



Non-Plenary VIP Biographies

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Honorable Tony ABBOTT (Australia) *Minister of Health and Ageing*

Tony Abbott was a journalist with 'The Bulletin' and 'The Australian' before becoming press secretary and political adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr John Hewson. He was elected Member for Warringah at a by-election in March 1994. After March 1996, Minister Abbott was Parliamentary Secretary and then junior Minister in the Employment portfolio before becoming Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations. In November 2001 he became Leader of the House of Representatives and was appointed Minister for Health and Ageing on 7 October 2003.

Minister Abbott is married to Margaret and has three daughters. He was educated at St. Ignatius Riverview and Sydney University where he played rugby and was President of the Students' Representative Council. At Oxford University, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar, he was awarded "blues" in boxing. He has written two books in defence of the existing constitutional system.

Dennis ALTMAN, MA (Australia) *Professor of Politics, LaTrobe University; President of the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific; and International AIDS Society (IAS) Governing Council Member*

Professor Dennis Altman is currently a visiting professor of Australian Studies at Harvard University. He is a widely-published expert on politics and sexuality. His most recent book, *Global Sex*, is being translated into five languages. He also authored *Power and Community* (1994) and *AIDS and the New Puritanism* (1986). His text, *Homosexuality: Oppression and Liberation* (1971), is now viewed as the definitive source for ideas that shaped the era of gay liberation.

Professor Altman delivered the Jonathan Mann Memorial Lecture at the XV International AIDS Conference: "Rights matter: structural interventions and vulnerable communities." He argued that the recognition of political/civil and social/economic rights is essential if we are to respond successfully to HIV/AIDS.

Judith D. AUERBACH, PhD (United States) *Deputy Executive Director for Science and Public Policy, San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF)*

Dr. Judith Auerbach develops, leads, and manages SFAF's science and policy agenda. Prior to joining SFAF, she served as Vice President, Public Policy and Program Development, at The Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR). She began at amfAR in 2003, after serving as Director of the Behavioral and Social Science Program and HIV Prevention Science Coordinator at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

During 1998, Dr. Auerbach served in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy as Assistant Director for Social and Behavioral Sciences. She previously served at the National Academy of Sciences, where she was a Study Director for the Committee on

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in AIDS Research, authoring the report, *AIDS and Behavior: An Integrated Approach*.

Dr. Auerbach received her PhD in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1986. She is the recipient of the 2004 Feminist Activist Award from Sociologists for Women in Society and a 2006 Research in Action Award from the Treatment Action Group for her career in AIDS research and policy.

Francoise BARRÉ-SINOUSSE, PhD (France) *Acting Director, Regulation and Retroviral Infections Unit, Institut Pasteur and IAS Governing Council Member*

Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi has been involved in retrovirology research since the early 1970s. She is recognized in particular for her contributions to the identification and characterization of HIV in the 1980s. Prof. Barré-Sinoussi is first author of the publication (in *Science* in 1983) that first reported the discovery of a retrovirus later named HIV, in a patient at risk of developing AIDS. Prof. Barré-Sinoussi became responsible for her own laboratory at the Institut Pasteur in 1998 and initiated research programmes on viral and host determinants of HIV/AIDS pathogenesis. Between 1988 and 1998, she was also involved in collaborative programmes on HIV vaccine research, using primate models. Today, her research focuses on regulation of HIV/SIV infection.

Prof. Barré-Sinoussi is author or co-author of more than 200 original publications and of more than 120 articles in book reviews. She has received 10 national or international awards for her contributions to HIV/AIDS. Along with her research activities, Prof. Barré-Sinoussi has strongly promoted the integration between HIV/AIDS research and actions in resource-limited countries.

Pedro CAHN, MD, PhD (Argentina) *Chief, Infectious Diseases Unit, Jaun A Fernandez Hospital; Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases, Buenos Aires Medical School; President of the IAS; and IAS 2007 International Conference Co-Chair*

Dr. Pedro Cahn is President of Huésped Foundation, one of the major Argentinean AIDS organizations, which he co-founded in 1988. Huésped Foundation works in the areas of clinical research, prevention and direct services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

He has chaired the Argentine AIDS Society and the AIDS Committee of the Pan-American Society of Infectious Diseases, and has served as external advisor for the WHO and Pan-American Health Organization, completing missions in Zaire, Ethiopia and Honduras, among others. Dr. Cahn is a member of the National AIDS Advisory Board at the Ministry of Health in Argentina, and has served as a member of the IAS Governing Council since 1996. He chaired the 1st IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment held in Buenos Aires in 2001.

Dr. Cahn has published more than 80 papers in peer-reviewed journals, and serves as member of the Editorial Board of several Journals, including: *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Actualizaciones en sida*, *HIV & AIDS Current Trends*, *Medscape HIV-AIDS*, "HIV Clinical Trials", and *Current HIV/AIDS Reports*.

Alexandra CALMY, MD (Switzerland) *Doctors Without Borders/Médecins sans Frontières Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines*

Dr. Alexandra Calmy is an Advisor to the Médecins sans Frontières Access to Medicines Campaign and holds a part-time position as clinic head for internal medicine at the Hôpital cantonal de Genève. She has lectured widely on the subject of the urgent need to expand access to HIV treatment in developing countries.

Bonaventura CLOTET, MD, PhD (Spain) *Director, Retrovirology Laboratory 'IrsiCaixa' Foundation, Hospital Universitari Germans Trais I Pujol, Barcelona and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Bonaventura Clotet is an active member of the Expert Commission for the Evaluation of Research Projects in the Spanish National Programme of Health and the National AIDS Programme. He has been a member of the Scientific Committee of the LAASER-HIV/AIDS program (Linking African and Asian Societies for an Enhanced Response to HIV/AIDS) since June 2006, and is part of the Drug Resistance Mutations Group of the IAS-USA. The *IrsiCaixa* Foundation has recently merged with the Infectious Disease and HIV Unit of the Clinic Hospital of Barcelona to create a new institute for HIV vaccine research in Catalonia ("HIVACAT"), which was inaugurated in October 2006. This new institute has already received funding from the Catalan Government and the support of the Spanish Ministry of Health.

Dr. Clotet has published more than 250 papers in international journals and is co-director of the AIDS CYBERJOURNAL. He has been a reviewer of *The Lancet*, *AIDS*, *JID*, *Antiviral Therapy* and *CID* since 1998. Dr. Clotet received his MD at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and his PhD in 1981 for his investigations on surrogate markers for connective tissue diseases.

David COOPER, AO FAA, MD, DSc (Australia) *Professor of Medicine at the University of New South Wales; Director, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research; and IAS 2007 Local Conference Co-Chair*

The National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (National Centre) is funded by the Australian Department of Health and Ageing through the University of New South Wales. Major responsibilities of the National Centre are the epidemiology and surveillance of HIV/AIDS in Australia and the coordination and conduct of clinical trials of therapies and vaccines. The National Centre also conducts an extensive clinical and epidemiological research programme.

In addition to directing the National Centre, Professor Cooper is Head of the Immunology/HIV/Infectious Diseases Clinical Service Unit at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, one of the largest services for the treatment of HIV disease in Australia. He also directs the NSW State Reference Laboratory for AIDS within the Centre for Immunology at St Vincent's Hospital.

Internationally, Professor Cooper is recognized as a leading HIV clinician and clinical investigator. He is currently chair of the WHO/UNAIDS advisory committee on HIV vaccines. He is also a Director of HIVNAT, a clinical research and trials collaboration based at the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre at the Chulalongkorn University Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.

Professor Cooper was President of the International AIDS Society (IAS) for two terms, from 1994 to 1998, and is on the editorial boards of several international journals, including *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, *AIDS*, and *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. He has also been a previous member of IAS Conference Organizing Committees and is a founding member of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM).

Hoosen M. COOVADIA, MBSS, MD (South Africa) *Victor Daitz Professor of HIV/AIDS Research and Scientific Director, Doris Duke Medical Research Institute, University of Natal, and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Hoosen M. Coovadia is a paediatrician and expert in perinatal HIV transmission. He is Vice-Chair of the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the US National Institutes of Health. Dr. Coovadia has served as an advisor on numerous national and international bodies, including those of the newly established democratic government of South Africa, as well as United Nations agencies. In 2000, Dr Coovadia

was the conference chair of the XIII International AIDS Conference, held in Durban, South Africa; and in 2003, he served as Chairperson for the 1st South African AIDS Conference. Over the course of his career, he has conducted extensive research on malnutrition and HIV/AIDS, and has contributed to over 300 scientific medical publications and over 100 scientific meetings and conferences.

Levinia CROOKS (Australia) *Chief Executive Officer, Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM)*

Ms. Levinia Crooks has held the position of CEO at ASHM since 1999. Prior to joining ASHM she managed the education, support and training programme which accredited primary care physicians to prescribe antiretroviral therapy to treat HIV. She has worked in the HIV field since 1986 when she undertook a multicentre longitudinal study looking at the care and support needs of people living with HIV. Ms. Crooks has been involved in treatment activism and the community response to HIV, holding a number of senior positions in community sector agencies. She has written extensively on HIV, particularly materials to assist people living with HIV. Ms. Crooks currently sits on an expert panel which is drafting the Australian policy on international development.

Kevin M. DE COCK, MD (United States) *Director, WHO Department of HIV/AIDS*

Dr. Kevin M. De Cock is the director of the WHO Department of HIV/AIDS, a post to which he was appointed in 2006 after serving six years as Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Kenya. Dr. De Cock oversees all of WHO's work related to HIV/AIDS, focusing on initiatives to assist developing countries in scaling up their treatment, prevention, care, and support programmes. As CDC Kenya Director, Dr. De Cock supervised numerous programmes and activities, including the CDC's Global AIDS Program's prevention work and the International Emerging Infections Program. He has also served as Director of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Surveillance and Epidemiology in Atlanta, USA.

Dr. De Cock received Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) and MD degrees from the University of Bristol and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Liverpool University School of Tropical Medicine. He is a visiting Professor of Medicine and International Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He co-edited the book *AIDS in Africa, Second Edition* (Rapid Science Publishers, London, 1997). Dr. De Cock has also served on editorial boards and panels for journals including *AIDS*, *Lancet*, and *New England Journal of Medicine* and is the recipient of numerous professional awards for his contributions to tropical medicine research.

Ivette Lorenzana DE RIVERA, MSc (Honduras) *Professor, Department of Microbiology, National University of Honduras and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Ivette Lorenzana de Rivera has been a professor at the National University of Honduras since 1983. She received her undergraduate degree from the same institution, and completed her Masters in Science at the State University of New York in Buffalo. In addition to her twenty-year teaching career at the National University of Honduras, Dr. De Rivera is a two-time recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship and has authored numerous scientific publications focusing on microbiology and AIDS.

Ricardo Sobhie DIAZ, MD, PhD, MSc (Brazil) *Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases Division, Paulista School of Medicine, Federal University of Sao Paulo and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Ricardo Sobhie Diaz is the head of the Retrovirology Laboratory at the Federal University of Sao Paulo, conducting translational research in HIV/AIDS. Under his leadership, his group is exploring details in the Brazilian HIV genetic diversity, recently describing the first HIV Brazilian Circulating Recombinant Forms.

Dr. Diaz has contributed to over 50 articles in scientific publications with key contributions to the understanding of double HIV infection and recombination. He is a consultant for the STD/AIDS Division of the Brazilian Ministry of Health, and helped design and implement the Brazilian National Network of HIV Viral Load and the Brazilian Network for HIV genotypic resistance.

Dr. Diaz earned his MD in 1986 and received his training in Infectious Diseases from 1997 to 1999. He received his MSc in infectious diseases in 1991 and his PhD in 1993. He received his post-doctoral training in Laboratory Medicine at the Blood Centers of Pacific, San Francisco, California from 1993 to 1996, focusing on research related to the genetic diversity of HIV and its relationship to pathogenesis.

Maura ELARIPE (Papua New Guinea) *President, Women Affected by HIV and AIDS in Papua New Guinea; Member, Asia Pacific Network of Positive People Steering Committee; and Member, Asia Pacific Positive Women's Network Working Committee*
Maura Elaripe is an HIV+ woman and a nurse by profession, diagnosed with HIV in 1997. She was one of the first women to come out publicly in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Ms. Elaripe volunteered with the National AIDS Council of PNG and the Ausaids HIV project before starting a drop-in centre for peer counselling. In 2003 Ms. Mea was one of the founding members of Igat Hope - the national network of positive people in PNG. She was formerly the Vice-Chair of the Igat Hope board, and continues as a board member today. She is also President of Women affected by HIV and AIDS in PNG, a Steering Committee member for Asia Pacific Network of Positive Peoples' and a member of the working committee of the Asia Pacific Positive Women's' Network.

Ms. Elaripe nearly died in December 2002. Luckily, friends from PNG National AIDS Council and Ausaid fundraised and bought generic drugs for her. Her health improved greatly as a result.

Ms. Elaripe has been involved in a lot of important advocacy programs in Papua New Guinea; calling on government and nongovernmental organizations to make antiretroviral therapy widely available and accessible in PNG. She also advocates for positive women's rights in her country and is a strong advocate on women's issues generally. Ms. Elaripe was recognized for her commitment in the fight against HIV in PNG as a recipient of the PNG HIV Awards medal, presented by the Honourable Minister for Health and the Governor General of Papua New Guinea.

Anthony FAUCI, MD (United States) *Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health*

Since 1984, Dr. Anthony Fauci has overseen NIAID's extensive research portfolio of basic and applied research to prevent, diagnose and treat infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, influenza, tuberculosis, malaria, and illness from potential agents of bioterrorism. The NIAID fiscal year 2006 budget is approximately US\$ 4.4 billion. Dr. Fauci serves as one of the key advisors to the White House and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on global AIDS issues, and on initiatives to bolster medical and public health preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats such as pandemic influenza.

Dr. Fauci has made many contributions to basic and clinical research on the pathogenesis and treatment of immune-mediated diseases, including HIV/AIDS. He continues to devote much of his research time to identifying the nature of the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to the AIDS retrovirus. Dr. Fauci serves on the editorial boards of many scientific journals; as an editor of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine; and as author, co-author, or editor of more than 1,000 scientific publications and textbooks.

In May 2007, President Bush awarded Dr. Fauci with the National Medal of Science, one of the highest honours presented by the White House for scientific research.

Joel E. GALLANT, MD, MPH (United States) *Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Professor of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Joel Gallant is Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service, and Director of the Garey Lambert Research Center, through which he has conducted dozens of clinical trials on the treatment of HIV infection. He is an investigator in the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN), the Acute Infection Early Disease Research Program, the Multicenter AIDS Cohort, and the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG). Within the HPTN and ACTG he has been involved in international clinical trials, especially in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He has also worked with JHPIEGO, a Hopkins affiliate, in the training of physicians in Latin America and the Caribbean on HIV management. He was the original scientific coordinator, and is now the conference president, of the Brazil/Johns Hopkins University Conference on HIV/AIDS, which reaches up to 1,000 Brazilian healthcare professionals.

Dr. Gallant completed his residency in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He received his MPH and infectious disease fellowship training at Johns Hopkins University. He was the 2006 recipient of the HIV Clinical Education Award from the HIV Medical Association, Infectious Disease Society of America.

Dr. Gallant is co-author of the *Medical Management of HIV Infection*. He is associate editor of *The Hopkins HIV Report* and Editor-in-Chief of the web-based Hopkins HIV Guide. He has been an author on over 75 peer-reviewed research papers and review articles on the subject of HIV infection and its treatment.

Diane V. HAVLIR, MD (United States) *Chief, HIV/AIDS Division, Professor of Medicine, and Principal Investigator for Adults AIDS Clinical Trials Group, University of California, San Francisco and IAS Governing Council Member*

In addition to her work in San Francisco, Dr. Diane Havlir has worked with the WHO beginning in 2001 as a consultant in HIV/AIDS antiretroviral therapy and most recently as part of the Core Committee for Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines for resource-limited settings. She was recently elected chair of the HIV/TB Working Group of the STOP TB partnership. As part of her extensive work in the field of HIV/AIDS, Dr. Havlir has pioneered research in HIV therapeutics starting with the early studies of nevirapine, and has contributed over 100 articles to scientific publications throughout her 20-year medical career.

Andrzej HORBAN, MD, PhD (Poland) *Head, Warsaw Hospital of Infectious Diseases and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Andrzej Horban was nominated by the Polish Ministry of Health to be the national coordinator of infectious diseases. He serves as the President of the Polish AIDS Society and is a member of the Executive Committee of the European AIDS Clinical Society.

Aikichi IWAMOTO, MD, DMSc (Japan) *Professor, Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo (IMSUT); Head, Division of Infectious Diseases, Advanced Clinical Research Center; and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Aikichi Iwamoto is a member of the National HIV Surveillance Committee of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare of Japan. Internationally, he is a member of the editorial advisory board of the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, a core faculty member of the IAS-USA, and an advisory board member of Friends of the Global Fund, Japan.

From 1999 to 2004, Dr. Iwamoto contributed to the Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA's) Project for Strengthening of Thai NIH Capabilities for Research and Development on AIDS and Emerging Infectious Diseases. He served as hospital director

of IMSUT from 2003 to 2006, and also served as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Society for AIDS Research from 2005 to 2006. Since 2005, Dr. Iwamoto has directed a cooperative project between the Chinese Academy of Sciences and IMSUT, establishing Japan-China joint laboratories in Beijing for emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. He is now a visiting professor at the Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

John KALDOR, PhD (Australia) *Professor of Epidemiology, University of New South Wales; Deputy Director, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research; and IAS 2007 Deputy Local Conference Co- Chair*

Professor John Kaldor has directed epidemiological activities at the National Centre since 1989, including national surveillance for HIV/AIDS, as well as the conduct of research programmes into transmission and disease progression. He is also responsible for a range of epidemiological research programmes into other blood-borne viruses and sexually transmissible diseases.

Professor Kaldor works extensively on projects related to HIV/AIDS in countries of the Asia-Pacific Region. He has had a particular interest in the areas of disease prevention and public health surveillance, and is an author of over 340 published scientific papers.

From 1998 to 2004 Professor Kaldor was a member of the IAS Governing Council, and was President of the Australasian Epidemiological Association from 1996 to 2000. He is also a member of the Repatriation Medical Authority.

Elly Tebasoboke KATABIRA, MD (Uganda) *Deputy Dean for Research and Clinical Advisor, AIDS Clinic, Mulago Hospital and Infectious Diseases Institute, Makerere University Medical School and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Elly Katabira has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS care and research since 1985. He received his medical education in Uganda, England, Scotland and the United States. In 1990, Dr. Katabira was recognized as a World AIDS Foundation International Scholar. He is a founding member of The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) and still serves as the organization's medical adviser. Dr. Katabira is the author of more than 100 published scientific articles and abstracts.

Michel KAZATCHKINE, MD (France) *Executive Director, Global Fund for AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Kazatchkine was appointed Executive Director of the Global Fund in February, 2007, and previously served as France's Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Communicable Diseases. Since 2004, he has served as Chair of the World Health Organization's Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, and a member of the WHO's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group on tuberculosis. In these roles, he provided guidance on a broad range of strategic and policy issues concerning the health sector response to these major infectious diseases.

In 1985, Dr. Kazatchkine started a clinic in Paris specializing in AIDS, which now treats over 1,600 people. Three years later, he opened the first night clinic for people with HIV in Paris, making it possible for patients to obtain confidential health care outside working hours. From 1998 to 2005, Dr. Kazatchkine directed the French National Agency for AIDS Research (ANRS), and served as Head of the Department of Immunology and the Clinical Immunology Unit at the Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou in Paris. He served as Vice-Chair of the Board of the Global Fund between 2005 and 2006.

Dr. Kazatchkine attended medical school at Necker-Enfants-Malades in Paris, studied immunology at the Pasteur Institute and has completed postdoctoral fellowships at St. Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He has published more than 600 research papers in leading journals.

Sukhontha KONGSIN, PhD (Thailand) *Assistant Professor in Health Economics and Healthcare Financing, Mahidol University School of Public Health, Bangkok and IAS Governing Council Member*

Professor Sukhontha has extensive fieldwork experience in the north of Thailand and broader international experience through collaborative research and exchanges with various United Nations agencies and the European Union. Her research has focused on the development of techniques to evaluate HIV/AIDS prevention activities and participatory methods to monitor and evaluate TB/HIV/Dengue programmes in Thailand.

Professor Sukhontha received the Young Investigator Award at the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver, Canada in 1996 and was awarded the Franz Redeker Prize at the 29th World Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease in November 1998. She graduated from the College of Nursing in the Thai southern province of Songkhla and received a PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2002, after earning a Masters of Economics in health economics at Chulalongkorn University.

Sharon LEWIN, FRACP, PhD (Australia) *Director, Infectious Diseases Unit, The Alfred Hospital; Professor of Medicine, Monash University in Melbourne; and IAS 2007 Deputy Local Conference Co-Chair*

Professor Sharon Lewin is an Infectious Diseases Physician and basic scientist. She did her post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. David Ho at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York and has broad scientific interests in both HIV and hepatitis B virus (HBV) virology and immunology. She is President of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) and a member of the HIV subcommittee for the Ministerial Advisory Committee for AIDS, Sexual Health and Hepatitis, the peak advisory body for the Australian government on HIV-related issues.

The Infectious Diseases Unit at the Alfred Hospital is the largest infectious diseases unit in Australia and incorporates the Victorian HIV Service. The Alfred Hospital is co-located with the Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research, the largest basic virology institute in Australia, with a primary focus on HIV virology and pathogenesis.

Craig McClure, (Canada) *Executive Director, International AIDS Society, Geneva*
Mr. Craig McClure is the Executive Director of the IAS, the world's leading independent association of HIV/AIDS professionals, with over 11,000 members in 175 different countries. His background is in political science, international relations, education and counseling, and he has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS for fifteen years, primarily in the areas of policy, advocacy and education.

In 2003-2004 Mr. McClure played a central role at the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters as a member of the coordination team for the development of the "3 by 5" strategy – a WHO and UNAIDS initiative to expand antiretroviral treatment access for people living with HIV/AIDS in resource-limited settings. Prior to working with WHO, Mr. McClure worked for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, focusing on mobilizing public sector support for vaccine research, as well as working on policy development in vaccine research and access. As a founding partner of the consultancy Health Hounds, Mr. McClure led a number of HIV/AIDS policy and programme development projects for intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and corporate sector clients during 1997-2000. Prior to 1997, he worked for four years for the Canadian Treatment Information Exchange, a non-governmental organization focused on HIV treatment information, education and advocacy.

Mr. McClure has published and presented on his HIV work at international, regional and national conferences over the past fifteen years. He is committed to balancing the need for further research with expanded implementation of existing prevention tools, ethical and equitable access to care and treatment, and an end to stigma and discrimination

against people living with HIV/AIDS and the marginalized communities that are most vulnerable to HIV infection.

The Hon. Reba Paige MEAGHER, MP (Australia) *Minister for Health, Member for Cabramatta*

Ms. Reba Meagher was elected to the New South Wales Parliament on October 22, 1994 to represent the electorate of Cabramatta. On April 20, 1999, she was appointed Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Transport and Roads and in March 2002 was appointed Parliamentary Secretary Assisting the Minister for Police.

Ms. Meagher was first elevated to the Ministry on April 2, 2003 when she became the Minister for Fair Trading and the Minister Assisting the Minister for Commerce. On January 21, 2005, she was sworn in as Minister for Community Services and Youth and incorporated the portfolios of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier on Citizenship in November 2006.

Ms. Meagher was sworn in as Minister for Health on April 2, 2007. Prior to her political career, Ms. Meagher worked as an Industrial Officer with the Transport Workers' Union and an electorate officer to the Federal Member for Parramatta.

Julio MONTANER, MD, FRCPC, FCCP (Canada) *Acting Director, Director of Clinical Activities, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS; Co-Director, Canadian HIV Trials Network; and President-Elect, IAS Governing Council*

Dr. Julio Montaner received his MD with Honors in 1979 at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1981, he joined the University of British Columbia as a post-doctoral fellow, completed a residency in Internal Medicine and Respiratory Medicine and was Chief Resident for the Department of Medicine in 1986/1987.

Dr. Montaner holds the Endowed Chair in AIDS Research at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He is also the Director of the AIDS Research Programme and Immunodeficiency at St. Paul's Hospital (SPH). In addition to his work at SPH/UBC, he was an AIDS National Health Research Scholar from 1987 to 1997. He has been involved in the organization of several national and international HIV/AIDS conferences, and was a co-chair of the Scientific Programme at the XI International AIDS Conference in Vancouver, 1996. He is also is a founding Co-Director of the Canadian HIV Trials Network.

Since 1992, Dr. Montaner has been the Director of Clinical Activities at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and, in September 2005, became the Director of the Centre. He has been a member of the International AIDS Society since 1988, an elected member of the North American Region since 2002 and President-Elect since 2006. Dr. Montaner has authored over 300 scientific publications on HIV/AIDS.

Annmaree O'KEEFFE, AM (Australia) *Deputy Director General, Australian Agency for International Development and Australian Ambassador for HIV/AIDS*

Annmaree O'Keeffe was appointed Australian Ambassador, HIV/AIDS in April 2006. This followed her earlier appointment as Australia's Special Representative for HIV/AIDS by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The focus of Ms. O'Keeffe's position is to encourage political, business and community leaders in the Asian Pacific region to provide the direction and support needed to meet the HIV/AIDS threat.

Ms. O'Keeffe is a board member of the Asia Pacific Business Coalition on AIDS, a steering committee member of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Forum, and a consultative council member of the Australian National University Centre for Democratic Institutions. She has held the positions of Minister-Counselor for development cooperation at the Australian High Commission, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and Australian Ambassador to Nepal from 1994 to 1996. Prior to joining the Australian Government in

1984, Ms. O’Keeffe worked as a journalist in Africa and Britain and later joined the International Committee of the Red Cross in Bangkok and Geneva.

Ms. O’Keeffe holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland with majors in Economics, Psychology and Journalism, and a Master of Arts in Asian International Relations from Griffith University. She was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia, General Division (AM) in the Australia Day Honours for her service to international relations and HIV/AIDS policy and programme development.

Viola Adaku ONWULIRI, PhD (Nigeria) *Professor, Department of Biochemistry, University of Jos; Chairman, HIV/AIDS Committee, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State; and IAS Governing Council Member*

Professor Viola Adaku Onwuliri is a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Jos, Nigeria, where she was also Deputy Dean. She has a strong interest in medicinal plants, under-exploited seeds and crops in Nigeria, tropical diseases, as well as HIV/AIDS. She has also directed educational programmes for women and youth, especially commercial sex workers in her country. From 2001 to 2004, Professor Onwuliri was the lead investigator for the Sex Workers Education Project of the AIDS Prevention Initiative Nigeria of the Harvard School of Public Health, and was a member of the Mary Magdalene Lemon/Lime Juice Research Project (Nigeria/Australia).

Professor Onwuliri is founding Chairperson of the Society for Women and AIDS in Nigeria, Plateau State Branch, and was a member of the Logistics Sub-committee for the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa 2005. Recently, she was honoured by the Plateau State Government of Nigeria with “the Distinguished Woman on the Plateau Gold Award” for her contributions to Plateau State and to humanity, and by the National Association of Nigerian Students with an “award of excellence” as “Mother of Nigerian Students.” Professor Onwuliri received her B.Sc. in Biochemistry from the University of Nigeria, and her Master of Science and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Jos, Nigeria.

Hector Miguel PEREZ, MD (Argentina) *Infectious Diseases Unit, Juan Fernandez Hospital, Fundación Huesped, and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Hector Perez graduated from the Buenos Aires University Medical School in 1979, and completed a residency in Internal Medicine, serving as chief resident at the Juan Fernandez Hospital in Buenos Aires. In 1983 he established the first clinic devoted to assisting patients living with HIV/AIDS with Dr. Pedro Cahn. From 1992 to 1996, he served as a staff member of the National AIDS Program in Argentina. From 1995 to 1999, he served as vice-president for the Argentine AIDS Society. He has served as external advisor for the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and The World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Perez was part of the Conference Organizing Committee for the 1st IAS Conference on Pathogenesis and Treatment, held in Buenos Aires in 2001. He has been a member of the HIV Guidelines Committee of the Social Security System in Argentina since 1994. His current professional focus is HIV/TB co-infection and issues regarding access to anti-retroviral therapy.

Celso Ferreira RAMOS-Filho, MD, MSc (Brazil) *Professor, Department of Preventative Medicine, School of Medicine, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro; Professor of Infectious Diseases, Souza Marques School of Medicine; and IAS Governing Council Member*

Dr. Celso Ramos coordinates the new International Centre for Technical Cooperation on HIV/AIDS, which was created jointly by the Brazilian National AIDS Programme and UNAIDS. Between 2002 and 2004, he served as President of the Sociedade Brasileira de Infectologia (SBI), which acts as the Department of Infectious Disease for the Brazilian Medical Association.

Dr. Ramos has served in a number of national committees and advisory boards, including the National Advisory Group on Anti-retroviral Therapy. He has participated in advisory boards and committees of various medical and pharmaceutical companies, both in Brazil and abroad, and in 2005 served as Co-chair of the 3rd IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment. Dr. Ramos received his medical degree and Master of Science in Infectious and Parasitic Diseases from Federal University, Rio de Janeiro.

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Dr. Reiss is a member of the U.S. Public Health Service/Infectious Disease Society of America Prevention and Treatment of Opportunistic Infections Working Groups. He is also Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee for the EuroSIDA study and a member of the D:A:D study steering committee. In 2005, Dr. Reiss was elected Vice-President of the European AIDS Clinical Society and is a Core Committee member of the Scientific Committee for the biannual Glasgow International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection. Since 2006, Dr. Reiss has served as a member and regional representative for the European & Central Asian region of the Governing Council of the International AIDS Society. He also serves as Clinical HIV Section Editor of Antiviral Therapy and is a member of the Editorial Board of a number of HIV specialty journals.

Dr. Reiss received his MD in 1981 and PhD in 1990 from the University of Amsterdam. He has authored or co-authored almost 200 publications in the field of general infectious diseases and HIV-medicine.

Michael SAAG, MD (United States) *Professor of Medicine, University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB); Director, UAB Center for AIDS Research and 1917 AIDS Clinic*

Dr. Michael Saag joined the UAB faculty in 1987 as Assistant Professor of Medicine. In 1988, he became the founding director of the 1917 AIDS Clinic that today provides medical and social services to approximately 1,200 HIV/AIDS patients. In addition to his administrative, clinical and research posts, Dr. Saag is a respected lecturer and mentor. In 2002, he was named Senior Scientist, Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research and Education at the UAB.

Dr. Saag is Co-Editor of the textbook *AIDS Therapy* (soon to be released in its 2nd Edition), the Editor-in-Chief of Cases on the Web (COW) CME Program, International AIDS Society-USA, and a member of the editorial boards of several professional journals. He has authored over 140 articles, and has contributed numerous chapters to medical texts. In 1992, Dr. Saag was the recipient of the Outstanding Medical Research Achievement Award from the AIDS Task Force of Alabama and for the past several years has been recognized for his achievements by *American Health* magazine and *America's Top Doctors*. Dr. Saag received his Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tulane University in New Orleans, and his Medical Degree from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. He completed his internship, residency and a postdoctoral fellowship at UAB and is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease.

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Dr. NM Samuel has worked extensively in India, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, receiving the Coronation Gold Medal from the King of Bhutan in 1974 and the Seva Pathak Service Award from the King of Nepal in 1983. He established the Department of Experimental Medicine and AIDS Research Centre at the TN DR MGR Medical University, which provides diagnostic and clinical services and conducts research on HIV/AIDS. The

Centre is also administering antiretroviral therapy at a district level - the first in India - and has initiated the Pediatric AIDS Centre to provide care to children infected with HIV.

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Through her work with PEOM, Dr. Smith has promoted the practice of high quality health care, scientific investigation, and medical education, and has incorporated alternative therapies into the care of people living with HIV. Her commitment has led her to serve in various health care settings throughout the world, including Kenya, Tanzania and Somalia. Her clinical research includes studies of older adults with HIV infection and the Black and Hispanic communities' attitudes towards the medical establishment. Dr. Smith has been a lecturer at conferences discussing racial/cultural disparities in medicine and the Black and Hispanic communities' mistrust of the health care system.

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Dr. Luis Soto-Ramirez received his medical degree in 1982 from Escuela Mexicana de Medicina of Universidad La Salle, and completed training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at INCMNSZ and a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular virology at Harvard University.

He has served as a member of the International AIDS Society's Governing Council since 2000 and as regional representative for Latin America and the Caribbean since 2004. Dr. Soto-Ramirez has authored over 40 scientific publications. He has also published three

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Dr. Alan Street is an infectious disease specialist and Head of the HIV Service at Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Service is the second largest hospital-based unit in Melbourne for the inpatient and outpatient care of people living with HIV and is an active participant in clinical trials of new treatment strategies.

Dr. Street is also Physician in Charge of the TB Clinic, which provides care for patients with tuberculosis, in close collaboration with the TB Program, Department of Human Services. Dr Street has been involved with VIDS colleagues and other hospital departments in developing protocols and preparedness plans for infections requiring specialised infection control responses, such as viral haemorrhagic fever and avian influenza.

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Dr. Sharon Walmsley has been actively involved in the design and conduct of many clinical trials, including trials in HIV therapy, prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections, and management of the complications of treatment. Dr. Walmsley has a strong interest in HIV in women, and is a co-investigator of the Canadian Women's HIV Study Group. Dr. Walmsley has numerous peer-reviewed publications and research awards and is the recipient of a Career Scientist Award from the Ontario HIV Treatment Network. She is a member of the Scientific Review and Steering Committees of the Canadian HIV Trials Network and Co-Chair of its Clinical Management Core.

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Dr. Weller is Chair of the HIV and Viral Diseases Scientific Advisory Group of the European Medicines Agency, and Co-Chair of its ongoing initiative sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry, to examine the safety of highly-active antiretroviral therapy. He is also Chairman of the Board of the Terrence Higgins Trust, one of the largest HIV/AIDS charities in Europe.

Dr. Weller is Co-Vice Chair of the UK's Commission on Human Medicines, and is on the Data Safety Monitoring Board of two large international clinical trials. He is chair of the steering committee of the DART study, one of the largest antiretroviral trials in Africa, and also oversees the steering committee of a similar trial in children (ARROW). Dr. Weller is also chair of the COHERE steering committee, the largest HIV cohort collaboration in Europe.