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OPENING LETTER: ADAPTING IN A WORLD OF CHANGE

This decade has started unlike any other in recent memory. In a few short months, COVID-19 has swept the world and we face an unprecedented global emergency that has, in ways large and small, affected every one of us.

Like the AIDS epidemic, this novel coronavirus crisis has quickly laid bare deep-seated stigma and inequalities in place long before – and has forced a global spotlight on questions all too familiar to our community. Is healthcare a luxury afforded only to the wealthy? Who gets access to the latest treatments? What financial, scientific and political investments are required to find a cure or a vaccine? How do we protect our most vulnerable communities? How do we meaningfully address the social and racial disparities that fuel the spread of the virus?

We have more questions than answers, but one thing we know is this: there is much to learn from the global HIV response. And we know that leveraging this experience should accelerate progress in ending both pandemics.

Around the world, HIV researchers, healthcare providers, community leaders, advocates and policy makers are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response – and many of them are IAS Members. They are working across many fields to better understand how the virus interacts with the human body, assisting in the rapid roll out of prevention and containment protocols and advocating for strong and equitable policies.

The pandemic forced the IAS to assess our work across all programmes, pausing and postponing some activities and adapting others. This year we made two historic decisions: that the International AIDS Conference would pivot to a virtual format and that it would include a one-day conference focused solely on COVID-19. Invaluable lessons will be gained from the virtualization of the conference that can be applied to how we confer in the future.

As we reflect and adapt as an organization and as a movement, we know that our work remains as critical as ever. The integrity of science- and evidence-informed responses to HIV matters. Robust policy making and implementation matters. The meaningful engagement of communities matters. Building and sustaining a resilient response is key to ensuring that the gains made are not lost and that we continue to progress on the unfinished work of HIV.

In all that we do, we remain dedicated to eliminating stigma and disparities. The global outcry against structural racism, sparked by events in the US, has brought to the fore the sobering truth that racism is a public health crisis and that we will not advance without addressing racial injustice.

Science, people and progress – the pillars of the IAS strategy – have never been more relevant.



Kevin Osborne,
Executive Director

ABOUT THE IAS

WHO WE ARE

The International AIDS Society (IAS) leads collective action on every front of the global HIV response through its membership base, scientific authority and convening power.

Founded in 1988, the IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members in more than 170 countries. Working with its members, the IAS advocates and drives urgent action to reduce the impact of HIV. The IAS is also the steward of the world's most prestigious HIV conferences: the International AIDS Conference, the IAS Conference on HIV Science, and the HIV Research for Prevention Conference.

HOW WE DO IT

Science. People. Progress.

Science. The IAS pursues and supports scientific advancements that positively alter the course of the HIV epidemic and promotes greater understanding of these discoveries. The organization pushes for the full spectrum of scientific achievement – from basic science to implementation research – and uses the visibility of its meetings to highlight dynamic, innovative work.

People. The IAS invests in professionalizing and promoting the HIV workforce – particularly the next generation of HIV professionals – to build the skills and resources that are needed to end the epidemic. As a membership body, the IAS understands and represents the interests of its members in all of its work, retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.

Progress. The IAS uses its scientific authority to move science into policy and policy into tangible impact against the epidemic. It advocates for sustained global leadership and increased investment while keeping the fight against stigma and discrimination at the heart of its work.

For more information, read the [IAS 2016-2020 Organizational Strategy](#).



MEMBERSHIP

The IAS is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 170 countries. Together, members advocate and drive urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV.

By July 2020, the IAS membership base reached 11,600 individuals, working at all levels of the global HIV response. IAS Members include researchers, clinicians, service providers, policy makers, people living with HIV and community advocates.

IAS GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING

To build a strong, informed and connected membership body, the IAS convenes the annual IAS General Members' Meeting.

On 23 July 2019, the IAS General Members' Meeting, including the "HIV Cure – Are we any closer?" session, took place during the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019) in Mexico City, Mexico. More than 100 IAS Members attended the meeting chaired by IAS President Anton Pozniak and the "HIV Cure – Are we any closer?" session chaired by Sharon Lewin. The full meeting can be viewed at <http://programme.ias2019.org/Search/Search?search=TUSY11#youtubevideo>.

In addition to the IAS General Members' Meeting, regional members' meetings took place at the conference.

CAPACITY BUILDING

HIV science evolves rapidly, requiring constant interpretation, translation and knowledge exchange. This year, the IAS committed to promoting greater understanding of HIV science and policy in order to build the skills and resources that are needed to end the epidemic – retaining a global perspective that is relevant at a local level.

As part of this commitment, the IAS published the fourth edition of the knowledge toolkits series, developed exclusively for IAS Members, highlighting important scientific advancements and innovative research presented at its conferences. The [IAS 2019 Knowledge Toolkits](#) offer adaptable PowerPoint presentations with an easy navigation system and printable speaker notes covering the four scientific tracks presented at IAS 2019. For the first time, this year, the IAS Knowledge Toolkits were translated into [Arabic](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#) and [Russian](#).

This series will continue with AIDS 2020 Knowledge Toolkits providing more research and tools for IAS Members. For open-access toolkits from AIDS 2016, IAS 2017 and AIDS 2018, visit the [knowledge toolkits archive](#).

Learn how to access these toolkits and other exclusive IAS Member benefits here:

<https://www.iasociety.org/Membership/Become-a-Member/Benefits>

#IASONEVOICE

The #IASONEVOICE membership campaign continued for the fourth year, highlighting the key topics that are most important to IAS Members, sharing their personal perspectives from working and volunteering on all fronts of the HIV response.

The IAS continued its #IASONEVOICE Instagram campaign, featuring 22 personal stories and opinions. Among them are sex workers living with HIV talking about their lives, scientists dedicated to finding an HIV vaccine, and people living with HIV, including healthcare workers, who have been discriminated against. The stories are diverse in theme, gender, profession, age and region, and reflect how people are working tirelessly to improve the lives of people living with HIV throughout the world.

Learn more about the #IASONEVOICE campaign here:

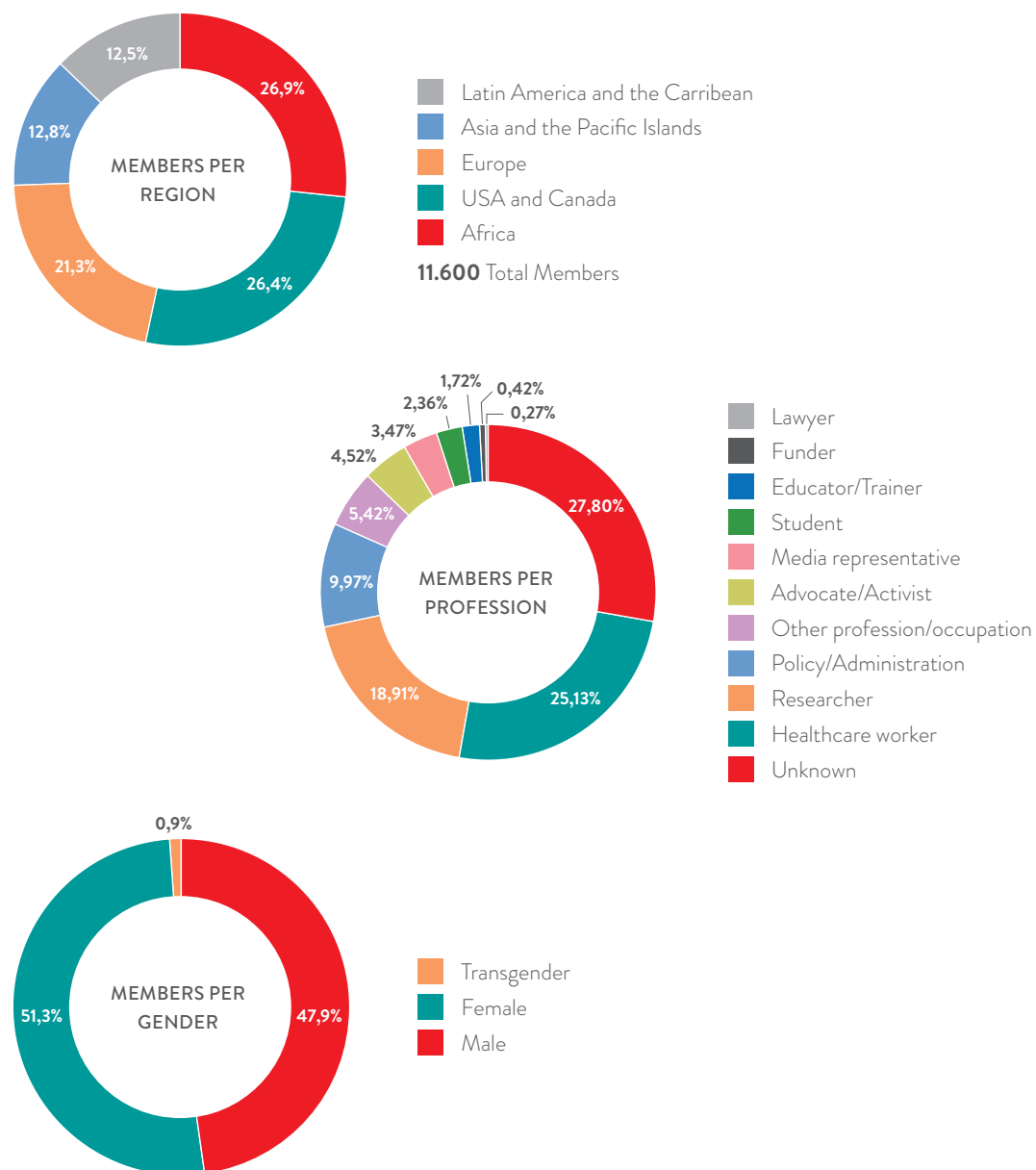
www.iasociety.org/membership/IASONEVOICE

NEW IAS MEMBERS' AREA

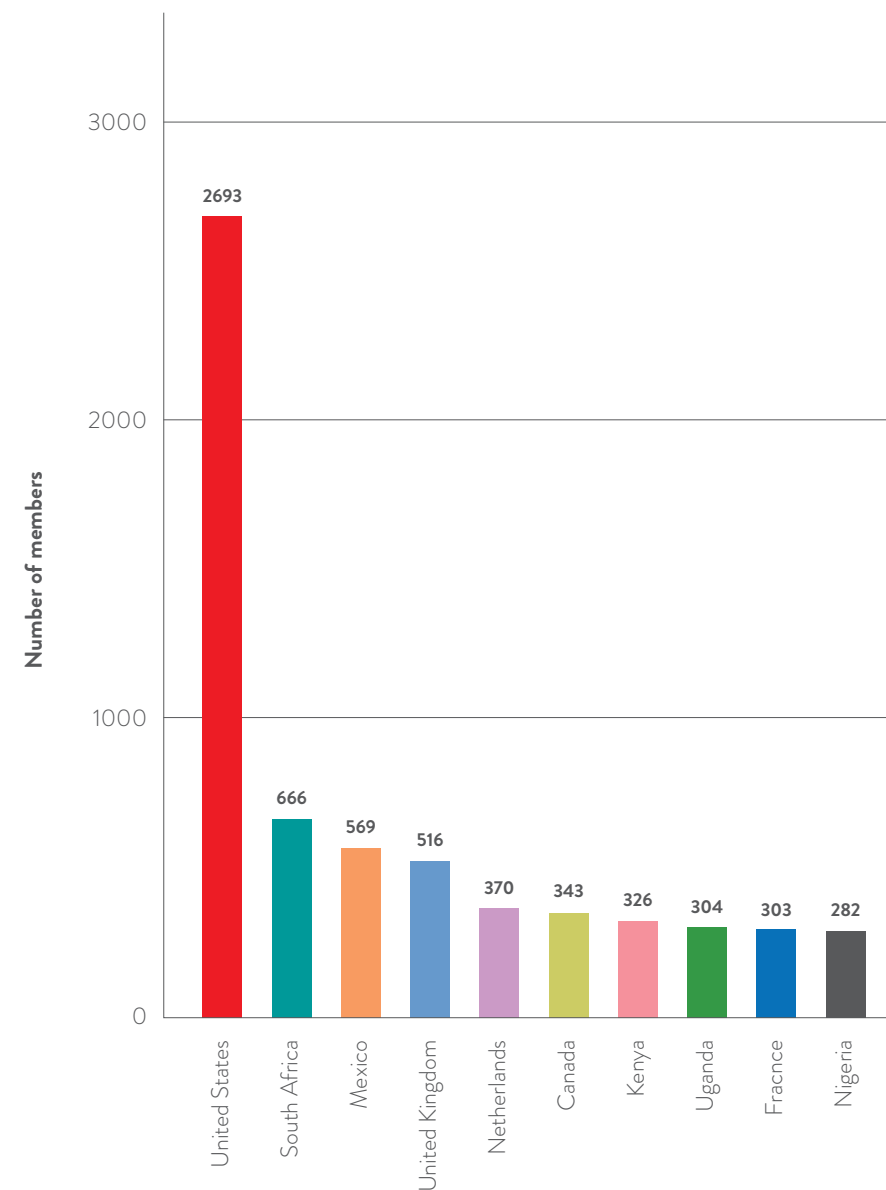
A new IAS Members' Area was launched in May 2020. This interactive, more user-friendly and new-fashioned platform was created exclusively for IAS Members. The aim is to enhance peer-to-peer communication by providing a space to easily get in touch with other members, as well as access to the knowledge toolkits on the latest research in HIV science in several languages, the membership card and certificate, and much more.



MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS



TOP 10 MEMBER NATIONS



IAS EDUCATIONAL FUND

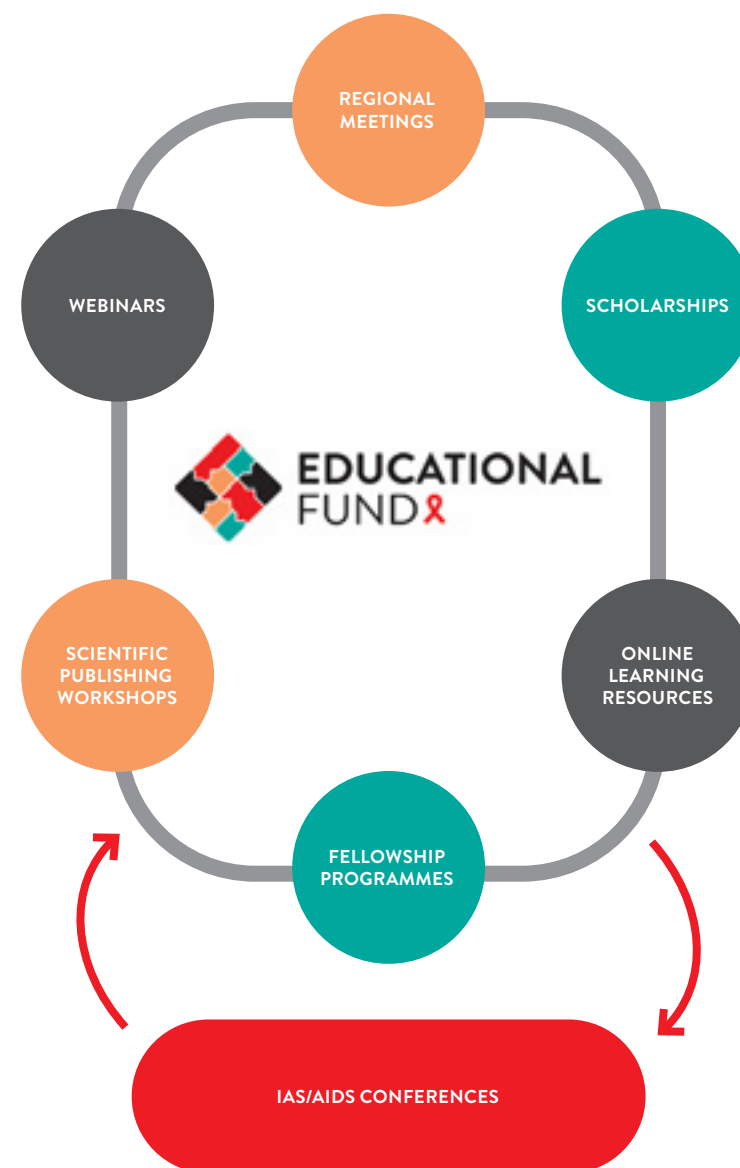
TRANSLATING THE SCIENCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

The IAS Educational Fund programme is aimed at providing educational and training opportunities to frontline HIV professionals. In its fourth year, this well-anchored programme of the IAS keeps receiving positive support and has continued to strengthen its development over the past 12 months, as well as its branding

In 2019, the IAS Educational Fund consolidated its six core initiatives: scholarships, regional meetings, scientific publishing workshops, webinars, fellowship programmes and online learning resources.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

In 2019, the IAS Educational Fund continued to connect new international research and practice with local contexts. Its regional meetings were targeted at healthcare workers, advocates and policy makers to provide access to the latest science, as well as opportunities to question how that information has an impact on local epidemics.





BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA – 28 AUGUST 2019

HIV AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS THROUGHOUT LIFE

Partner organization: Fundación Huésped

More than 370 HIV professionals attended this one-day meeting. They included policy makers, implementing partners, clinicians and HIV service providers, advocates, development partners and client communities. Leading HIV researchers and policy makers presented their ideas on how to effectively incorporate new strategies to address HIV through ageing via innovative treatment and prevention approaches. They also detailed ways to integrate HIV into national global health systems in Argentina. In addition, participants discussed barriers and opportunities faced by youth, transgender and other key populations in the region.



KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA – 4-5 OCTOBER 2019

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN HIV WITH SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND COLLABORATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Partner organization: Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS

During this two-day workshop, more than 160 professionals in the HIV response in the Southeast Asia region gathered to discuss the latest science, as well as innovative ways forward for treatment and prevention. Focused areas of discussion included differentiated service delivery models for key and vulnerable populations, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) implementation and sexually transmitted infections, antiretroviral (ARV) regimens, HIV self-testing willingness, the HIV treatment cascade in key populations and chemsex interventions.



ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN – 19-20 NOVEMBER 2019

SCIENCE, COMMUNITY AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE HIV RESPONSE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

In collaboration with: EECA INTERACT 2019

This one-and-a-half-day workshop welcomed more than 65 HIV professionals in the HIV response in the Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) region. They discussed innovation on integration of care and differentiated care, key messages from IAS 2019, Fast-Track Cities and the sustainability of the AIDS response in EECA, scaling up opioid agonist treatment in Central Asia, PrEP implementation and HIV self-testing. They also discussed access to ARV treatment in the region and integration of care for HIV, tuberculosis and hepatitis C.



KIGALI, RWANDA – 30 NOVEMBER 2019

FROM GLOBAL TO REGIONAL: SCIENCE, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY IN THE HIV RESPONSE IN EAST AFRICA

Partner organization: Rwanda Biomedical Center

During this one-day scientific symposium, more than 121 HIV professionals in the HIV response in the East African region gathered to discuss the latest science, as well as innovative ways forward for treatment and prevention. Topics discussed included key messages from IAS 2019, Fast-Track Cities, sexual and reproductive health and rights of adolescent girls and young women, HIV testing and linkage to care, as well as access for key populations to comprehensive HIV health services.



In Rwanda, the IAS Educational Fund also implemented a **scientific publishing workshop** to support local scientists to improve their ability to compete successfully for acceptance of their abstracts at international conferences and publish their research findings in international peer-reviewed journals.

In addition, a **new round of the press fellowship programme** was implemented, with the aim of advancing on-the-ground media coverage of key HIV-related science, research and implementation. Journalists from local, regional and international media outlets were exposed to the latest HIV science and the way it is contextualized to strengthen their ability to inform a broader public of the latest advances in prevention, treatment and care of HIV and co-infections.



MUMBAI, INDIA – 4 DECEMBER 2019

GLOBAL TO LOCAL: SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY IN THE RESPONSE TO HIV IN INDIA

Partner organization: Family Planning Association of India

This one-day scientific symposium engaged 116 professionals in the HIV response in the Asian region in discussions on the latest HIV science, as well as innovative ways forward for treatment and prevention. Topics discussed included key messages from IAS 2019, ARVs and challenges to treatment access, HIV and co-infections, chemsex and HIV in Asia and differentiated service delivery. The COVID-19 pandemic had a great impact on the implementation of regional meetings originally scheduled for March to June 2020. The IAS Educational Fund team will adapt the format of these meetings, working closely with its organizing partners, from October to December 2020.

WEBINARS

This year, the IAS Educational Fund made scientific content available to HIV professionals through an **increasing number of webinars**. These online sessions provided space for continuous capacity building, including debriefing the latest scientific advances from IAS 2019, scientific publishing support in collaboration with the *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS) and selected thematic sessions requested by IAS Members.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare workers, researchers, government representatives, activists and key and vulnerable populations from the HIV response also demanded the rapid provision of a virtual space to support IAS Members and their communities in maintaining learning exchanges.

In April 2020, the IAS launched a **series of webinars on COVID-19 and HIV** to provide an opportunity for discussion around the latest science, in addition to sharing learning and best practices in relation to COVID-19 and HIV, between countries at different stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thematics from the series included updates from the World Health Organization (WHO) on COVID-19 and HIV, global

health preparedness, lessons learned from healthcare workers around the world and practical measures put in place for HIV services, latest updates on testing, innovation during a pandemic and how community-based organizations adapt their services during the pandemic. The series was attended live by more than 3,000 participants, and recordings of some of the sessions also proved highly popular, with over 11,000 views (“COVID-19 and HIV: What you need to know” session).

Online resources have also proven particularly important over the past few months for HIV professionals not able to attend our conferences and regional meetings. New this year, in addition to making the content of selected sessions from **IAS 2019 subtitled in multiple languages, the IAS Knowledge Toolkits have also been made available to IAS Members in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Arabic.**

The IAS Educational Fund continued to offer fellowship opportunities through the Mark Wainberg Fellowship Programme, now in its third year, as well as to grant awards to 327 clinicians and HIV service providers and 121 advocates from 68 countries to attend *AIDS 2020: Virtual*, out of 2,497 applicants.



COVID-19 AND HIV: WEBINAR SERIES

HIV PROGRAMMES AND ADVOCACY



The IAS HIV Programmes and Advocacy department works to promote 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 department harnesses research, shapes the evidence base and amplifies the voices of communities living with and affected by HIV to influence policy across and beyond the HIV prevention-to-care continuum. To do this, the department undertakes advocacy, supports capacity building and engages in collaborative partnerships with a range of organizations, including civil society and communities around the world.

The department's HIV Programmes and Advocacy operational strategy for 2017-2020 initiates action across three linked domains: **policy**, **research** and **structural barriers**.

Policy: Influence global and national HIV policy and bridge gaps between the HIV response and the broader integrated health landscape.

Research: Inspire HIV research targeting scientific gaps in strategic priority areas.

Structural barriers: Initiate and drive action to remove structural barriers and address human rights violations that prohibit access to and uptake of comprehensive HIV services for selected populations and communities.

Across its broad platform of work, the IAS HIV Programmes and Advocacy department maintains a focus on three cross-cutting issues: human rights, gender and youth. Each of the department's programmes is intended to purposely incorporate and mainstream these issues into its activities.

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE FOR PAEDIATRIC HIV EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The mission of the Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) is to accelerate an evidence-informed, human rights-based and integrated HIV response for infants, children, adolescents and young people living with and affected by HIV. This is achieved through a capacity-building approach, supporting the development of young investigators building evidence and translating research into action in low- and middle-income countries.

In 2019, CIPHER awarded three grants on paediatric HIV operational science and opened its grant programme to applications in French to encourage applications from West and Central Africa. CIPHER's Evidence to Action pillar expanded, with a global forum at IAS 2019, a regional forum alongside ICASA focusing on HIV-exposed and uninfected (HEU) children and adolescents, and the 5th International HEU Workshop. Inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in HIV clinical trials was a focus, with an industry roundtable discussion, organized in collaboration with WHO and UNITAID.

<https://www.iasociety.org/CIPHER>

FEATURED WORK (RESEARCH)

The CIPHER Global Cohort Collaboration published the largest study to date in an article entitled "Incidence of switching to second-line antiretroviral therapy and associated factors in children with HIV: an international cohort collaboration" in *The Lancet HIV* in February 2019. The study, which brought together individual patient data on more than 95,000 children worldwide, was aimed at understanding patterns in the use of second-line ART among children and showed wide variations in the incidence of switching to second-line ART across regions and monitoring strategies. The findings highlighted the need to assess the effect of low rates of switching and prolonged treatment failure before switching on clinical outcomes in children and the potential implications of expanding access to viral load testing on future use of second-line ART in resource-limited settings.



DIFFERENTIATED SERVICE DELIVERY

Since 2015, the Differentiated Service Delivery (DSD) initiative of the IAS has been committed to supporting the scale up of DSD to improve access to and quality of prevention, testing, treatment and care services for people living with and affected by HIV. DSD is a client-centred approach that simplifies and adapts HIV services across the cascade in ways that both serve the needs and expectations of people living with HIV and reduce unnecessary burdens on the health system.

In 2019, the DSD initiative focused on improving HIV linkages, addressing health outcomes for men and scaling up DSD in West and Central Africa. In addition, the initiative worked to highlight the potential of differentiated ART delivery models to scale up tuberculosis (TB) preventive therapy and strengthen family planning care.

<https://www.iasociety.org/Differentiated-Service-Delivery>



FEATURED WORK (POLICY)

The DSD initiative advocated for the expansion of differentiated ART delivery in West and Central Africa, highlighting five priority actions crucial to supporting scale up in the region. At a global policy level, the work of the initiative was referenced in technical guidance from the World Health Organization, the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.



HIV CO-INFECTIONS AND CO-MORBIDITIES

Activities in 2019 continued to focus on increasing the awareness of structural barriers that compromise the health and human rights of people who inject drugs and links between HIV and viral hepatitis, along with growing the work on TB and the IAS strategy surrounding it. Strategic realignment of the work of the initiative was undertaken to shift towards a framework that is focused on person-centred, holistic and quality care responsive to the diverse and often complex health needs of people living with and affected by HIV over the course of their lives.

<https://www.iasociety.org/HIV-Programmes/Programmes/Co-Infections>



FEATURED WORK (POLICY AND SERVICE DELIVERY)

Two events linked to IAS 2019 were organized that brought together a diversity of scientific, programmatic and community interests from both the hepatitis C virus field, focused on elimination, and the TB field, focused on TB preventative therapy, to share current knowledge on science and advances in service delivery. In addition, a TB workshop linked to the 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health was organized to teach practical solutions in order to improve the quality of TB/HIV services.

FEATURED WORK (STRUCTURAL BARRIERS)

Three policy briefs were launched during 2019, namely: *Women who inject drugs: Overlooked, yet visible*; *Access saves lives: Opioid overdose treatment*; and *Reducing harm: police as partners in preventing HIV, promoting public health and protecting the rights of people who use drugs*.



INDUSTRY LIAISON FORUM

The IAS Industry Liaison Forum (ILF) promotes and facilitates the full contribution of the biomedical industry to the HIV response by catalysing multi-stakeholder dialogue, engagement and action to address barriers along the HIV prevention, diagnosis and care continuum. The ILF is a diverse group of Corporate Partners, including generic pharmaceutical manufacturers and diagnostic and health-related companies with diverse backgrounds, expertise and affiliations within the biomedical sector. The forum also includes representatives from non-industry organizations and community-based organizations. Together, partners bring a wealth of perspectives to contribute collaboratively to the HIV response.

The forum provides a neutral convening platform for stakeholders to share different perspectives and highlight key issues in responding to HIV. The forum is a safe space for Corporate Partners to meet and interact with regulatory and normative agencies, procurement and implementing organizations, governmental and inter-governmental organizations, civil society and communities affected by HIV.

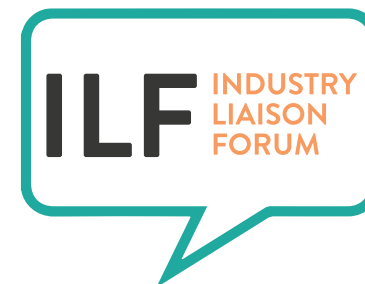
<https://www.iasociety.org/ILF>

FEATURED WORK (POLICY)

In 2019, the ILF completed the transfer of the Global Accelerator for Paediatric Formulations (GAP-f) to its host organization, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), under the leadership of WHO and with contributions from several partners (the Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Medicines Patent Pool, Paediatric European Network for Treatment of AIDS).

FEATURED WORK (STRATEGY)

With the previous ILF strategy reaching the end of its term, the ILF performed a broad review of its role in the HIV response, identifying emerging areas of contribution and developing a new, dynamic and relevant strategy for 2020-2022 as the HIV landscape evolves. In doing so, the ILF explored synergies with other IAS Programmes, including the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise and the Towards an HIV Cure Industry Collaboration Group; it also renewed its engagement with community representatives and other experts.



The *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS) is a peer-reviewed and PubMed- and Medline-indexed journal that publishes the latest HIV research online and free of charge to readers. As a multidisciplinary journal, it generates and disseminates quality academic publications on a variety of topics, ranging from social, behavioural, political and economic research to biomedical and clinical research, while leading the way in implementation and operational research.

In addition to publishing special thematic supplements, JIAS invests in strengthening the capacity and confidence of early-career researchers from low- and middle-income countries and in creating platforms for dissemination of their research.

www.jiasociety.org



FEATURED WORK (RESEARCH)

In 2019, the journal published special issues on key topics, such as “Realizing the potential of HIV self-testing for Africa: lessons learned from the STAR project”, “The power of partners: Experiences from implementing and scaling-up HIV partner notification and index testing services”, “Maximizing the impact of HIV prevention technologies in sub-Saharan Africa”, “Optimizing the impact of key population programming across the HIV cascade” and “Science, theory, and practice of engaged research: Good Participatory Practice and beyond”.



NOBODY LEFT BEHIND

Stigma, discrimination and criminalization are the persistent barriers that prevent clients most in need from accessing quality and comprehensive health and other services. For key populations – men who have sex with men, transgender individuals, sex workers and people who inject drugs – these barriers are often compounded, potentially increasing risk of acquiring HIV and obstructing access to quality health services.

The Nobody Left Behind initiative gives prominence to the challenges faced by key populations and works towards removing barriers that affect their access to HIV prevention, treatment and care services.

www.iasociety.org/nobody-left-behind



FEATURED WORK (STRUCTURAL BARRIERS)

At IAS 2019, the Nobody Left Behind initiative hosted an invite-only meeting titled “Getting to the #HeartOfStigma: Scaling up efforts to address stigma”. This informal “catalyst conversation” brought together 35 policy makers, community representatives, funders, advocates and healthcare providers to discuss who the unusual suspects are that should be engaged in efforts to reduce stigma and what science is needed to enable stigma reduction at scale.

At IAS 2019, the #HeartOfStigma campaign hosted a workshop titled “Getting to the #HeartOfStigma: New innovations to measure stigma” that was replicated by partners at the PATA Summit in South Africa in late October. The IAS Educational Fund discussion also galvanized attention on the issue at the IAS booth and convened a popular photo competition for delegates to get involved and explain their personal understanding of what it means to get to the #HeartOfStigma.



TOWARDS AN HIV CURE

The toolbox of interventions in the HIV response has dramatically expanded since the discovery of the virus. Yet a cure has remained beyond our grasp. An effective curative intervention that is safe, scalable and cost effective would contribute significantly to controlling the epidemic. Promising progress in HIV cure research spurs renewed excitement in the field among researchers, advocates and community members alike. The mission of the Towards an HIV Cure initiative is to drive concerted efforts to accelerate global scientific research and engagement towards a cure for HIV.

Activities in 2019 focused on advancing the HIV cure field in low-income and lower-middle-income settings through capacity-building and training workshops for researchers and advocates, and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration with other biomedical research areas to inform and empower an integrative network of stakeholders to advocate for the prioritization of an HIV cure in the global health agenda.

<https://www.iasociety.org/hivcure>

FEATURED WORK (RESEARCH)

The 2019 HIV & HBV Cure Forum was organized in partnership with the International Coalition to Eliminate Hepatitis B (ICE-HBV). It focused specifically on the intersection between the scientific efforts in hepatitis B virus (HBV) and HIV cure research to highlight similarities and shared challenges facing the development of a cure in both fields. The forum brought together specialists to foster collaboration between the two fields to accelerate the pace of discovery in cure research.

FEATURED WORK (STRUCTURAL BARRIERS)

The inaugural Advocacy-for-Cure grant programme, implemented in partnership with AVAC, is aimed at expanding the network of HIV cure advocates and advancing the research field in low- and lower-middle-income settings. The 2019 programme awarded grants of US\$15,000 each to three advocates from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia to support grassroots communication and advocacy projects.



ADOLESCENT HIV TREATMENT COALITION

Hosted by the IAS, the Adolescent HIV Treatment Coalition (ATC) is made up of a diverse group of stakeholders in the HIV response who are united to advocate for quality treatment and care for all adolescents living with HIV. It provides a collective voice promoting accountability in the HIV response to the realities of adolescent lives. As part of its advocacy portfolio, it calls attention to gaps, proposes solutions and works collaboratively on a range of adolescent treatment issues.

In 2019, the ATC focused on increasing its youth membership, with the addition of over 10 youth network representatives. At IAS 2019, the ATC supported development of the Youth Summit, moderated the PEPFAR satellite, “Eliminating HIV related stigma and discrimination: Moving towards global advocacy”, and published Front and Centre, the adolescent conference roadmap.

<https://www.iasociety.org/Adolescent-HIV-Treatment-Coalition>



**ADOLESCENT
HIV TREATMENT
COALITION**

FEATURED WORK (STRUCTURAL BARRIERS)

In 2019, the ATC developed the advocacy campaign, “We are Still Waiting”, to highlight missed marks on adolescent treatment targets and encourage stakeholders to renew their commitments.



GLOBAL HIV VACCINE ENTERPRISE

The HIV vaccine field has built considerable momentum in recent times, with multiple efficacy-stage programmes underway and new vaccine concepts in the clinical pipeline. The range of opportunities and possibilities is matched by an understanding and sense of urgency that the field is underprepared for the range of complex challenges that remain.

Under its newly launched strategic plan (2018-2023), the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise (known as the Enterprise) works in close collaboration with major HIV vaccine stakeholders towards ensuring that the field is sustained by a robust portfolio of vaccine candidates in clinical trials, is prepared for making a successful vaccine available to all and is propelled by increased and diversified funding for research and development.

<https://vaccineenterprise.org>



FEATURED WORK (POLICY)

In 2019-2020, building on its convening power, the Enterprise regularly brought together a range of stakeholders to support HIV vaccine research and development. Outreach activities included meetings held at IAS 2019 and the International Society of Vaccine 2019 Congress in Ghent, Belgium, and participation in multilateral events at international conferences. These contributed to upholding the role of the Enterprise in advocating for HIV vaccine research and, extending its presence and reach in the European Union, becoming a contributor to the planning effort at a critical time when Horizon Europe, the next research and innovation framework programme, is being negotiated.



OUR CAMPAIGNS

ME AND MY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

The Me and My Healthcare Provider campaign, part of the Nobody Left Behind initiative, puts a spotlight on the frontline healthcare providers who address the HIV-related needs of key populations, often in the face of discriminatory laws, traditions and belief systems. Based on the personal experiences and stories shared by Healthcare Provider Champions, the campaign fosters a better understanding of the factors that enable healthcare practitioners to be #DoingTheRightThing.

IAS President Anton Pozniak recognized four healthcare providers (from Brazil, Haiti, Jamaica and Mexico) at a Special Session at IAS 2019.

<https://www.iasociety.org/Me-and-My-Healthcare-Provider>

*Me & my
Healthcare
provider.*

**DOING THE
RIGHT THING**



YOUTH VOICES

Youth Voices is an advocacy campaign to strengthen, support and amplify the voices of young people on current HIV-related debates, issues and trends. The intention is to influence policy makers, funders and healthcare providers to improve services for young people, including young people living with HIV and young key populations.

The campaign objectives include: expanding youth leadership across a range of host community-based organizations through a Youth Champion seed grant programme on key priority topics; shaping collective advocacy to highlight young people's contributions to and needs in the HIV response; and strengthening capacity and providing networking opportunities to young people to enable their meaningful engagement and influence at international meetings and conferences.

In 2019, 27 young people (aged 18-26 years) from 15 countries took part in the IAS 2019 Youth Ambassador Programme. The Youth Ambassadors benefitted from a dedicated four-day curriculum. It included opportunities such as: meetings with leading scientists, researchers and advocates; abstract writing and resource mobilization training; one-on-one career forums to discuss individual career pathways in the field of HIV; and networking with other young people living with HIV, young activists and young researchers.

<https://www.iasociety.org/Youth-Voices>



GENERATION NOW

Generation Now: Our Health, Our Rights is a partnership between the IAS and Women Deliver. It is aimed at ensuring that linked and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV policies, services and systems are strengthened for young women and adolescent girls.

The Generation Now partnership held its second Generation Now: Our Health, Our Rights pre-conference meeting at the Women Deliver 2019 Conference; it focused on how products, platforms and policies can contribute to breaking down silos and drive action for adolescent girls and young women. The meeting highlighted outcomes from selected grant projects of the sponsored Core Group youth members and inspired multiple commitments to continue the work of integrating sexual reproductive health and human rights and HIV services.

<https://www.iasociety.org/HIV-Programmes/Campaigns/Generation-Now>



10th IAS CONFERENCE ON HIV SCIENCE

On 21-24 July 2019, close to 6,000 HIV professionals and community members met at the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019) in Mexico City. The conference had returned to Latin America for the first time since it was held in Brazil in 2005. IAS 2019 presented latest advances in HIV science and drew attention to the global need for political leadership to overcome cuts in HIV funding, advance a human rights-led response to HIV and address the structural and social barriers that continue to impede the response.

IAS 2019 raised awareness of the current challenges faced by the Latin American region where HIV incidence is rising, levels of population mobility are high, humanitarian crises continue, access to affordable medicines is uneven and a funding gap persists (Global AIDS Update 2019, UNAIDS 2019). The Caribbean shares many of these challenges, although HIV incidence in the region has shown an encouraging decline since 2010 (UNAIDS 2019).

As well as 39 high-quality abstract-led scientific sessions – of 1,332 submitted abstracts, 35% were accepted following rigorous peer review – IAS 2019 offered 40 invited-speaker sessions, nine plenary keynote presentations and over 50 satellite meetings and pre-conference meetings.

IAS 2019 represented a milestone in progress towards greater diversity in HIV science. The majority (52%) of presenting authors were located outside North America and Europe, with 29% working in sub-Saharan Africa and 15.5% in Asia and the Pacific region. Women represented more than half (52%) of presenters at IAS 2019, and nearly 40% of presenters were under the age of 35. As we endeavour to end the AIDS epidemic, the work ahead will be in the hands of these young researchers.

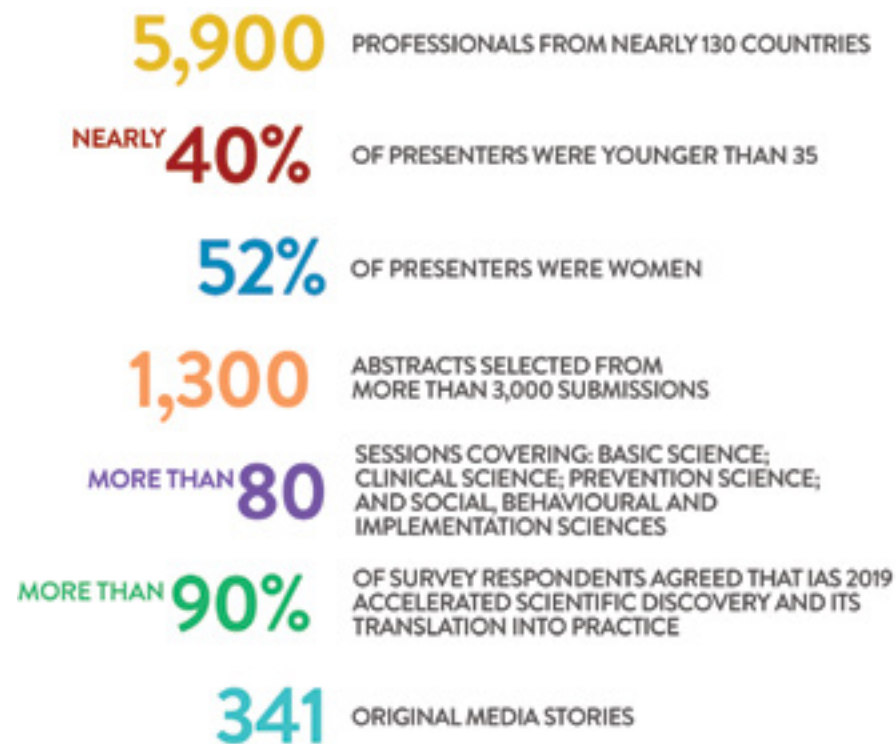
“We must ensure that all those affected by HIV are able to access healthcare as a fundamental human right and that is how our success will be measured.”

– Anton Pozniak, IAS President and IAS 2019 International Scientific Co-Chair

“Latin America is one of the most unequal regions of the world. Efforts to control the HIV epidemic will only succeed when the enormous differences in income distribution and well-being are addressed.”

– Brenda Crabtree-Ramirez, IAS 2019 Local Scientific Co-Chair

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SNAPSHOT MEDIA HEADLINES FROM IAS 2019

Someday, An Arm Implant May Prevent HIV for a Year – New York Times

Groundbreaking HIV drug safe to use in women of reproductive age – The Telegraph

As AIDS conference opens in Mexico, migrants are a focus – France 24

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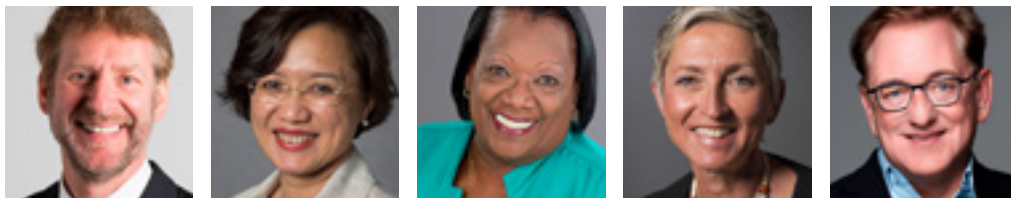
The IAS Governing Council decided to undertake a review of the governance of the IAS at its meeting in July 2018. Based on a comprehensive analysis, benchmarking and gathered input by external consultants, considerations and recommendations were developed and implemented throughout 2019 and 2020.

On 23 July 2019, the IAS membership approved the revised IAS Bylaws at the IAS General Members' Meeting in Mexico City. The revision included a gradual transition of the IAS Governing Council towards a thought leadership role to guide and contribute to the thematic work of the IAS, ensure compliance with the IAS Bylaws and rules and procedures and represent the interests of IAS Members. Part of the Governing Council's executive functions will be transferred to the IAS Executive Board as of 10 July 2020. The IAS Governing Council will be able to form thematic working groups that advance the IAS strategy to support its role as the thought leadership body.

IAS GOVERNING COUNCIL

The IAS Governing Council is composed of 20 elected members and three officers (the President, President-Elect and Treasurer) plus two non-voting members (the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director).

IAS Governing Council elections took place between January and May 2020. The Governing Council for the period July 2020-July 2022 will take office at the closing of *AIDS 2020: Virtual* on 10 July 2020. A Nomination and Election Committee was introduced as a standing committee of the Governing Council as part of the governance review to support the nomination and election processes and to identify the competency needs of future elected bodies.



From left to right: President Anton Pozniak, President-Elect Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Treasurer Celia DC Christie-Samuels, Immediate Past President Linda-Gail Bekker, Executive Director Kevin Osborne

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IAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The IAS Executive Committee acts on behalf of the IAS Governing Council and provides effective oversight and review of the IAS's operations and finances between Governing Council meetings.

The Executive Committee consists of the President, President-Elect, Treasurer and one regional representative selected from the Governing Council members of each region, as well as the Executive Director as a nonvoting member. As per the revised IAS Bylaws, the Executive Committee will become the Executive Board as of 10 July 2020.

In addition to providing oversight of the IAS's operations, risks and finances, the Executive Board will also approve the annual plan and budget and initiate the policy direction of the IAS. The Executive Board will consist of the IAS officers and three elected members from the Governing Council, or, members may be co-opted externally if the desired competencies are not found within the internal pool of candidates. The Governance and Membership Committee and the Finance Committee support the Executive Board in its functions.

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