



## **Mauro Schechter**

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Over the past three decades, Mauro Schechter has been involved in numerous leadership positions in international training, educational, and research initiatives, which provided him with a broad view of the magnitude and global societal impact of the HIV pandemic. This, in turn, made it clear to him that innovative approaches that integrate prevention and treatment, as well as greater collaboration between international initiatives and between the private and public sectors, are of paramount importance if we are to end the pandemic.

Mauro Schechter believes that the IAS is in a unique position to champion the development, testing, and implementation of novel and creative initiatives that integrate prevention and treatment. Moreover, its independence and multi-professional composition make the IAS uniquely positioned to foster collaborations between national and international initiatives, including governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as private-public partnerships. Additionally, he believes it is of utmost importance to promote programs aimed at creating the necessary conditions to attract (and/or retain) creative young investigators and activists to devote their skills to the development, testing, and implementation of novel behavioral and biomedical interventions to curb the pandemic. As a member of the Governing Council, Mauro Schechter dedicates his best efforts to ensure that the IAS achieves the goals he believes are central to its mission, namely promotion of integration between prevention and treatment, closer collaboration between stakeholders, and fostering the career development of young investigators and activists.

Mauro Schechter is Professor of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Preventative Medicine at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is also Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, and Associate in the Department of International Health in the Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University. He has and continues to serve on numerous Advisory Boards and Committees, including the IAS Governing Council, the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Executive and Scientific Agenda Steering Committees, the Scientific Advisory Board of the French National Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (ANRS), the Scientific Advisory Board of the South African Vaccine Initiative (SAVI), the Clinical Trials Committee of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), and the Consensus Panels on Antiretroviral Therapy of the World Health Organization (WHO), the International AIDS Society-USA (IAS-USA) and the Brazil Ministry of Health. The author of over 180 peer reviewed articles, he is the Epidemiology Section Editor of the AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses Journal. His primary research interest is preventing and treating HIV/AIDS in different settings. He has conducted several large, collaborative international studies.

He earned his MD at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and his PhD at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was a Research Associate at the Rockefeller University, New York, and a Research Assistant Professor at the New York University School of Medicine, USA.