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Leading scientists, clinical experts and researchers together to discuss latest developments in Basic, Clinical, Prevention Sciences, and Operation and Implementation Research at IAS 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (30 June – 3 July 2013)

Registration for the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) opens December 1st

28 November 2012 (Geneva, Switzerland) – Registration, abstract and programme activity submissions for the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) opens December 1st online at www.ias2013.org. IAS 2013, held from 30 June to 3 July 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, is organized by the International AIDS Society (IAS), in partnership with the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), University of Malaya, the leading centre in Malaysia conducting HIV related research.

Organizers today announced 9 plenary presentations focusing on crucial issues facing the global response to the HIV epidemic. Plenary sessions will open each day of the conference in addition to the abstract-driven sessions.

The biennial IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention attracts some 6,000 delegates from all over the world, representing a unique occasion for leading scientists, clinicians, public health experts and community leaders to examine the latest developments in HIV-related research, to provide new insights into HIV vulnerability, disease progression and prevention intervention worldwide and to explore how scientific advances can be translated quickly into effective interventions to prevent and treat HIV, particularly in low and middle-income countries, including those within Asia.

“In selecting Malaysia as the host country, we expect IAS 2013 to be an opportunity to highlight the state of the HIV epidemic and the progress being made in HIV research and prevention in the Asian region,” said IAS President and Nobel Laureate Prof. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Director of the Regulation of Retroviral Infections Unit at the Institute Pasteur in Paris and International Conference Chair for IAS 2013. “We cannot look at this region just as a whole since each country is facing different challenges and has developed different coping strategies to respond to the HIV epidemic. While in recent years a number of Asian countries, like Malaysia, have shown remarkable successes and today represent models, other countries are still struggling with a variety of issues, from coverage to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV to stigma towards men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs and sex workers”.

“In recent years we have all been amazed by the incredible scientific advances in the HIV field, so much so that we can now speak of an end of HIV with cautious optimism. However, many barriers are still significantly slowing down improvements offered by science. The programme of IAS 2013, while presenting the latest science, will also feature sessions focused on these barriers to progress, such as lack of effectiveness and efficiency in the provision of prevention, treatment and care programmes for HIV,” said Prof. Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Director of CERiA and Local Conference Co-Chair. “The particularities of Asia, and the experience of experts from this region, will contribute to make IAS 2013 a dynamic conference based on dialogue, debate and the sharing of best practices among HIV professionals”.

Plenary Speakers (presentation titles are subject to change)

The following plenary themes and topics will set the tone for the conference programme. The full programme is now under development, including the selection of scientific abstracts and other programme activities. More programme details will be available on the conference website, www.ias2013.org, in the coming months, with the full programme, including all confirmed speakers, available in June.

Monday, 1 July

Tracking the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Asia and the Pacific

J. V. R. Prasada Rao, United Nations

Paediatrics: the Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood

Linda-Gail Bekker, South Africa

HIV, Law and Stigma

Speaker to be confirmed

Tuesday, 2 July

The Relationship between HIV Disease and Inflammation

Daniel Douek, United States

State of the Evidence from Oral and Topical PrEP Efficacy Trials: What We Know and What We Still Need to Know

Javier Lama, Peru

Social Determinants: Structural Barriers

Barbara de Zaluondo, UNAIDS

Wednesday 3 July

Vaccine: New Developments in Protecting Antibodies

Dennis Burton, United States

HIV and Hepatitis C Co-Infection

Karine Lacombe, France

Achieving Universal Access and Moving towards Elimination of New HIV Infections in Cambodia

Mean Chhi Vun, Cambodia

December 1st marks the start of registration as well as being the opening day for online abstract submissions. Over half of all conference sessions will be abstract-driven and all of the submissions will go through an extensive peer-reviewed process in order to guarantee the highest caliber of science. The online abstract submission closes on 24 January 2013 and reopens on 3 April until 7 May 2013 for late breaker abstract submissions.

With over 3,000 square metres of exhibition space IAS 2013 also offers both commercial and non-commercial organizations the opportunity to showcase their products and services. Exhibitor applications open on 1 December and close on 10 May 2013.

Various satellite meetings will take place in the conference centre during IAS 2013. These satellite meetings are fully organized and coordinated by the organization hosting the satellite. The satellite slots are available for a fee. Satellite applications also open on 1 December and close on 18 March 2013.

Finally from 6 December online applications for scholarships will open. The International and Media Scholarship Programmes are aimed at making the conference accessible to people from resource-limited settings and communities. Priority is given to those whose participation will help enhance their work in their own communities. A limited number of scholarships will be also available for media representatives.

For more information on registration process and registration fees please visit <http://www.ias2013.org/Default.aspx?pageId=491>

AIDS 2012 key opening dates:

1 December 2012

- Registrations open
- Abstract submissions open
- Exhibition applications open
- Satellite applications open
- Accommodation bookings open
- Tour bookings open

6 December 2012

- Scholarship applications open

1 February 2013

- Affiliated Independent Events submissions open

14 February 2013 - 24:00 CET

- Registrations standard fee deadline

1 April 2013

- Volunteer applications open

3 April 2013

- Late breaker submissions open

18 April 2013 - 24:00 CET

- Registrations late fees deadline

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About the Organizers

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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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.

IAS 2013: Join the conversation

Get the latest conference updates and share your thoughts and ideas through the Conference Facebook and Twitter. We are tweeting – @ [IAS2013](https://twitter.com/IAS2013) – and hope many of you will tweet along with us, using #IAS2013 to keep the conversation going. Become a fan of IAS 2013 on Facebook and stay in touch with the latest conference updates and developments. Please visit www.facebook.com/conferenceIAS2013 to become a fan. If your group or organization is participating in IAS 2013, we welcome posts of photos and videos of your work on this page. Tell us why you are coming to Kuala Lumpur and what you hope to gain from IAS 2013.

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