International AIDS Society

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Joep Lange
1954-2014

Humanitarian
IAS Past President 2002-2004
Founder of the IAS- Industry Liaison Forum

Since its inception, the IAS-Industry Liaison Forum has established itself as one of the flagship projects of the IAS. The principles, ethos and development of the IAS-ILF are resolutely synonymous with the values of international cooperation enshrined by the IAS. We share a collective goal: to increase and improve the capacity for research and treatment for the many populations who remain grossly under-served by the benefits of clinical progress. – Joep Lange, 2003
Who we are

Independent, member-based NGO founded in 1988 and based in Geneva, Switzerland

- Diverse and highly respected membership (14,000 members from over 180 countries)
- Independent and strategically positioned within international HIV field
- Strong relationship with key organizations and stakeholders in HIV and development
- Accountable, structured, transparent governance and secretariat
What we do

1. Increase knowledge and skills and foster creative solutions to challenges in the response to the HIV epidemic through dialogue and debate

2. Advocate for effective, evidence-informed and human rights-based policies and programmes

3. Strengthen research capacity, identify research priorities and gaps and support projects to address them

We connect  We promote  We mobilize
How we do it

IAS

Conferences

Communications

Advocacy & Research Promotion

Membership
How we do it

- Membership
- Conferences
- Advocacy & Research Promotion
  - IAS Priority: Key Affected Populations (KAPs)
  - IAS Priority: Towards an HIV Cure
  - IAS Priority: CIPHER (Paediatrics)
  - IAS Initiative: Co-Infections
  - Prizes and awards / grants and fellowships
  - Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS)
  - IAS-Industry Liaison Forum (IAS-ILF)
Who the members are

IAS members represent diverse geographical locations and professions.

Percentage of members per region:
- United States and Canada: 36%
- Africa: 21%
- Asia and the Pacific Islands: 16%
- Europe: 16%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 7%

Number of members per profession category:
- Health Care Worker: 4000
- Researcher: 3500
- Not specified: 3000
- Policy/Administration: 2500
- Media Representative: 2000
- Student/Activist: 1500
- Educator/Trainer: 1000
- Funder: 500
- Lawyer: 0

Erika Lundström: Governance & Member Relations Senior Manager
How the IAS is governed

IAS Governing Council (GC) Representatives

Erika Lundström: Governance & Member Relations Senior Manager
Conferences

Main conferences

- **AIDS**
  International AIDS Conference

- **IAS**
  IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention

Industry involvement in the conferences

- Exhibition
- Sponsorship
- Involvement in programme committees and working groups
- Speaking and chairing roles

Anouk Rey: Deputy Executive Director / Conference Director

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Conferences

International AIDS Conference Objectives

- Advance the global response to the epidemic
- Share new research, lessons learned and best practices
- Contribute to scientific advancement and community development
- Build consensus on human rights-based approaches
- Address legal and social barriers to HIV prevention
- Improve the dignity of PLHIV
- Promote political accountability and public awareness towards HIV

Attendance

- Health professionals: 28%
- Researchers / scientists: 21%
- Policy makers: 17%
- Media: 10%
- Students: 6%
- Activists: 5%
- Others: 13%

Anouk Rey: Deputy Executive Director / Conference Director
Key Affected Populations (KAPs)

Objectives

- Advocate for reduction of stigma and discrimination against KAPs
- Promote policy and legal reforms for universal access to HIV services
- Raise the voices and concerns of KAPs at key international forums

Past outputs

- *Nobody Left Behind* campaign
- White Paper on *Maximizing the Treatment and Prevention Benefits of ART for Key Affected Populations*
- *A Code of Conduct for HIV Professionals: Strengthening Human Rights Approaches to Health*
- *Guidance Note on the Use of Antiretrovirals for Prevention in the Context of Universal Access to Treatment*
- *Call to Action to Overcoming HIV in Conservative Social Settings*
- Frequent statements and opinion pieces in response to human rights violations
- Organization of KAPs-related events (e.g., at AIDS 2014)

Chris Beyrer: Key Affected Populations Co-Chair
Manoj Kurian: Senior Manager, Policy and Advocacy  www.iasociety.org/kaps.aspx
On-going & future activities

- JIAS special issue on adolescent KAPs
- Integration of *Nobody Left Behind* campaign into next conferences
  - IAS 2015 (Vancouver)
  - AIDS 2016 (Durban)
- September 2015 – Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Strategize to raise awareness for KAPs-related issues in the MDGs
- Ukraine country / regional consultation for Eastern Europe & Central Asia: Focusing on harm reduction, access to opioid substitution therapy (OST), needle exchange and treatment
- South Africa regional multi-stakeholders “call to action” event
- Country consultations on human rights, diversity and HIV: In selected countries in east Africa, southern Africa, Middle East, north Africa

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**Towards an HIV Cure**

**Mission and goals**
- Facilitate scientific discussion, exchange and collaboration to promote and accelerate research towards a cure for HIV
- Provide leadership in advocating for increased investment and resource optimization in HIV cure research
- Provide clear and accurate information and disseminate knowledge to the broader community

**Structure**
- Stakeholders’ Advisory Board: Composed of representatives of international organizations, public research agencies, private funders and patient associations (two annual meetings)
- Three on-going working groups: Industry Collaboration Group (bringing together public and private sector); Cost-effectiveness and Public Health; and Psychosocial Studies
- Ad hoc collaborations (e.g., AVAC, TAG, IAVI)

Françoise Barré-Sinoussi: Towards an HIV Cure Co-Chair
Anna-Laura Ross: HIV Cure Strategy & Science Manager

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Towards an HIV Cure

Past actions

- Peer-reviewed publication (*Ethical considerations in HIV cure research*, COHA 2013)
- Scientific think-tank meeting (Paris, May 2013)
- Regional community training workshops (India and Australia in 2014)
- Towards an HIV Cure Symposium (involving basic scientists, clinicians and community)

On-going & future actions

- Opinion pieces and peer-reviewed publications
  *Role of Mathematical Modeling and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis* – in preparation
- Annual resource tracking policy paper analyzing global investment in HIV cure research, acting as support for call for increased funding (with AVAC)
- Satellite workshops (e.g., *HIV cure and vaccine research: a synergistic partnership* at HIV R4P, October 2014)
- Towards an HIV Cure Symposium (2015 & 2016)
- Revision of the Global Scientific Strategy (2016)

Françoise Barré-Sinoussi: Towards an HIV Cure Co-Chair
Anna-Laura Ross: HIV Cure Strategy & Science Manager

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CIPHER (Paediatric HIV)

Goal

Optimizing clinical management and delivery of services to infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV in resource-limited settings, through advocacy and research promotion.

Objectives

- Addressing targeted research gaps to optimize service delivery and clinical management.
- Strengthening paediatric HIV cohort collaboration to inform policy decisions.
- 2014: supporting evidence-informed policy making in paediatric HIV and outreach.

Linda-Gail Bekker: CIPHER Chair
Marissa Vicari: CIPHER Project Manager
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CIPHER (Paediatric HIV)

**Research Grant Programme**
- Early-stage investigators, priority research gaps, resource-limited settings
- Seven grants ($1M) in 2013, two in 2014, new round launched for 2015

**Global paediatric HIV cohort collaboration**
- ~280,000 infants, children, adolescents affected by HIV
- First studies: (1) time on 1st line ARVs in children (2) adolescent epidemiology

**Online Paediatric HIV Cohort Database**
- Mapping paediatric cohorts worldwide (cohort profiles, number of subjects, etc.)

**JIAS special issues**

**Working Group on Viral Load Monitoring in Resource-Limited Settings**
- Bringing together the diagnostics industry and experts in paediatric HIV

**Adolescent Transition Working Group**
- Bringing together paediatric and adult cohort investigators

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Co-Infections

An incoming IAS Priority
- Considering efforts in different co-infections sequentially

Planned activities (2014/15: HCV)
- Report from the pre-conference meeting at AIDS 2014
- Supplement in a scientific journal on priority issues in viral hepatitis
- IAS-ILF Thematic Roundtable on *Challenges in HCV therapy for high-risk populations*
  Discuss access to HCV therapy, pharmaco-economics, TasP in high-risk populations and research areas of need
- Pre-conference on viral hepatitis prior to IAS 2015
  Focus on HCV treatment access and related issues
- Plenary at IAS 2015
  Focus on injecting drug users (IDUs) and harm reduction in the context of HCV

Marina Klein: Co-Infections Co-Chair
Jürgen Rockstroh: Co-Infections Co-Chair
**Prizes and awards**

**Objectives**

- Recognize outstanding scientific achievements or individual efforts and leadership in the response to HIV
- Highlight specific areas of research at high-level sessions at IAS-convened conferences
- Foster a new generation of HIV researchers and/or support researchers from low- and middle-income countries
- Communicate the engagement of partners supporting the prizes and awards to a broad audience

**Prizes and awards at AIDS 2014**

- Three nomination awards: four awardees
- Acknowledging contribution in the response to HIV
- Four prizes: 10 awardees
- Acknowledging outstanding abstracts at AIDS 2014

**VOICES OF AWARDEES**

"I feel extremely honoured that my abstract was selected for such a prestigious award. It is gratifying to know that my research is being recognized and I now feel even more motivated and inspired to make a contribution in our fight against HIV."

"Thanks for all the great work you do in promoting and recognizing the work of the future leaders in the field. Your efforts don’t go unnoticed and greatly benefit the recipients of these awards in their career development."

"I am deeply honoured, humbled and overwhelmed by the honour of the nomination and to receive this prestigious award."

**Ulrike Brizay**: Research Promotion Officer
Grants and fellowships

Objectives

- Support research activities in specific areas
- Engage new investigators in the field of HIV research
- Provide professional training opportunities through mentoring and comprehensive training and networking activities in conjunction with IAS-convened conferences
- Contribute to capacity building in the awardees’ countries of origin
- Highlight research priorities and partners supporting research grants and fellowships

Current IAS grant and fellowship programmes

- HIV and Drug Use Research Fellowship Programme
- CNIHR Grant Programme
- CIPHER Grant Programme

Ulrike Brizay: Research Promotion Officer
Objectives

- Support an effective, evidence-based, multi-disciplinary response to HIV
- Disseminate research findings and scientific evidence, across disciplines and from high-prevalence settings

Outputs

- Providing a platform for the generation and dissemination of freely available research findings
- Encouraging evidence from a wide range of disciplines in the HIV field
- Supporting publication of research from low- and middle-income countries and high-prevalence settings
- Supporting capacity building in scientific writing and publication
- Mentoring less-experienced authors

Marlène Bras: JIAS Managing Editor  www.jiasociety.org
Publication

- High-quality scientific articles
- Special issues on important and timely topics
  - “KAPS and adolescents”
  - “Women and ARV-based prevention”
- Conference abstracts, making research widely available, citable and searchable
  - HIV in Americas
  - HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow

Mentoring, education and capacity building

- Two workshops at AIDS 2014:
  - “How to write and submit a conference abstract”
  - “How to write and submit a scientific manuscript: publish or perish”
- AIDS 2014 abstract mentor programme
- Online educational resources (with Health[e] Foundation)
IAS-Industry Liaison Forum

IAS-ILF – a bridge between industry and the IAS

- Inform / support collaboration and partnership between industry and the IAS
- Guided by a strong, multi-stakeholder advisory group
- Integrated with IAS programmes
- Broadened relationships with industry
- Sustainably financed by its tiered Corporate Partnership Programme

Implementation

- IAS-ILF Advisory Group
- IAS-Industry Consultations
- Thematic Roundtable Series
- Other activities
  (e.g., educational events, publications)

Celia DC Christie-Samuels: IAS-ILF GC Co-Chair
Sébastien Morin: IAS-ILF Research Officer

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What could we do together?

How can the IAS and industry address the challenges in HIV and related co-infections?

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