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8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis,
Treatment & Prevention 19-22 July 2015
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**Leading HIV Experts to Present Cutting-Edge HIV Science in Vancouver
IAS announces plenary line-up for 8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and
Prevention (IAS 2015)**

13 February 2015, (Geneva, Switzerland)—The International AIDS Society today announced the 12 plenary presentations that will lead the 8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2015) held in Vancouver, Canada from 19-22 July 2015. This year's conference, hosted in partnership with the University of British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, is expected to bring together more than 6,000 participants from over 125 countries.

“These plenaries were chosen to spotlight the most urgent developments in HIV science over the last year,” said Professor Chris Beyrer, IAS 2015 International Chair, President of the International AIDS Society (IAS) and Professor, Department of Epidemiology at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. “They represent the very top of their field from around the world and we are delighted to have them join us for this meeting.”

The plenary speakers will focus on a specific set of scientific developments including the latest developments to find more effective means to prevent new infections, research into a cure for HIV, Hepatitis C co-infection, and the specific needs of drug users living with or at risk of HIV infection. US Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy Ambassador Deborah Birx will also reflect on her first year as head of the world's largest institution dedicated to fighting AIDS.

“IAS 2015 comes exactly one year after UNAIDS announced its new *90-90-90* goals. It is the first opportunity the global scientific community has to understand exactly what we need to do to reach those goals,” said Dr. Julio Montaner, Local Co-Chair of IAS 2015 and Director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS at the University of British Columbia.

The 8th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention will be held at the Vancouver Convention Center. Registration is open and more information can be found at www.ias2015.org.

IAS 2015 Plenary Programme

Monday 20 July 2015

Where is PEPFAR going?

Deborah Birx, United States

From Care to Cure

Nicolas Chomont, Canada

Co-morbidities in Children and Adolescents

Thanyawee Puthanakit, Thailand

Biomedical Prevention (TasP & circumcision): Contrasting Implementation Challenges

Francois Venter, South Africa

Tuesday 21 July 2015

ART: What to Start?

Roy M. Gulick, United States

Evolving Drug Policy and the HIV Epidemic

Evan Wood, Canada

Hepatitis C

Greg Dore, Australia

HIV-1 Transmission

Eric Hunter, United States

Wednesday 22 July 2015

Vaccines

Glenda Gray, South Africa

PreP and HIV

Fabio Mesquita, Brazil

Cost Effectiveness of the HIV response

To be confirmed

The Epidemic of HIV in Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Michel Kazatchkine, Switzerland

Other Sessions to Highlight Key Topics

The programme is now under development and details will be available on the conference website, www.ias2015.org, in the coming months, with the full programme available in June.

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About IAS 2015

More than 6,000 participants and 300 journalists from approximately 125 countries are expected to convene in Vancouver for IAS 2015. With a long history of leadership in HIV research, particularly in the implementation of prevention strategies and in research surrounding antiretroviral therapy, Canada is an ideal host country. IAS 2015 delegates will benefit from hearing successes and challenges specific to this country which has an evidence-based approach to HIV based on human rights and gender equality. Click [here](#) for information on the registration process and fees.

Conference Organization

IAS 2015 is organized by the International AIDS Society (IAS), in partnership with the University of British Columbia (UBC) Division of AIDS, based at St. Paul's Hospital, Providence Health Care. The Division was created in 2007 to bring together, enhance and expand the research, training, service delivery and

administration that have evolved over the last two decades within the UBC Department of Medicine and Providence Health Care.

IAS 2015 on Social Media

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About the IAS

The International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals with members from more than 180 countries working at all levels of the global response to AIDS. IAS members include researchers, 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 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 19-22 July 2015 (IAS 2015) and the custodian of the biennial International AIDS Conference, which will be held in Durban, South Africa, 17-22 July 2016 (AIDS 2016) and www.iasociety.org | www.ias2015.org | www.aids2016.org

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