AIDS 2010
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But first - Who is IAS?

- World’s largest membership assn of HIV professionals – 13,000 members
- Elected Governing Council
- Secretariat Staff Based in Geneva
- Conferences
- Programmes and Policy/Advocacy - NEW
IAS Policy Advocacy Priorities

• **Promoting strategies to strengthen the Global Health Workforce and build Health Systems capacity; and Integration of HIV and other Health Services**

• **Promoting research on TB/HIV co-infection and scale-up of TB Prevention, Care and Treatment services for PLHIV**

• **Promoting scale up of Operations Research and Implementation of Evidence-Based interventions for effective HIV Prevention and Treatment**

• **Fighting Stigma and Discrimination, and Promoting Rights of PLHIV**

• **Promoting expanded Social and Political Science Research on HIV**
What you probably know about an IAC:
Basic facts

• Largest Health conference
  – 23,000 delegates for 6 days
• Unique:
  - researchers/Health professionals
  - people living with HIV/AIDS
  - leaders
  - welcoming activists
• Truly global – unlike most other health related conf. thanks to large scholarship programme
IAC as platform for Activism impacts the public opinion, politicians, research, and pharma industry
Basic facts

• Wide partnership with IAS as organisers
  – UNAIDS and cosponsors WHO & UNODC
  - Five international CS organisations
    - European regional science and community organisations
    - EC
    - Austrian Government and City of Vienna
    - Austrian CS

• Diversified financing
  45 % registration fees
  45 % donors and sponsors
  10 % sales of exhibitions, satellites, etc

• Independent Programme building and Scholarship programme
What might be news to you
You know we always have high level lead and their commitments are important,
and when 2600 media representatives done their work...
...60-70,000 articles from an IAC help keeping HIV high on the Global political agenda...
AIDS 2006: Time to Deliver!

With the extra money, we launched an ad in the Los Angeles Times calling upon the United States government to act and the media to help. We all had focused on raising money, but we also ran an opinion piece in an Italian newspaper and a hamstring injury. The world was acting on it.

At the time, the U.S. media were the only ones who had heard of the campaign, which had raised over $1 billion. We received many phone calls and email from people who had heard the message and suggested a

... the impact multiplies
AIDS 2006: Time to Deliver!

...politicians on all levels and of most political colours are being influenced
AIDS 2006: Time to Deliver!

...not only by media but by their voters
Webcast with hundreds of thousands of users
Evidence show that...

15 reporters
- 3000 community radio stations,
124 Hubs to AIDS 2008

Whereof one Official Conference Hub in Durban
At least 3 Official Conference Hubs for AIDS 2010 (Moscow, Kiev and Almaty)
What do delegates take home?
AIDS 2008 EVALUATION

MAIN OUTCOME FINDINGS
Main benefits gained at AIDS 2008 (3,605 respondents)

- New knowledge
- New contacts/opportunities for future collaboration
- An opportunity to affirm my work/strengthen my engagement
- An opportunity to (better) understand the current limitations to universal access
- A renewed sense of purpose
- New skills, including good practices
- An opportunity to advocate on specific issue(s)
- The identification or clarification of priority needs and the ways I can contribute to meet them
- Other
- No gains

Those who attended AIDS 2004 or 2006 were significantly less likely to have gained new knowledge at AIDS 2008 than those who did not attend.
Anticipated use of benefits gained at AIDS 2008 (3,605 respondents)

- Share information with colleagues and peers: 80%
- Build capacity within my organization/network: 70%
- Follow-up new contacts: 50%
- Refine and/or scale-up activities/practice/research: 40%
- Develop new collaborations: 40%
- Strengthen advocacy/policy work: 40%
- Initiate a new project/activity/research: 30%
- Undertake advocacy/promote an issue: 30%
- Contribute to greater accountability: 30%
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- Undertake advocacy/promote an issue: 30%
- Contribute to greater accountability: 30%
- I am unsure: 10%
- Other: 10%
- I will not use anything: 0%

Percent of respondents
What happened at the AIDS 2008 programme?
AIDS 2008 - Implications from Epidemiology

• Methodologies improved; many countries still have inadequate surveillance systems/infrastructure problems

• Establishing population-specific incidence rates increasingly critical as mature epidemics

• Lack of epi data on most at-risk populations (MSM, sex workers, IDUs) undermining countries’ ability to ‘know their epidemic’
AIDS 2008 - Implications for Basic Science

- Conflicting reports on origin of residual viremia;

- Increased focus on how HIV integrates with human DNA at cellular level in gut associated lymphoid tissue and other reservoirs; ongoing challenge to eradication
Mounting evidence suggesting early initiation provides improved clinical outcomes (pressure on WHO guidelines revision)

Lack of laboratory diagnostics/monitoring in resource-limited settings can lead to increase in resistance-related mutations; less precise clinical decision-making
AIDS 2008 - Learning from Policy and Political Science

• Ongoing human rights violations reported: sex worker plenary example: coercive health interventions, mandatory testing /denial of health services; harassment, violence, murder (also report by IDUs/MSM)

• Criminalization of HIV: growing problem; need research to support activist claims regarding stigma, impact on testing

• Substantive discussion of health systems issues: evidence of strengthening effects presented; need to ensure better coordination and coherence with other donors/national priorities: implement Paris Declaration on AIDS Effectiveness
Eastern Europe/Central Asia:

- **Challenges:** Access to substitution therapy/harm reduction programs very low in region; very limited data on gay/MSM community in Kiev

- **Progress:** Ukraine scaling up ART/harm reduction programs; increased resources from Russian Federation (need to strengthen dialogue with Russian Federation on removing barriers to OST/NSP)
The world comes to Europe for AIDS 2010
Why Vienna?

Predominant transmission group
- MSM
- Heterosexual
- Injecting drug use
- Data unavailable
Content of 2010 so far

- Harm reduction
- Accountability (LAPC)
- New leadership (LAPC)
How to get involved in AIDS 2010?

- Contact a committee member about sessions/plenaries
- Submit abstracts
- Propose Skills Building Session
- Sessions and booths in Global Village
- Arrange a Satellite
- Exhibition booth/office
- Become a donor
Conference programme content to be decided by AIDS 2010 Committees
European representation at Conference Coordinating Committee:

- Wolfgang and Irene from EC (with Henning as observer)
- Brigitte Schmied (co-chair) Austrian AIDS Soc.
- Petra Bayr, Austrian member of Parliament
- Elke Schlitz, AIDS Hilfe Austria
- Sonja Wehsely, City of Vienna
- Peter Reiss, IAS European region
- Jürgen Rockstroh, European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS).
- Terry White, European and Central Asian Union of PLWH organizations (ECUO), Ukraine
- Local co-chairs and (Eastern) regional focal points
AIDS 2010 Programme
Committees

- 48 Committee members
  - 28 women
  - 20 men
- European
  - 25 members
- International
  - 23 members

- North America
  - 9 members
- South America
  - 2 members
- Asia-Pacific
  - 5 members
- Africa
  - 7 members
Programme Committee Co-chairs

• **Scientific Programme Co-Chairs**
  – Robert Zangerle *Austria*
  – Adeeba Kamarulzaman *Malaysia*
  – Diane Havlir *United States*

• **Community Programme Co-Chairs**
  – Helmut Garcia Solarte *Austria*
  – Jennifer Gatsi *Namibia*

• **Leadership/Accountability Co-Chairs**
  – Petra Bayr *Austria*
  – Francoise Girard *Canada*
(EE & CA) Regional Focal Points

- SPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Vladimir Mendelevich *Russia*
- CPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Svetlana Moroz *Ukraine*
- LAPC Regional Focal-Point
  - Raminta Stuikyte *Lithuania*
AIDS 2010 Scientific Programme Committee Members

- Alexendra Trkola, Switzerland
- Christine Rouzioux, France
- Anton Pozniak, United Kingdom
- Paula Munderi, Uganda
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- Christiana Nöstlinger, Belgium
- Barbara de Zalduondo, Switzerland/United States
- Konstantin Lezhentzev, Ukraine
- Wafaa El-Sadr, Egypt/US
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- Christine Stegling, Botswana
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- Wiltrut Stefanek, Austria
- Olayide Akanni, Nigeria
- Dauda Diouf, Senegal
- Cheryl Overs, Australia
- Anastasia Kamlyck, Russia
- Christo Greyling, South Africa
- Ratri Suksma, Malaysia
- Korey Anthony, Chisholm, Guyana
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- Paul Kawata, United States
- Sally Smith, United Kingdom
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  Austria

- Kamila Fatihova  
  Uzbekistan

- Nathan Ford  
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- Lennarth Hjelmaker  
  Sweden

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  Kenya

- Manuella Donato  
  Brazil

- Mary Ann Torres  
  Canada/Venezuela

- Liping Mian  
  China

- Anurita Bains  
  Canada

- Linda Jackson  
  United States

- Srdan Matic  
  Croatia
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What do you suggest for 2010?