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I am a Medical Epidemiologist and specialist Public Health Physician with 30 years of experience in conducting HIV research and working for the implementation of the results of that research. Currently, I am the Theme Director of Populations and Prevention, and Head of the HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Program, at the Kirby Institute, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. I lead research on the prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men. I was Principal Investigator of the Opposites Attract study, one of the cornerstones of the global Undetectable=Untransmissible campaign, and I led the EPIC-NSW study of population-based PrEP roll-out which demonstrated dramatic reductions in HIV incidence. My other major research theme is on the link between infection, immune function and cancer, with a focus mostly on the prevention of human papillomavirus-associated anal cancer. I have contributed to more than 430 peer-reviewed publications, which have been cited more than 20,000 times.

Throughout my career, I have worked closely with clinicians, government and community-based organisations working in the response to HIV, and I have held senior leadership roles in Australian and International health organisations. I have been an active member of local community-based HIV organisations since the mid 1990s and was vice-President of Australia's largest HIV community-based organisation, ACON, in 2000-02. I was President of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine in 2001-03. I sat on the Australian Health Minister's advisory committee on HIV between 2000 and 2014. I was Chair of the Australian committee responsible for writing national PrEP guidelines in 2014, and I have sat on the PrEP guidelines committee since then. Since 2019 I have been a technical advisor on the UNAIDS/WHO Asia-Pacific Advisory Group for PrEP. I am an elected Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences.

I have extensive previous and ongoing experience with the IAS. I was a member of the IAS Governing Council in 2012-16, including as Asia-Pacific representative on the Executive Committee in 2014-16. I was Track C (prevention) local co-chair at AIDS 2014 (in Melbourne) and I am the Track C (prevention) international co-chair in AIDS 2020 in San Francisco and Oakland. I was a Deputy Editor of the Journal of the International AIDS Society in 2018-19.

Despite enormous advances in HIV science, the benefits of these advances have been applied unevenly around the world. A complex web of barriers underlies this, including financial, social and political. As the world's largest association of HIV professional, the IAS is in a unique position to drive improvements in the response to HIV, including in the application of proven interventions and in advocacy for increased investment into research into new and improved methods of treatment, prevention and cure.