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**Regional Representative – United States and Canada – IAS Executive Committee**

In 1980, Professor Kenneth Mayer began an Infectious Disease fellowship at Harvard and started volunteering at a Boston community health center, Fenway Health, that has focused on the needs of sexual and gender minority patients, and began caring for some of the first New Englanders living with HIV. In addition to providing care, he began collaborative studies which were among the first to define the behaviors that led to the sexual transmission of HIV, and helped to define the natural history of HIV in men and women. He has been involved in HIV vaccine and microbicide studies, and is currently investigating the use of oral antiretrovirals for pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis.

He is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, a Professor in the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard School of Public Health, and an Infectious Disease Attending Physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He helped amfAR in their development of a network of community-based HIV care providers in the late 1980's to conduct AIDS treatment trials. As Director of a Fogarty International Center AIDS Training and Research Program, he has helped mentor almost 100 international investigators from Asia and Africa. He has been involved with several NIH HIV clinical trials networks, including the HPTN, HVTN, MTN and ATN. He has previously served on the Governing Boards of amfAR, HIVMA and GLMA.

He has co-written more than 600 scientific papers and has co-edited five texts. Professor Mayer is currently one of the Science Program Chairs for the AIDS 2016 Conference to be held in Durban in July, 2016.