Welcome Words

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the International AIDS Society (IAS) and our local partner in Malaysia, the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), University of Malaya, it is our pleasure to welcome you to Kuala Lumpur and to the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013).

As in previous IAS conferences, the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention will examine basic, clinical and prevention sciences as well as operations and implementation research. At IAS 2013 we will also continue to analyse the effectiveness of programmes as we scale up treatment and prevention, given that we still have tremendous strides to make before reaching the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

The IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention will be hosted in Asia for the first time, and Malaysia has been chosen as host country for several reasons including its leadership in the area of HIV prevention for people who use drugs and the commitment of the Malaysian government to provide free HIV treatment to all Malaysian in need of antiretroviral therapy. Malaysia today serves as a model for countries experiencing steep increases in HIV infections related to ineffective drug policy.

Over the past 18 months, the IAS and CERiA have partnered with an international array of HIV experts from a variety of disciplines to develop a strong conference programme. As well as highlighting new developments in basic, clinical, biomedical and operations and implementation research, the programme is designed to encourage productive discussion and debate of current topics.

The truly international nature of the conference (more than 143 countries were represented at the last IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention in Rome, IAS 2011) is an ideal opportunity for professional development. In addition to participating in daily plenary sessions, symposia, abstract-driven sessions, and independently organized satellite sessions, we hope delegates will take advantage of the many opportunities for networking that IAS 2013 provides, including a variety of practical skills building workshops and ‘meet the expert’ sessions.

We look forward to a dynamic and productive week of meetings and conversation. While here, we also encourage you to take some time to see Kuala Lumpur and to get to know our Malaysian hosts.

Sincerely,

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Conference Organizers

The IAS 2013 Local Partner, the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS

The Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA) was established in 2007 to respond to the need to better understand the Malaysian HIV epidemic and to build local capacity in conducting HIV related research. Since its establishment it has become the leading Centre in Malaysia conducting HIV related research in various fields including epidemiology, social behavioural, clinical and laboratory based research.

The International AIDS Society

The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world’s leading independent association of HIV professionals, with over 16,000 members from more than 185 countries working at all levels of the global response to HIV/AIDS. Our 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. This conference occurs every two years, and focuses on the scientific and medical aspects of HIV/AIDS. Along with our local partner, CERiA, we are delighted to welcome you to IAS 2013, the seventh in the IAS conference series.

The IAS is also the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference, the paramount gathering of all disciplines in HIV/AIDS. The International AIDS Conference provides a unique forum for the interaction of science, community and leadership, with the goal of sharing the latest research findings, best practices and lessons learned in order to strengthen the global response to the epidemic.

Both conferences provide critical platforms for presenting new research, promoting dialogue and building consensus, and are highly valued for their exceptional quality and for the significant impact they have in advancing HIV prevention, treatment, care, research and human rights. The 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) will be held in Melbourne, Australia from 20 – 25 July 2014.

The IAS office at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is located on Level 3, by Session Room 4.

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IAS Events and Activities in Kuala Lumpur

Pre-Conference Workshop “Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research”
Friday, 28 June, 09:00 – 18:00
Hotel Maya, Kuala Lumpur
(By invitation only)
In collaboration with the U.S. Centers for AIDS Research and the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the IAS awards for the third time the grant programme “Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research” (CNHHR). In 2013, the CNHHR grant programme supports scientists without prior experience in HIV cure research with the aim of supporting innovative approaches with the potential of contributing to the search for an HIV cure. Ten to twelve research grants worth up to US$150,000 per year for one to two years will be awarded at IAS 2013. The initiative aims to foster cross-disciplinary research, promote novel ideas and aid in the success of investigators at an early career stage. CNHHR grantees from 2012 and 2013 together with their mentors will attend a pre-conference workshop. The workshop provides an opportunity for CNHHR 2012 grantees to report their research progress and for new grantees to present their prospective research projects. The new grantees will be announced at the HIV Cure Symposium and in conjunction with the Rapporteur Session on Wednesday, 3 July.

Pre-Conference Scientific Symposium “Towards an HIV Cure”
Saturday, 29 June, 09:00 – 18:30 and Sunday, 30 June, 09:00 – 17:15
Ritz Carlton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
(By registration only)
The IAS and the “Towards an HIV Cure” Advisory Board will convene a two-day pre-conference symposium immediately prior to IAS 2013. The symposium, co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President; Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF); and Sharon Lewin, Director of the Infectious Diseases Unit, Alfred Hospital, Monash University, will provide a platform to present state-of-the-art basic science, pre-clinical and clinical research towards an HIV cure.

IAS Awardees Networking Sessions
Monday, 1 July and Wednesday, 3 July, 12:30 – 14:00
IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)
In cooperation with its partners, the IAS organizes lunchtime networking sessions for IAS-NIDA fellows, CNHHR grantees, CIPHER grantees, as well as other IAS prize and award winners, to meet with plenary speakers and other experts and community representatives. The Networking Sessions provide grantees with opportunities to discuss main findings presented at IAS 2013, as well as to network with peers and leading HIV experts and community advocates. The meetings are a platform for exchange between senior researchers and young investigators within an informal setting.

IAS Members’ Meeting: ‘None Left Behind’ – The IAS’s Work with Key Affected Populations
Tuesday, 2 July, 12:30 – 14:30
Session Room 4
Conference delegates are invited to participate in an IAS special session which also serves as the IAS General Members’ Meeting. The session will be chaired by IAS Executive Director, Bertrand Audoin, who will give an update on the progress of the IAS’s strategic priorities for 2013 and 2014. There will also be presentations related to the IAS’s work with key affected populations, followed by a discussion. To provide participants with an opportunity to network with speakers and members, there will be a reception after the session.

Professional Development Workshop
“Publish or Perish” Scientific Writing
Wednesday, 3 July, 14:30 – 17:30
Mini Room 3
This interactive workshop provides an overview of the scientific writing process and an introduction to the publishing process to less-experienced authors. The writing section will cover key components of a scientific manuscript and it will also highlight some of the resources available to authors. The publishing section will describe the publication and the peer-review process, and also address ethical issues in scientific writing. A panel of editors will give an insight into the workings of an editorial office and discuss the most common reasons for rejection of manuscripts. The aim is to make the editorial decision-making process transparent and provide practical information on how to navigate the publication process by avoiding common pitfalls. Facilitated by the Journal of the International AIDS Society.

CIPHER Grantee and Mentor Session
Sunday, 30 June, 10:00 – 11:00
Red Room, IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)
This is an opportunity for CIPHER grantees to present their proposals, meet each other and network with CIPHER mentors and leading HIV experts and stakeholders in paediatric HIV.

CIPHER Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting
Sunday, 30 June, 9:00 – 10:00
Red Room, IAS Office, Conference Venue
(By invitation only)
This CIPHER STAC meeting is an opportunity to discuss the progress of the various CIPHER projects and next steps.

ILF-UNICEF Satellite Session: Beyond Option B+
Sunday, 30 June, 14:45 – 16:45
Mini Room 3
As progress continues in the global plan to eliminate new HIV infections in children by 2015, revised WHO guidelines that recommend the roll out of Option B+ for prevention of vertical transmission (PVT) will create new implementation and structural challenges. Although PVT has proved to be highly effective, there is a high rate of loss to follow up of mother-infant pairs within programmes, which compromises quality and effectiveness. In 2011, 57% of pregnant women received antiretrovirals to reduce transmission and improve maternal outcomes. However, in the same year, 330,000 children were reported to have been infected, calling for improved PVT service access, quality and retention, including testing of HIV-exposed children and linking them into effective treatment and care programmes. The session will describe the current status of Option B+ implementation: from pregnancy through breastfeeding, including paediatric diagnosis, care, treatment and retention in care. Interactive panel discussions will provide the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities in implementing Option B+, as well as paediatric diagnosis and care, with a forward-looking approach to identify novel methods to improve the health of infants and children, as well as their mothers.
ILF-AVAC Satellite Session: Expanding HIV Prevention Options for Women

Mini Room 3
Oral and topical pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) studies in women have yielded both promising and disappointing results. Efficacy of PrEP depends on both biological and behavioural factors. The right concentrations of antiretrovirals (ARVs) must be achieved in the right biological compartments at the right time to have a protective effect. In-depth analysis of recent PrEP studies clearly indicates that PrEP can only be effective if people actually use it. This session will follow up on the IAS-ILF affiliated event held in conjunction with CROI 2013, entitled “Sex and Gender Differences in ARV-Based Prevention Research”. This satellite session will provide an overview of the results of studies on PrEP in women to date, analysing underlying factors that may explain much of the variation of results. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss three approaches: (1) how to design programmes that can effectively introduce, promote and market ARV-based prevention options for women; and (3) ways forward for developing new product formulations and delivery mechanisms to maximize effectiveness.

IAS Exhibition Booth
Sunday, 30 June, 12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July, 10:00 – 18:30
Exhibition Booth 203
At the IAS Exhibition Booth, delegates can learn more about the IAS and its conferences, policy and research promotion activities, including the Journal of the International AIDS Society. Visitors have the opportunity to collect information on the upcoming AIDS 2014 and IAS 2015 conferences, meet IAS staff and network with IAS members and representatives from the IAS Governing Council. Delegates can also apply for or renew their IAS membership at the exhibition booth.

Regional Partners Exhibition Booth
Sunday, 30 June, 12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July, 10:00 – 18:30
Exhibition Booth 106
At the Partnerships Exhibition Booth, delegates can learn more about the IAS regional partners and their regional conferences.

Community Exhibition Booth
Sunday, 30 June, 12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July, 10:00 – 18:30
Exhibition Booth 105
The Community Exhibition Booth is being organized by the Malaysian AIDS Council and will provide delegates with the opportunity to learn more about the work of NGOs and civil society organizations in the AIDS response.

IAS Prizes and Awards

The International AIDS Society (IAS) sponsors a number of scientific prizes and awards for promising young and established researchers who are doing outstanding work in HIV/AIDS research. The following awards will be announced before each pertinent session, either plenary or special, at IAS 2013.

CIPHER Grant Programme Award Ceremony
Monday, 1 July, 08:50 – 08:55
Plenary Session, Session Room 1
The CIPHER Grant Programme will fund, to a total of US$1 million, research projects that have the potential to contribute to the optimization of diagnosis, prevention, treatment and care of infants, children and adolescents affected by HIV. The intention is to attract early-stage investigators – from inside and outside the field of HIV research – to address critical questions related to growing up with an HIV infection, as well as to examine the impact of HIV or antiretroviral perinatal exposure in uninfected children. A Call for Letters of Intent was launched in October 2012, and selected applicants invited to submit a Full Proposal. Selection of Full Proposals is based on peer-review. The grant provides up to US$75,000 for up to 2 years; 7 grants will be awarded. CIPHER is made possible through an unrestricted grant from ViiV Healthcare and guided by scientific experts convened by the IAS.

Women, Girls and HIV Investigator’s Prize
Monday, 1 July, 08:55 – 09:00
Plenary Session, Session Room 1
The US$2,000 prize is jointly funded by the IAS, the IAS’s Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and supported by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) and the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW). The purpose of the Women, Girls and HIV Investigator’s Prize is to encourage research in low- or middle-income countries that can benefit women and girls affected by HIV/AIDS. One prize will be awarded to an investigator from a low- or middle-income country whose abstract demonstrates excellence in research and/or practice that addresses women, girls and gender issues related to HIV. The prize recipient is selected by a review committee from eligible abstracts submitted to and accepted for presentation at IAS 2013.

IAS-NIDA Fellowship Programme Award Ceremony
Tuesday, 2 July, 08:50 – 09:00
Plenary Session, Session Room 1
With the support of National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the IAS established a multi-year research fellowship programme in 2009, focusing on HIV and drug use with the goal of contributing to advances in the scientific understanding of the complexity of drug use and HIV. Four fellows will be awarded at IAS 2013 with US$75,000 to conduct a post-doctoral or a professional development fellowship at leading research institutes, under the mentorship of an expert with track records in HIV and drug use research. The fellowship programme aims at providing opportunities for researchers to advance their expertise in HIV and drug use research with the aim of applying the gained knowledge to enhance prevention and/or treatment of HIV-related drug use.
IAS ANRS Young Investigator Award
Wednesday, 3 July, 08:50 - 09:00
Plenary Session, Session Room 1
The US$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le sida et les hépatites virales (ANRS) to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV/AIDS research. To be eligible, the presenting author of an abstract accepted for presentation must be under 35 years of age. A panel of senior scientists, representing both the ANRS and the IAS, evaluate top-scoring abstracts to select the award winner in each of the four conference tracks:
Track A: Basic Sciences
Track B: Clinical Sciences
Track C: Prevention Science
Track D: Operations and Implementation Research

IAS ANRS Young Investigator Award – Special HIV Cure Prize
Wednesday, 3 July, 08:50 - 09:00
Plenary Session, Session Room 1
The US$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award – Special HIV Cure Prize will be awarded to an abstract presenter at the HIV Cure Symposium. The prize is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherches sur le sida et les hépatites virales (ANRS) and will be awarded to a young researcher who demonstrates innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV cure research. The awardee will be announced at the closing session of the HIV Cure Symposium and in conjunction with the Plenary Session on Wednesday, 3 July.

IAS TB/HIV Research Prize
Tuesday, 2 July, 14:25 - 14:30
CCC Symposium: Population based TB control, Session Room 2
The US$2,000 IAS TB/HIV Research Prize is an incentive for young and established researchers to investigate pertinent research questions that affect TB/HIV co-infection and operational effectiveness of implementing core TB/HIV collaborative services. To select the prize winner, a steering committee of TB/HIV experts reviews top-scoring TB/HIV abstracts accepted for presentation at IAS 2013.

Conference Overview

Conference Goals and Vision
As the seventh in the IAS conference series, IAS 2013 will continue its strong emphasis on pathogenesis, treatment and biomedical prevention, through the objectives set out below:
1. Focus on the latest biomedical HIV science and its applications for clinical practice and prevention worldwide,
2. Provide new insights into HIV vulnerability, disease progression and prevention interventions worldwide,
3. Review implementation science research that addresses challenges by scaling up research and prevention especially in resource limited setting and in policy constraint environments,
4. Provide opportunities for professional development, scientific collaboration, debate and dialogue among HIV professionals,
5. Increase public awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS with a focus on the implications of new scientific research on the global response,
6. Increase the capacity of delegates to advocate for keeping the HIV issue on top of the global agenda,
7. Highlight the state of the HIV epidemic and the progresses made in HIV research and prevention in the Asia-Pacific region.

Malaysia is the first Asian host of the IAS Conference. As a region with the largest geographic area and population, dramatically varied levels of wealth, diverse epidemic patterns and a complex mix of structural and behavioural determinants of risk, Asia and the Pacific is faced with significant challenges in terms of its HIV epidemic. By bringing the conference to the region, delegates from all over the world can learn from the important successes and challenges of our Asian colleagues.

Conference Information

Conference Publications
This General Information Guide is available online (www.ias2013.org) and contains helpful information on IAS 2013, including details on the structure and organization of the conference, and practical information on the conference venue and more generally on Kuala Lumpur.

In line with our Social Responsibility policies, we are reducing the number of printed publications. For IAS 2013, the Programme will therefore be available via our online Programme-at-a-Glance (http://pag.ias2013.org) and through our mobile application (free download). More devices will also be set up in the conference venue for participants to access the programme content.

Please note that a printed Pocket Programme will still be provided to all delegates, who will also have the possibility to ask for a basic printed version of the Programme when registering online before 27 May 2013.

The Conference CD-ROM contains all accepted abstracts presented in the abstract-driven oral sessions, oral poster discussions and the poster exhibition, as well as electronic posters. It also contains a printable copy of the conference programme. All delegates will receive the Conference CD-ROM, which will be found in the delegate bag.
Abstract books can be purchased online through your conference profile or on-site in the Registration area, while stock lasts.

**Daily Conference Bulletin**
The Daily Bulletin will be posted to the conference website and distributed on-site during registration (Saturday and Sunday) and outside each morning’s plenary (Monday – Wednesday). It will highlight major programme developments, news and events taking place at the conference. The Daily Bulletin will also be used to notify delegates of major programme changes, so please be sure to pick up a printed copy or visit the conference website (www.ias2013.org) each day.

**Conference Website**
All information about the IAS 2013 programme and related activities will be posted on the www.ias2013.org website before and during the IAS 2013 conference.

**Abstracts and Presentations Online**
The full text of all accepted abstracts, as well as speaker PowerPoint slides*, speeches*, e-posters*, selected session recordings and session summaries written by the conference rapporteurs, will be available to the public free of charge through the online Programme-at-a-Glance (PAG), accessible through the IAS 2013 homepage during the conference. Official daily press releases, the daily on-site bulletin and high-resolution photos and video highlights will also be posted to the website each day. Visit www.ias2013.org to view our full online coverage.

* pending submission and permission from the author and/or presenter

The IAS is also partnering with Clinical Care Options, Inc. and NAM as official online science providers for IAS 2013.

**Online Scientific Analysis Provided by Clinical Care Options**
Clinical Care Options (CCO) is the official online provider of scientific analysis for delegates and journalists, delivered through comprehensive online continuing medical education (CME) activities. Visit www.clinicaloptions.com/ias2013 for:
- Individual capsule summaries of the most clinically relevant studies, selected by the CCO’s expert faculty,
- Audio podcasts in which leading clinicians and researchers review highlights of each day,
- CCO’s own downloadable PowerPoint slides summarizing the key data,
- Analysis of the clinical implications of the major studies from a panel of international experts.

**Online Scientific Reporting from IAS 2013 Provided by NAM**
NAM is the official provider of scientific reporting for IAS 2013. Visit www.aidsmap.com for:
- News stories of major scientific presentations,
- A daily English-language electronic news bulletin summarizing key scientific news stories from the previous day (to be published each afternoon and translated into French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian).

**Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits**
An application has been made to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) for CME accreditation of this event.

**Community Activist Liaisons**
The conference organizers provide support for dialogue and participation of activism through the Community Activist Liaisons, Ron Rosene and Hisham Bin Hussein. They are available to provide advice and assistance in advance of and during the conference. On-site, they can be found at the Community Office.

**Engagement Tours**
Engagement tours provide delegates with unique learning experiences through interactive site visits to organizations that work on HIV/AIDS issues in Kuala Lumpur. The goal is to exchange knowledge, best practices, successes, challenges and innovative solutions through dialogue and hands-on activities.

Tours are available to conference delegates at no cost and transportation is provided. Registrations can be made by emailing engagementtours@ias2013.org, providing your full name and indicating which tour you would like to attend. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and tours are limited to one tour per delegate. More details on the organizations to be visited and the schedule are available at www.ias2013.org.

**Evaluating IAS 2013**
As in the past six years, the conference is evaluated in line with the internationally recognized Code of Ethics. Key findings and recommendations will be documented in an Evaluation Report, which will be posted on the conference website in December 2013. As a delegate, you can be involved in the conference evaluation by:
- Completing online questionnaires that you may receive during and after the conference,
- Taking part in a short interview if you are approached during the conference by an IAS 2013 Evaluation Team member.

Your feedback will be treated confidentially and will be carefully taken into consideration for planning IAS 2015.

**International and Media Scholarship Programme**
The International and Media Scholarship Programme is an integral part of the conference and provides full and partial scholarships to highly evaluated applicants. The aim of the programme is to bring to the conference those individuals who are most able to transfer the skills and knowledge acquired there to the work they undertake in their own organizations and communities, but would not otherwise be able to attend.

More than 1,200 applications were received from 113 countries, representing the scientific, medical, community and media disciplines. As part of the scholarship application, candidates were requested to answer questions regarding their work, motivation to attend the conference,
and benefits that they would bring back to their organizations and communities after attending the conference. All applications were thoroughly reviewed by the International Scholarship Department according to a scoring system that guarantees objectivity and neutrality.

More than 120 successful applicants were chosen from the pool of applicants based on recommendations and criteria established by the IAS 2013 Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC), the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC) and the Community Advisory Group (CAG).

The majority of scholarships were offered to delegates who would directly contribute to the conference programme through presentation of their abstracts at an oral session, oral poster discussion session or poster exhibition. Scholarships were also granted to a number of healthcare professionals, researchers and community representatives. A small number of media representatives were funded to attend both the conference and a pre-conference training.

We would like to thank the members of the Conference Coordinating Committee, Scientific Programme Committee and Community Advisory Group who helped shape the scholarship programme this year.

Social Responsibility

In an effort to ensure that IAS 2013 is socially responsible, the Conference Secretariat has taken measures to:

**REDUCE the environmental impact of the conference while supporting the local economy by:**
- Using local suppliers who have good social responsibility policies, whenever possible,
- Offsetting carbon emissions and giving conference attendees the opportunity to do so through the registration process,
- Printing only a basic version of the programme when requested by delegates through the online registration process,
- Making the programme available online and through mobile application (free download).

**REUSE conference surplus by:**
Providing a donation programme at IAS 2013 to help eliminate the waste of conference supplies and materials. Donation boxes will be available at various locations throughout the venue. Those wishing to donate items that will no longer be needed after the conference (conference bags, office supplies, exhibition material, clothes, etc.) can leave the items at any of the conference donation boxes. All materials will be donated to local shelters and schools.

**RECYCLE conference waste by:**
Giving conference attendees the opportunity to recycle their waste through sorting bins placed throughout the venue.

**RAISE AWARENESS on:**
- Our greening efforts by:
  - Communicating these efforts to our staff, suppliers, delegates and exhibitors.
- HIV/AIDS issues for non-delegates by:
  - Expanding our online coverage of conference issues,
  - Giving the volunteers access to the sessions and to the content of the conference.

The VENUE’S approach:
The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre has created specific in-house programmes to meet their environmental targets in the following areas: waste management, energy conservation, biodegradable cleaning products and carbon offsets, amongst other areas. Food waste is recycled and processed into fish feed. More information is available at www.klccconventioncentre.com

Volunteer Programme

More than 150 dedicated volunteers are helping at IAS 2013, contributing to the success of the conference. Identifiable by their brightly coloured T-shirts, they are organized in teams to ensure a smooth flow of the conference. The volunteers are there to provide assistance to all delegates and you will see them throughout the conference venue. Do not hesitate to approach them!

The conference organizers would like to take this opportunity to thank all conference volunteers for their dedication and wish them all an enjoyable conference.
Conference Practicalities

Conference Venue Access Map

IAS 2013 takes place at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC), a purpose-built convention and exhibition facility strategically located in the Kuala Lumpur City Centre overlooking the iconic PETRONAS Twin Towers.

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (within Kuala Lumpur City Centre)
**Hours of Operation**

**Cloakroom**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June  
07:30 – 21:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
06:30 – 20:00

**Exhibition**
Sunday, 30 June  
12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
10:00 – 18:30

**First Aid Centre**
Saturday, 29 June  
10:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June  
07:30 – 22:00
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
06:30 – 21:00

**Hotels, Flights and Tours Desk**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June  
07:30 – 20:00
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
06:30 – 18:30

**Information Desks**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June  
07:30 – 20:00
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
06:30 – 18:30

**Internet Café**
Sunday, 30 June  
12:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
10:00 – 18:30

**Media Centre**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June - Wednesday, 3 July  
08:00 – 20:00
The Media Centre will be staffed during the hours mentioned above. Journalists may access the centre: Saturday, 29 June, 13:00 – 24:00; Sunday, 30 June – Tuesday, 2 July, 06:00 – 24:00; Wednesday, 3 July, 06:00 – 20:30.

**Positive Lounge**
Sunday, 30 June  
16:00 – 18:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
08:30 – 18:00

**Poster Exhibition**
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
10:00 – 18:30

**Registration**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June  
07:30 – 20:00
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
06:30 – 18:30

**Speaker Centre**
Saturday, 29 June  
14:00 – 18:30
Sunday, 30 June – Wednesday, 3 July  
08:00 – 18:30

**Rapporteur Centre**
Saturday, 29 June  
08:30 – 20:30
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
08:00 – 20:00
The Rapporteur Centre will be staffed during the hours mentioned above. Rapporteurs may access the centre: Sunday, 30 June, 08:30 – 24:00; Monday, 1 and Tuesday, 2 July, 06:00 – 24:00; Wednesday, 3 July, 06:00 – 20:00.

**Souvenir Counter**
Saturday, 29 June  
13:00 – 18:00
Sunday, 30 June  
10:00 – 20:00
Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July  
09:00 – 18:00

**Airport Desk**
The Airport Desk will be located inside the international arrivals hall, just before the immigration counter. It will be staffed from Friday, 28 – Sunday, 30 June, 07:00 – 23:00.

Delegates who are travelling to Malaysia are encouraged to roam on the Maxis network. More information about Maxis is available at the Maxis booth in the exhibition hall at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

**Banking Facilities**
Four ATMs and a currency exchange booth (opening hours; Mon to Fri, 10:00 – 18:00; Sat to Sun, 10:00 – 15:30) are located on the Concourse Level, next to the Food Court.

**Certificate of Attendance**
Participants who are entitled to receive a Certificate of Attendance will receive an email from the IAS 2013 Registration Department after the conference, containing a link to download the Certificate of Attendance.

**Cloakroom**
The Cloakroom is located on Level 3, in the centre core.

**Conference Language**
The official language of the conference is English.

**Disabled Facilities**
Please come to the Information Desk, located at the main entrance, if you need any information or support. The IAS 2013 volunteers are also on hand to offer any assistance.
All public areas are accessible to wheelchair users and a limited number of wheelchairs are available for use by visitors on a first come, first served basis, from the Information Desk located next to the main entrance.

The Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre has automatic doors at all its entrances. Shallow grade ramps provide direct access from road level. All function rooms have double-leaf doors to facilitate wheelchair entry. All levels are serviced by elevators which are fitted with low-level tactile floor buttons, aural and visual indicators and wide door access.

Health and Medical Services

The Medical Room is located on Level 3, on the corridor leading to Session Room 1. Only basic first aid boxes are available in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, but Paramedic and Ambulance Services can also be arranged. A doctor is available on call during office hours and the nearest medical facility is Twin Towers Medical Centre at Suria KLCC shopping centre.

Hotels and Tours Desk

For bookings, changes and purchasing of tours, please go to the Hotels and Tours Desk, located in the Registration area.

Information Desks

Two Information Desks are available for general inquiries related to the conference. They are located at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre main entrance, and at the entrance to Registration.

Internet Café

The Internet Café is a free service provided to all delegates. It is located in the Exhibition and consists of two areas:

- A computer area where delegates can use a computer and a printer (for a limited time),
- A laptop area equipped with power and Internet hook-ups (cabled and wireless) for delegates who wish to use their own laptops.

Liability

The liability of the conference organizers, for whatever legal reason, shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. The liability of commissioned service providers shall remain unaffected by this. Delegates shall take part in IAS 2013 at their own risk. Oral agreements shall not be binding if they have not been confirmed in writing by the International AIDS Society.

Lost and Found

The Information Desk at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre main entrance will collect all lost and found objects.
Procedures for Speakers, Abstract Presenters, Session Chairs, Facilitators and Poster Exhibitors

The Speaker Centre is intended to support speakers, abstract presenters, session chairs and facilitators, who must check in at the Speaker Centre at least four hours before the start of their sessions. As it is not possible to run PowerPoint presentations directly from a laptop in the session rooms, all PowerPoint presentations must be uploaded at the Speaker Centre prior to the sessions. Session chairs are required to collect their final session schedules, important security information and instructions at the Speaker Centre. The Speaker Centre is located on Level 3, in front of the Media Centre.

The opening hours are as follows: Saturday, 29 June, 14:00 – 18:30; Sun, 30 June - Wed, 3 July, 08:00 – 18:30.

Presenters in Oral Abstract Sessions

The oral abstract sessions run for 90 minutes and consist of 5 oral presentations (10 minutes each). A five-minute period is reserved for questions and answers immediately after each presentation, and there is a 15-minute moderated discussion at the end of the session.

Presenters in Oral Poster Discussions

Oral poster discussion sessions run for 60 minutes and consist of 4 – 6 oral presentations (five minutes each). The presentations are followed by a moderated discussion at the end of the session. Presenters are asked to prepare paper posters, which are displayed for the duration of the conference outside the mini rooms. Presenters are asked to mount their posters on Sunday, 30 June, 14:00 – 18:30, or Monday, 1 July, 08:00 – 09:00, and to remove them on Wednesday, 3 July 16:00 – 18:00. The poster exhibition staff will remove posters that are not taken down. The conference organizers assume no responsibility for any material left behind.

Poster Exhibitors

Posters will be displayed for viewing for the duration of the conference, from Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July. Presenters will have an opportunity to stand by their posters to answer questions and provide further information on their study results. Presenters will be allocated a specific day for their abstract category and each presentation will occur from 12:30 – 14:30. Authors are responsible for hanging their own posters. Posters must be mounted on Sunday, 30 June, 14:00 – 18:30 or Monday, 1 July, 08:00 – 09:00, and removed on Wednesday, 3 July, 16:00 – 18:00.

The Poster Exhibition is open from Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July, 10:00 – 18:30 and is located on the Ground Level within the Exhibition.

Poster exhibitors are not required to check in at the Speaker Centre. The poster exhibition staff will remove posters that are not taken down. Conference organizers assume no responsibility for any material left behind.

Registeration

Registration desks are open at the following times:
Saturday, 29 June 13:00 – 20:00
Sunday, 30 June 07:30 – 20:00
Monday, 1 July – Wednesday, 3 July 06:30 – 18:30

The registration fee for regular delegates, student/post-doc/youth delegates and media representatives includes entry to all conference sessions, the exhibition and poster exhibition, and the opening session and closing session. Media representatives also have access to the media centre.

The registration fee for accompanying adults includes entry to the conference venue, the opening session and closing session, and a sightseeing tour. Entry to the exhibition and poster exhibition and all other conference sessions is not included.

Accompanying children (under the age of 18 years) are required to provide a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form in order to attend the conference (please download the form [www.ias2013.org](http://www.ias2013.org)). Accompanying children must be with the regular delegate or an accompanying person of that delegate at all times when they are in the conference venue or when they are attending conference-affiliated activities outside of the conference venue. Accompanying children have access to all conference sessions, the exhibition and poster exhibition, and the opening session and closing session (ONLY if they accompany the regular delegate to whom their registration is attached).

**IAS Principles and Values for Conference Participation**

By attending the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, delegates agree to comply with the IAS Principles and Values of Conference Participation. The conference organizers reserve the right to confiscated the conference name badge, and therefore deny access, to anyone who does not comply with this policy.

The IAS endorses freedom of expression as an essential principle in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in promoting full participation in our conferences. The combined efforts of all stakeholders in the public and private sectors and civil society are required to halt and reverse the AIDS pandemic. Activism and advocacy contribute to advancing commitment, policy and practice aimed at ending the pandemic.

The right to participate at an IAS-supported conference is fundamental to ensuring open dialogue between all stakeholders. The IAS encourages debate and dialogue as key elements of participation among all conference participants, including delegates, sponsors, speakers and presenters, researchers and scientists, community representatives, leaders and the media.

Peaceful protest has always been and continues to be a key element of participation at the conferences. The IAS opposes the destruction of property or the use or threat of physical force by any individual or group of individuals during the conferences. The IAS opposes the disruption of conference sessions or satellite sessions that results in dialogue and debate not being able to take place.
Additional information and the full statement of the IAS Principles and Values of Conference Participation are available on-site at the registration desks and on the conference website www.ias2013.org.

Demonstrating in Malaysia
The Malaysian Parliament passed a law last year – The Peaceful Assembly Act. It regulates the rights and limitations for demonstrations, public meetings, parades, etc. What is important for you as a conference participant is that foreigners, i.e. non Malaysian citizens, cannot participate in such activities in public areas according to that law.

There is of course nothing preventing any IAS 2013 participant from activism inside the conference centre during our conference. The rights and limitations for such manifestations are as usual described in “Values and Principles for Conference Participation”; see www.ias2013.org.

Name Badges
All participants receive an official conference name badge. This badge must be worn at all times during the conference and is not transferable. If, for whatever reason, a participant’s badge is used by another person, the participant is liable for the consequences of this person’s actions.

If a participant loses, misplaces or forgets the badge, a handling fee of US$65 will be charged for a new badge. The lost badge will then be deactivated and become invalid.

Entering the Conference Site
Access to the conference facilities will not be granted without an official conference badge. For security reasons, your badge will be scanned at the entrance to the conference venue.

The conference badge can be used as an electronic business card at some exhibition booths and at the entrance to some satellite sessions as a way for delegates to provide their contact details to exhibitors and satellite organizers.

As a condition of entry, it is understood that conference security personnel may carry out inspections of bags, briefcases or other carried packages at every entry point and at any time during the event. To ensure quick entry, it is recommended that, if possible, any unnecessary items (bags, luggage, etc.) will not be brought to the venue. A list of permitted and prohibited items will be posted at the venue entrances.

Smoking Policy
It is prohibited to smoke in any indoor area of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Souvenir Counter
Take a piece of IAS 2013 and Kuala Lumpur home with you by purchasing official IAS 2013 souvenirs. Organizers have produced a special line of items featuring the eye-catching IAS 2013 logo. They will be available for a charitable donation at the counter located in the Registration area on Saturday, 29 – Sunday, 30 June, and on Level 3, next to Session Room 2 on Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July. IAS 2013 souvenirs are a great way to remember the accomplishment of IAS 2013 and show your support for a science-driven response to HIV/AIDS.
By Bus
Rapid KL buses run from 06:00 – 22:00/23:30 (depending on area). More information is available at www.myrapid.com.my

GOKL City Bus is a free service which operates from 06:00 – 23:00. The green line stops at KLCC (Kuala Lumpur City Centre), near the PETRONAS Twin Towers. More information is available at www.spad.gov.my

By Foot
Outside the main entrance to the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre is an air-conditioned walkway which goes to Bukit Bintang area, with additional exits along the way. It is open from 06:00 – 23:00.

At the Conference Venue
Car Parks
Two car parks are available; one below the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre and another at the Suria KLCC shopping centre.

Useful Information for Your Stay

Banks and Currency
The monetary unit of Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit and is written as RM or MYR. It is divided into 100 sen (cents). View the latest exchange rates here www.xe.com.

In most states banks are open Monday – Friday, 09:30 – 16:30. Some banks and their branches open on Saturdays.

Foreign Exchange Booths are common and clearly state the exchange rate for all major currencies.

ATMs are located at major bank branches, most shopping malls, airports and bus terminals.

Business Hours
In general shops are open from 10:30 – 21.30 in the large cities. They open and close earlier in the smaller towns and rural areas.

Bukit Bintang is one of Kuala Lumpur’s premier shopping districts, and Chinatown is well-known for its bargains, as well as being a lively and vibrant night market.

Climate
Kuala Lumpur experiences a tropical climate with warm weather all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C (70°F) – 32°C (90°F), and the average humidity exceeds 82%.

Clothing
We suggest you dress according to the climate, with light clothing and even a hat and sunscreen. Also take into account that air conditioning is everywhere in Kuala Lumpur (conference venue, shopping centres, and restaurants) and it can be cold indoors.

Kuala Lumpur is a cosmopolitan city that is modern in most aspects. The city is open to the contemporary fashion and people wear almost every type of clothing. However, if visiting mosques, wearing revealing clothes is unadvisable. In addition, we recommend that you bring appropriate smart clothing with you for any formal dinner or special occasion you may be attending.

Drinking Water
Delegates are encouraged not to drink tap water.

Eating Out
In Kuala Lumpur there are people from many different cultures, and it is easy to find restaurants to suit your taste. Ethnic Malay food is a mixture of various cuisines from around the world.
In general, whether you are staying in the area close to the conference venue or travelling around the city, it is necessary to consider the following common-sense principles for travellers to any city:

- Avoid areas of the city that are unfamiliar to you,
- Always travel with someone or in a group,
- Beware of pick-pockets,
- Avoid carrying large sums of money with you; bring only what you will need,
- Always let people know where you are and, if possible, carry a mobile phone with you,
- Always carry identification (including a copy of your passport) with you, along with the name, address and contact information of your hotel.

**Emergency telephone number:** 999.
Calls to the European Union and GSM standard emergency number 112 are automatically routed to 999 operators.

**Time Zone**
Kuala Lumpur is eight hours ahead (+8) of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and 16 hours ahead (+16) of U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

**Taxes and Tax Rebates**
A 16% goods and service tax (GST) is applied to all goods and services.

**Tipping**
The custom of tipping is not practised in Malaysia. To tip or not depends entirely on you.
Most hotels and large restaurants have already included a 10% service charge in addition to the 6% government tax to the bill. If it is not included, it is usually indicated with the ++ sign.

**Travel Around Malaysia**
Express and regional buses connect many towns and cities to each other, with price depending on the distance covered.
Train services are operated in Malaysia by KTM Berhad. More information is available at www.ktmb.com.my.
East Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak) is well-connected to Peninsula Malaysia via frequent flights to various cities. Flights are provided by Malaysia Airlines, AirAsia and FlyFi.
The road network is extensive and major roads are well maintained. However, standards deteriorate once you leave the big cities.
Exhibition

The exhibition space at the conference is open from Sunday, 30 June – Wednesday, 3 July. An area of more than 3,000 square metres gives both commercial and non-commercial organizations unique opportunities to showcase their products, programmes and services to a targeted audience. The Exhibition also showcases the IAS 2013 Poster Exhibition, an Internet Café and a catering area. More information about the Exhibition is available at www.ias2013.org.

Satellites

Satellite sessions will take place all day on Sunday, 30 June and in the mornings and evenings of the remaining days, from Monday, 1 – Wednesday, 3 July. In addition to the satellites of IAS 2013 Major Industry Sponsors, a limited number of slots for non-commercial and corporate satellites, on specific HIV/AIDS-related issues, will also be available. The contents and speakers of the satellite sessions will be reviewed by the Programme Committee to ensure that they meet the scientific and ethical principles of the conference. More information about the satellite sessions is available at www.ias2013.org.

Affiliated Independent Events

Affiliated Independent Events take place outside the conference venue and are scheduled at times that do not conflict with the conference programme. In the past, Affiliated Independent Events have included meetings, forums, cultural events, galas and performances. All Affiliated Independent Events should reflect and/or support the vision and goals of the conference whilst addressing HIV/AIDS, co-infections or issues faced by individuals or organizations affected by or responding to HIV/AIDS.

For more information, and a full list of the events taking place, is available at www.ias2013.org.

Tours Programme

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All tours must be booked and paid for in advance. On-site requests are welcome at the Tours Desk located in the Registration area. Further details and tour descriptions are available here: www.ias2013.org.
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The Abstract Mentor Programme aims to provide an opportunity for early-career abstract submitters to ask questions of more experienced abstract submitters about their draft abstracts. The programme links participants to mentors within the same track to maximize the use of the mentors’ expertise. Mentoring support was complemented by an online e-course on preparing quality conference abstracts.

The IAS 2013 Abstract Mentor Programme received 101 draft abstracts from 82 submitters around the world, and 51 active mentors provided feedback.

Of the 98 draft abstracts that received online mentoring, 71% were finally submitted for IAS 2013. Of the 69 abstracts, 21 were accepted, with the following breakdown:

- Oral abstract session: 1
- Poster discussion session: 2
- Poster exhibition: 18

We would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteer abstract mentors, listed here, whose mentoring helped early-career HIV researchers improve the quality of their abstracts:

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The 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention received more than 2,100 abstract submissions by the 24 January 2013 deadline. Abstracts went through a blind, peer-reviewed process, carried out by an international review panel who played a critical role of designing a strong scientific programme.

Around 1,000 specialists from around the world volunteered their time and expertise to serve as peer reviewers, helping to ensure that the abstracts presented were selected on the basis of rigorous review and were of the highest scientific quality.

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A review panel for each prize consisting of three to four eminent scientists evaluates the highest scoring abstracts that were accepted as an oral presentation, poster discussion or poster exhibition by the Scientific Programme Committee and that fulfil the eligibility criteria relevant to the specific prize. Each abstract has been evaluated taking into account the innovation, originality, rationale and quality of the research presented. The review process is a critical component to ensure that only abstracts presenting outstanding research will be awarded. This process would not have been possible without the generous support of the reviewers that committed their time and expertise to ensure a fair and independent evaluation of eligible abstracts.

We extend our special thanks to the prizes and awards reviewers for their contribution to the success of the conference.
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7th SAHARA Conference 2013 (SAHARA 7)
Dakar, Senegal
7 – 10 October 2013

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA), established in 2001 by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa.

The theme of SAHARA 7 will be “Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery...” and will be focusing on addressing the latest HIV/AIDS Epidemiology research findings in sub-Saharan Africa; what are the effective methods to address HIV/AIDS stigma and human rights and how to translate these into sustainable programmes; rethinking prevention; how to deal with contextual barriers in conducting studies to improve knowledge on key populations, appropriate responses and improved access to treatment and on the respect of human rights; addressing systemic obstacles to delivery systems and community participation; addressing the requirement for greater global commitment to transparency and good governance, better management and involvement of the civil society; reversing HIV/AIDS trends among women and advocating for better access to care and treatment for women living with HIV/AIDS within the African context of high maternal mortality; and bridging the gap between research evidence and populations; addressing the requirement for greater global commitment to transparency and good governance, better management and involvement of the civil society; reversing HIV/AIDS trends among women and advocating for better access to care and treatment for women living with HIV/AIDS within the African context of high maternal mortality; and bridging the gap between research evidence and populations; grounding evidence in socio-cultural contexts; and understanding socio-cultural context as a resource in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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14th European AIDS Conference
Brussels, Belgium
16 – 19 October 2013

The 14th European AIDS Conference (EACS) will offer an exciting scientific programme composed of state of the art plenary lectures as well as abstract-driven sessions presenting latest original research in the field of HIV medicine. As a special feature the 15th International Workshop on Co-morbidities & Adverse Drug Reactions in HIV will be affiliated with this EACS conference to allow for stimulating synergies in addressing issues concerning long-term care which are of common interest.

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11th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP)
Bangkok, Thailand
18 – 22 November 2013

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With the theme “Asia/Pacific Reaching Triple Zero: Investing in Innovation”, the 11th ICAAP will be focusing on innovative ways of combating HIV/AIDS, and revolutionizing responses to the epidemic by enhancing political commitment and increasing capacity of local governments.

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17th International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa (ICASA)
Cape Town, South Africa
7 – 11 December 2013

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19:15 – 19:50  NRTI-Sparing Regimens: Pros and Cons  David Cooper
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