



Special networking session with the biotechnology industry

Organized by the International AIDS Society
Monday, 5 March 2018, 13:00 – 14:30
Fenway (Ansin Building, 9th floor, 1340 Boylston Street, Boston, USA)

A light lunch buffet will be served at the start of the meeting.

Concept

Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries. IAS members work on all fronts of the global response to AIDS, and include researchers, clinicians, policy and programme planners and public health and community practitioners on the frontlines of the epidemic.

The IAS organizes the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issue, and provides a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy. The IAS Conference on HIV Science brings together a broad cross section of HIV professionals and features the latest HIV science, with a focus on implementation – moving scientific advances into practice.

In addition, the IAS promotes the implementation of evidence-informed and human rights-based strategies for improving the lives of people living with and most vulnerable to acquiring HIV. Through its various programmes, the IAS harnesses research, shapes the evidence base and amplifies the voices of affected communities to influence policy across the HIV prevention to care continuum. This work focuses on three linked domains: policy (to influence global and national HIV policy and bridge gaps between the HIV response and the broader integrated health landscape), research (to inspire HIV research targeting scientific gaps that link research to strategic programme priorities) and structural barriers (to instigate action to remove structural barriers and address human rights violations that inhibit access to and uptake of comprehensive HIV services for selected populations and communities).

The IAS Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) works to promote and facilitate the full contribution of the biomedical industry to the global HIV response. By organizing a number of bespoke meetings on key topic areas, the ILF brings to the foreground the contribution of an interdisciplinary group on current and emerging issues. The ILF also builds on its collaboration platform to address a range of issues in paediatric HIV and regulatory affairs.

The IAS is convening this special networking session with the biotechnology industry to better understand the unique challenges facing biomedical companies working in the HIV and co-infection space and to offer insights into how the IAS might support biotechnology companies as they move through the product development process.

We look forward to discussing with you in Boston. A light lunch buffet will be served at 13:00.



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Agenda

Who's in the room? – Welcome from the IAS and roundtable introductions

Anton Pozniak (IAS President-Elect, St Stephen's Centre)

Owen Ryan (Executive Director, IAS)

How can we work together? – IAS Industry Liaison Forum & other programmatic entry points

Jürgen Rockstroh (ILF Advisory Group & IAS Governing Council member, University of Bonn)

Duncan Blair (Vice President, Global Health Initiatives, Abbott)

Helen McDowell (Director, Government Affairs, Access & Patient Advocacy, ViiV Healthcare)

What's taking place in Amsterdam in July? – 22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018)

Linda-Gail Bekker (IAS President, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre)

What are yours and the HIV biomedical industry's greatest challenges? – Group discussion

Owen Ryan (Executive Director, IAS)

Please refer to the ILF guidance on “Key considerations: Compliance with competition rules” ([here](#)) for basic rules of engagement for this meeting.