established mentor on a funded research project that addresses a key gap in paediatric HIV clinical science.

2016 CIPHER Grantee poster presentation
Thursday 26 July, 12:30-14:30
Poster Exhibition area, Hall 1, RAI Amsterdam
Neurodevelopmental and behavioral outcomes in perinatally HIV infected children who initiated antiretroviral therapy within 3 months of age, Watsamon Jantarabenjakul (Thailand), King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital.

2017 CIPHER Grantee poster presentation
Thursday 26 July, 12:30-14:30
Poster Exhibition area, Hall 1, RAI Amsterdam
Reaching at-risk adolescent men who have sex with men through social media and instant messaging in Thailand for HIV prevention service provision, Wipaporn Songtaweesin (Thailand), Chulalongkorn University.

2015 CIPHER Grantee oral abstract
Thursday 26 July, 16:30-18:00
Hall 11A, RAI Amsterdam
Oral Abstract Session Track B – Clinical research
Safety and nevirapine concentrations of 6-week triple antiretroviral prophylaxis in high risk HIV-exposed infants, Suvaporn Anugulruengkitt (Thailand), Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University.
FRIDAY 27 JULY

Pre-Conference report back session
Friday 27 July, 12:45-14:00
Forum, RAI Amsterdam

In this session, rapporteurs present highlights from some of the official AIDS 2018 pre-conferences including the 4th HIV Exposed Uninfected (HEU) Child and Adolescent Workshop which will be prepared by CIPHER grantees Watsamon Jantarabensakul (Thailand), Gabriel Loni Ekali (Cameroon) and Ute Feucht (South Africa) who will also be presenting as rapporteur.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT AIDS 2018

CIPHER published in JIAS the first special issue entirely dedicated to the relevance of paediatric and adolescent HIV and the SDGs: Paediatric and Adolescent HIV and the Sustainable Development Goals: the road ahead to 2030. The issue has been making news with its article presenting findings that the risk of intimate partner violence is reduced by giving regular cash payments to poor girls and (see AVERT news here) and data from the Mzantsi Wakho study (initially funded through a CIPHER grant) on adolescent ‘dream clinics’ (see EHPSA Prevention news here). The special issue will be distributed in the conference bags to every delegate at AIDS 2018 – 14,000 copies and at http://bit.ly/2E72IWF.

CIPHER, in collaboration with WHO, is publishing the methodology and full data on the Global Research Agendas for children and adolescents living with HIV in a JAIDS Supplement: Mind the Gap: filling knowledge gaps in paediatric and adolescent HIV for an AIDS FREE generation (available online 11 July). The supplement also addresses key considerations for implementing the research agendas, including use of observational data to inform policy change, optimizing clinical trials design, modelling and metamodeling and the role of implementation science, innovation and community engagement. The special issue will also be featured in the upcoming AIDS AIDS FREE Toolkit – a set of critical resources being put together by WHO and partners to accelerate treatment scale-up in children and adolescents living with HIV.
ACTIVITIES IN PARTNERSHIP

SIDE EVENT Launch of the PATA Situational Analysis and the Child Survival Working Group Briefs
Thursday 26 July, 17:30-20:00
Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, 1072 LH Amsterdam
Organizers: PATA, CSWG and UNICEF

The Child Survival Working Group (CSWG) will launch a series of technical briefs at AIDS 2018 which will also form part of the AIDS Free Working Group’s (AFWG) upcoming toolkit. Each brief focuses on a critical intervention to reach urgent paediatric/adolescent targets.