



## International AIDS Society (IAS) Statement

**The International AIDS Society (IAS) congratulates Professor Sharon Lewin, Local Co-Chair of the 20<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014), on her new appointment as Director of the Doherty Institute**

**Thursday, 13 February 2014 (Geneva, Switzerland)** – The IAS welcomes the appointment of Professor Sharon Lewin as the inaugural Director of the Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity at the University of Melbourne. The Institute, to open later this year, will have some 700 researchers, clinicians and academics focusing on infectious human diseases.

*“Professor Lewin is an internationally renowned infectious diseases expert, and this exciting new role is yet another prestigious recognition in her outstanding career”* said Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President and International Chair of the 20<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014). *“It is a real pleasure to work with such a high-calibre personality on the upcoming AIDS 2014 conference and I wish Sharon every success”*.

Bernard Kadasia, Acting Executive Director at the IAS added that *“Sharon has been a longtime supporter and member of the International AIDS Society. We will follow her progress with interest and look forward to future collaborations beyond AIDS 2014”*.

Professor Lewin is currently Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases, Alfred Health and Monash University, and is Co-Head of Burnet Institute’s Centre for Biomedical Research. She will take up the new role in September following AIDS 2014, where she is Local Co-Chair.

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### **About the IAS**

The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals, with over 16,000 members from more than 176 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. The IAS members include researchers from all disciplines, clinicians, public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic, as well as policy and programme planners.

The IAS is custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, 20-25 July 2014 and lead organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 19-22 July 2015.

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