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**The International AIDS Society and Partners Award Outstanding Research Presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

*Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize, IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Awards, and IAS TB/HIV Research Prize to be Presented to Outstanding Researchers from Australia, Romania, South Africa, United Kingdom, the U.S. and Zimbabwe.*

**Tuesday, 25 June, 2013 (Geneva, Switzerland)** – The International AIDS Society (IAS) announced today seven winners of three prestigious scientific awards to be presented in conjunction with the 7<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 30 June - 3 July 2013. The IAS and its partners recognise with these awards exceptional abstracts presented at the conference.

The awards aim to promote highest scientific quality in HIV research. The IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Awards are an incentive for young researchers and contribute to the fostering of a new generation of HIV researchers from all over the world. The other two prizes, which support research related to HIV/TB co-infections and women and girls affected by AIDS, aim to draw the attention of the scientific community to specific areas and to enhance scientific activities in line with critical research needs.

“These awards are an important recognition of the work being undertaken by promising scientists,” said Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President and IAS 2013 International Chair. “Supporting up and coming researchers in the HIV field is a vital part of the IAS’ effort to respond to the HIV epidemic.”

**Click [here](#) for complete information on award recipients and winning abstracts. Award winners will be available for interview after their award presentations.**

**About the Awards**

**Women, Girls and HIV Investigator's Prize**

*Supported by UNAIDS, IAS-ILF, ICRW and ICW*

**Award Ceremony: Monday, 1 July, Session Room 1, 8:55 (before Plenary Session)**

Presented by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi (IAS) and Barbara de Zaluondo (UNAIDS)

The Women, Girls and HIV Investigator Prize is offered jointly by the IAS-Industry Liaison Forum and UNAIDS, and supported by the International Centre for Research on Women and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS. The US\$2,000 prize is awarded to an investigator from a low-income or middle-income country whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice that addresses women, girls and gender issues related to HIV. This prize serves to highlight the challenges faced by women and girls in this epidemic and to encourage investigators from low- and middle-income countries to pursue research in this area.

• Winner: Definate Nhamo (Zimbabwe)

Abstract Title: *Factors associated with gender-based violence and unintended pregnancy among adolescent women living with HIV in Zimbabwe*

**IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award**

*Supported by IAS and ANRS*

**Award ceremony: Wednesday, 3 July, Session Room 1, 08:50 (before Plenary Session)**

Presented by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi (IAS) and Jean-François Delfraissy (ANRS)

The US\$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the French National Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (ANRS) to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV and AIDS research. To be eligible, the presenting author of an abstract accepted for presentation must be under 35 years of age. One prize is awarded in each of the five conference tracks, along with a Special HIV Cure Prize this year.

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award - Track A, Basic Sciences

• Winner: Kavidha Reddy (South Africa)

Abstract Title: *Association of APOBEC3G genetic variants with HIV-1 *vif* sequence variation and impact on HIV-1*

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award - Track B, Clinical Sciences

• Winner: Michael Schomaker (South Africa)

Abstract Title: *When to start ART in children aged 2-5 years? Causal modeling analysis of leDEA southern Africa*

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award - Track C, Prevention Sciences

• Winner: Jennifer Smith (United Kingdom)

Abstract Title: *Could misreporting of condom use explain the apparent association between injectable hormonal contraceptives and HIV acquisition risk?*

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award - Track D, Operations and Implementation Research

• Winner: Raluca Buzdugan (Romania)

Abstract Title: *Feasibility of population-based cross-sectional surveys for estimating vertical HIV transmission: data from Zimbabwe*

IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award - Special HIV Cure Prize

• Winner: Lachlan Gray (Australia)

Abstract Title: *HIV-1 entry and *trans*-infection in astrocytes: implications for cure and eradication*

#### **IAS TB/HIV Prize**

Award ceremony: Tuesday, 2 July, Session Room 2, 14:25 (in conjunction with the CCC Symposium: Population-based TB control)

Award presenter TB prize: Anton Pozniak (IAS)

The aim of the US\$2,000 IAS prize on TB/HIV research is to generate interest and stimulate research on basic, clinical and operations research in TB/HIV prevention, care and treatment. The IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is an incentive for researchers to investigate pertinent research questions that affect TB/HIV co-infection and operational effectiveness of core TB/HIV collaborative services.

• Winner: James Houston (United States)

Abstract Title: *Tuberculosis burden is a barrier to starting isoniazid preventive therapy in HIV-infected children enrolled in care*

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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 196 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 lead organizer of the IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 30 June – 3 July 2013 and custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, 20-25 July 2014.

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