



Overview of the Conference Programme

Opening Ceremony

The Conference will begin with an Opening Ceremony at 19:30 on Sunday, 24 July. The Ceremony will feature prominent political and cultural figures, including:

- His Excellency Mr. Festus Gontebanye Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana;
- Mr. Stephen Lewis, U.N. Secretary-General's Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa;
- Dr. Pedro Chequer, Co-Founder and Director of Brazil's National AIDS Programme
- Octávio Valente, President, Grupo Pela Vidda, Rio de Janeiro; and
- Internationally acclaimed Brazilian composer Caetano Veloso.

Plenary Sessions and Daily Themes

Plenary sessions, organised around a daily theme, will begin at 8:30 each day in the Sao Paulo session room (located in Pavilion 5):

Monday, 25 July – Global Response

Chairpersons: **Jim Yong Kim, MD, PhD, Director, HIV/AIDS Dept., WHO**
Françoise Brun-Vezinet, MD, France

- **Francine E. McCutchan, PhD – Molecular Epidemiology of HIV**
Global Molecular Epidemiology Program, U.S. Military HIV Research Program, USA
- **Chris Beyrer, MD, MPH – Emerging HIV Epidemics**
Center for Public Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA
- **Pedro Chequer, MD, PhD – Access to Treatment and Prevention**
National AIDS Programme of Brazil

Tuesday, 26, July – Prevention

Chairpersons: **Luis Enrique Soto-Ramirez, MD, Mexico**
Souleymane Mboup, PhD, Senegal

- **Sarah Rowland-Jones, MA, DM, MRCP – Immune System Prevention**
Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, England and MRC Laboratories in the Gambia
- **Salim Abdool Karim, MBChB, PhD – Antiretroviral Treatment's Impact on Prevention**
University of KwaZulu-Natal and CAPRISA – Centre for AIDS Program of Research in South Africa
- **Amalio Telenti, MD, PhD – Host Genetics**
Institute of Microbiology at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Wednesday, 27 July – Treatment and Treatment Responses

Chairpersons: **Carlos Zala, MD, Argentina**
N M Samuel, MD, PhD, India

- **Jean-François Delfraissy, MD – State of the Art and Future Directions of Antiretroviral Therapy**
Agence Nationales de Recherches Sur le Sida, France
- **Marie-Louise Newell, MD, MSc, PhD – HIV Paediatrics**
Institute of Child Health at University College of London, UK
- **Mario Stevenson, PhD – Viral Replication**
Center for AIDS Research, University of Massachusetts Medical School, USA

On the final day of the Conference, just prior to the Closing Ceremony, there will be plenary session focusing on late-breaking scientific findings. This will be followed by a **special plenary lecture by UNAIDS Executive Director Dr. Peter Piot entitled, "The Status of the Response: What Will It Take to Turn the Epidemic Around?"**

Abstract-Driven Sessions

A record number of abstracts (2,137) were submitted for presentation – an increase of about 10% over the previous conference in 2003. Examples of oral abstract sessions include: Antiretroviral Scale Up; Viral Pathogenesis; HIV Vaccine Development; New Antiretroviral Agents; Treatment and Complications of Paediatric HIV Disease; Harm Reduction; and Host Factor/Virus Interactions. **The much-awaited findings from a new ANRS-sponsored study on the impact of male circumcision on HIV transmission (Auvert et al) will be presented, and the implications discussed, on Tuesday, 26 July.**

Fora

Fora are keynote speeches from specialists in a particular field that provide a framework for 3-4 abstract presentations. These sessions will include structured dialogue with the audience. Afternoon fora will focus on such topics as: New directions in HIV/TB co-infection; Mechanisms of drug resistance and fitness; Complications of HIV therapy; Preventing mother to child transmission, toxicity and resistance; Prevention in health care settings; Lab-Monitoring in resource-limited settings; and Salvage therapy.

Debates

In an effort to encourage frank discussion of controversial research topics, debate sessions will feature speakers presenting both sides of a given issue, with delegates invited to participate in the discussion through questions and comments. Debate topics will range from the efficacy of particular treatment regimes, to where responsibility for providing medical care to prevention trial participants lies. **A Special Forum entitled, "Brand Drugs and Generic Drugs: From Antagonism to Synergy?" will be held on 26 July at 16:00 in the Sao Paulo session room. This forum will challenge participants to identify areas of common ground.**

Satellite Symposia

Satellite symposia are non-programme meetings focused on a range of topics from a pharmaceutical company's drugs to a particular organisation's work in the field. Satellite symposia, organised independently by the IAS as well as various other international organisations and pharmaceutical companies, will be held throughout the Conference. Please refer to the full Programme for additional information.

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony, to be held at 17:00 on the evening of 27 July, will feature Brazilian Health Minister Saraiva Felipe, who will give his first major speech on HIV/AIDS since his appointment as Minister earlier this month. The ceremony also will include summaries describing major Conference highlights in each of the three research areas (basic, clinical and prevention science). Conference Co-chair, Dr. Celso Ramos of the Sociedade Brasileira de Infectologia, will provide summary remarks, and Professor David Cooper, Local Conference Chair for IAS 2007, will invite IAS 2005 delegates to the next Conference, which will be held in Sydney Australia. IAS President Dr. Helene Gayle will conclude the ceremony and officially close the Conference.

A detailed schedule of the Conference programme is available on the Conference website at: <http://www.ias-2005.org/planner/>



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