



Plenary Speaker Bios

MONDAY, 4 August: (9:00 - 10:30, Session Room 1)

Panel Discussion: State of the Epidemic

Geoff GARNETT, PhD (United Kingdom)

Geoff Garnett is Professor of Microparasite Epidemiology at Imperial College London, where he is Theme Leader for Public and International Health and Director of a Masters Course in Epidemiology. His main area of research is the epidemiology and control of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Since 1990 Dr. Garnett has worked on the broad area of HIV and STI epidemiology, with projects on the demographic impact of AIDS; modelling sexual partner networks; and the epidemiology of HIV, gonorrhoea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, herpes-simplex virus (HSV) and human papillomavirus (HPV). Recent work has focused on the potential impact of HSV and HPV vaccines and the epidemiological consequences of antiretroviral treatments. Dr. Garnett has been an investigator on community randomised trials of HIV interventions in Zimbabwe and Peru, and has been involved in the design and analysis of a number of sexual behaviour surveys in developed and developing countries. As Chair of the UNAIDS Reference Group on Estimates, Models and Projections, he has played a part in developing the methods used in HIV surveillance globally.

Jaime SEPULVEDA, MD, MPH, DrSc, MSc (Mexico)

Jaime Sepulveda is Director of Integrated Health Solutions Development in the Global Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. At the Foundation he manages grants that develop new tools and strategies for maternal, newborn, child, and reproductive health; vaccine-preventable diseases; and nutrition. Dr. Sepulveda served for more than 20 years in a variety of senior health posts in the Mexican government. From 2003 to 2006, he served as director of the National Institutes of Health in Mexico. He also served as Director General of Mexico's National Institute of Public Health and Dean of the National School of Public Health. In addition to his research credentials, Dr. Sepulveda is an experienced implementer of health programmes. As Mexico's Director General of Epidemiology, and later as Vice Minister of Health, he designed Mexico's Universal Vaccination Program, which eliminated polio, measles, and diphtheria by more than doubling childhood immunization coverage in two years. He also designed a national health surveillance system and founded Mexico's National AIDS Council. Dr. Sepulveda holds a medical degree from National Autonomous University of Mexico and three advanced degrees from the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a member of the Board of Overseers at Harvard University and a member of the Institute of Medicine of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

Alex COUTINHO, MD, MSc, MPH (Uganda)

Alex Coutinho is currently the Executive Director of the Infectious Diseases Institute in Kampala, Uganda, the Vice Chair of the Board of the International Partnership for Microbicides, a member of the SIDA Africa Regional Advisory Group, and a member of the Global HIV Prevention Working Group. He received his medical degree from Makerere Medical School in 1983, and worked with the first cases of AIDS in Nsambya Hospital in 1983-85. From 1986-89 Dr. Coutinho lectured at Makerere Medical School. He then worked in Swaziland, where he started one of the country's first care programmes for people living with HIV (PLHIV). He also established the first occupational health programmes for PLHIV in

the private sector in Swaziland. Dr. Coutinho completed an MPH from the University of Witwatersrand in 2001 and returned to Uganda that same year. From 2001-07, he served as the Executive Director of The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) in Uganda, where he was responsible for the scale up of services for 100,000 clients, 20,000 of whom were on antiretroviral therapy. During his tenure, TASO grew to become a truly national, nongovernmental organization, serving 17 direct service centres and 35 hospital units. In 2001 Dr. Coutinho served on the Global Fund's Interim Board. He also served as Vice Chair of the Global Fund's Technical Review Panel from 2002 to 2004.

Elisabet FADUL (Dominican Republic)

Elisabet Fadul is a youth activist and project manager for youth issues in the Dominican Republic. She currently studies International Relations at the *Universidad Católica Santo Domingo*, and has worked for more than four years advocating for improved social development among her peers, particularly in the area of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and HIV/AIDS. In the Dominican Republic, Ms. Fadul is the Country Coordinator of Global Youth Partners (GYP), a volunteer, youth-managed advocacy initiative working for increased access to HIV information, education and services for young people, which is supported by the United Nations Population Fund. Her work through GYP focuses on the use of information, communication and technology for advocacy, education and information on SRH, HIV/AIDS and youth participation. Ms. Fadul has participated in a panel session at the World Youth Festival, World Youth Congress, and as a Youth Representative in the Dominican Republic's Delegation to the UNGASS round table in June 2005. Currently, she is a member of the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Oxfam International Youth Partnerships. She is also Co-Founder of a student association that promotes the importance of international relations.

TUESDAY, 5 August: (9:00 – 10:30, Session Room 1)

Myron COHEN, MD (United States)

Prevention of the Sexual Transmission of HIV-1: A View from Early in the 21st Century

Myron Cohen is the J. Herbert Bate Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Microbiology, Immunology and Public Health at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs-Global Health. He is also the Director of the UNC Division of Infectious Disease and the UNC Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease, as well as Associate Director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research. Dr. Cohen serves on the Senior Leadership Group of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for HIV Vaccine Immunology (CHAVI) and is part of the leadership group of the NIH HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN). He is Associate Editor of the journal *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* and the comprehensive textbook, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. Dr. Cohen's research focuses on the transmission and prevention of HIV, with emphasis on sexually transmitted disease (STD) co-infection. He has conducted landmark studies related to the biology of HIV transmission and the use of antiretroviral agents for prevention. In 2005, Dr. Cohen received a National Institutes of Health MERIT Award for ongoing support of this work. He is the author of more than 400 publications. Much of his research has been conducted in resource constrained countries, especially in Malawi and in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Cohen received his medical degree from Rush Medical College and completed an Infectious Disease Fellowship at Yale University.

Adeeba KAMARULZAMAN, MBBS, FRACP (Malaysia)

Substance Use and Harm Reduction

Adeeba Kamarulzaman is Head Professor of Infectious Diseases at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she manages the HIV/AIDS tertiary referral and research center. In addition to her clinical and academic commitments, she has been actively involved in the community response to HIV/AIDS in Malaysia. As convener of the Malaysian Harm Reduction Working Group of the Malaysian AIDS Council, she successfully advocated for

implementation of harm reduction in Malaysia in 2005, including the use of oral substitution therapy and syringe access programmes. Dr. Kamarulzaman was elected President of the Malaysian AIDS Council, the umbrella organization for all AIDS NGOs in Malaysia in January 2006. Presently, she is Chair of the TREAT Asia Steering Committee and a member of the Executive Committee and Advisory Boards of the International Harm Reduction Association, the International Harm Reduction Development Program, as well as the American Foundation for AIDS Research. She is also an Executive Committee member of the United Nations Regional Task Force on HIV Prevention Amongst Drug Users and a member of the United Nations Reference Group on HIV and Injecting Drug Use.

Jorge SAAVEDRA López, MD, MPH, MHPM (Mexico)

Jonathon Mann Memorial Lecture: Sex Between Men

Jorge Saavedra has been the Head of the National HIV/AIDS Programme in Mexico (CENSIDA) since 2003 and was responsible for launching the Universal Access to ARV policy in Mexico. Mexico's universal access programme and social security system are together covering 46,000 people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2004 Dr. Saavedra launched an official anti-machismo education campaign, and in 2005, he launched the first government-endorsed anti-homophobia campaign in Mexico. In 2006 he appointed the first transgender woman in an official position within the Mexican Government. In the last two years Dr. Saavedra has served as a Board Member for the Global Fund, representing Latin America and the Caribbean. In this role, he and three other board members developed the sexual minorities' decision point. In 2000, he founded the first ambulatory HIV Clinic in Mexico (*Clinica Condesa* in Mexico City), which is currently the largest HIV Care Center in Mexico and one of the largest in Latin-America. Dr. Saavedra has written several publications related to costs and financing of HIV in Latin America and Mexico and is the recipient of several national and regional awards, including the National Gay Merit Award. As the first openly gay person to be in a high level position inside the Mexican Government, Dr. Saavedra is currently working towards a new goal: To officially declare the 51 new HIV Ambulatory Care Clinics in Mexico as "Homophobia Free Services". Dr. Saavedra has an MPH and MHPM from Harvard University and an MD from National Autonomous University of Mexico.

WEDNESDAY, 6 August: (9:00 – 10:30, Session Room 1)

Robert SILICIANO, MD, PhD (United States)

HIV Persistence in Patients on HAART: Reevaluating Prospects for Eradication

Robert F. Siliciano is a member of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Professor of Medicine and Molecular Biology and Genetics at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He also directs the MD-PhD programme at Johns Hopkins University. In 1995, his laboratory provided the first demonstration that latently infected memory CD4+ T cells were present in patients with HIV-1 infection. Dr. Siliciano went on to characterize this latent reservoir and to show that latently infected cells persist even in patients who are on prolonged antiretroviral therapy. These studies indicated that eradication of HIV-1 infection with antiretroviral therapy alone would never be possible, a finding which led to a fundamental change in the treatment strategy for HIV-1 infection. Dr. Siliciano's laboratory has characterized the different forms of HIV-1 that persist in patients on HAART, and is exploring potential strategies for eradicating the virus from this and other reservoirs. Dr. Siliciano completed his undergraduate work at Princeton University, and received his MD and PhD degrees from Johns Hopkins. He is the recipient of a Distinguished Clinical Scientist Award from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, as well as two National Institutes of Health (NIH) Merit Awards. He is also past Chairman of the NIH AIDS and Related Research Study Section.

Linda RICHTER (South Africa)

No Small Issue: Children and Families

Linda Richter is the Executive Director of Child, Youth, Family and Social Development (CYFSD) at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) in South Africa. She is Honorary Professor in Psychology and an elected Fellow of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, as well as Honorary Professor in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of the Witwatersrand. Ms. Richter is also an Honorary Research Associate in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, and for three years she was an Honorary Fellow in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne. Ms. Richter has conducted both basic and policy research in the fields of child and youth development. She has published more than 150 papers on such topics as: child, adolescent and family development; infant and child assessment; protein-energy malnutrition; street and working children; the effects of HIV/AIDS on children and families; and HIV prevention among young people. Ms. Richter has developed several innovative interventions and programmes, and has advised other agencies on the design, implementation and evaluation of interventions for children and families. She is on the Editorial Boards of several journals and is a member of numerous committees and task teams. Her work, and that of CYFSD, has been recognized with a National Science and Technology Forum Award in South Africa and with the HSRC's CEO Award. In 2007, Ms. Richter was a finalist in the category of science and technology for the South African Woman of the Year Award.

Elena REYNAGA (Argentina)

Sex Work

Elena Eva Reynaga is a Female Sex Worker (FSW) born in San Pedro de Jujuy, Argentina. She started working as a social activist in 1994, together with other FSWs, to denounce the violation of their human rights by the police and government. She became a point of reference both nationally and internationally with regard to sex work related issues, including HIV/AIDS, violence, gender, human rights and labor rights. Ms. Reynaga is the Founder and Executive Secretary of AMMAR, the Argentine Association of Female Sex Workers. Its major achievements have been the elimination of police edicts (minor laws) which criminalized sex work, and the establishment of a syndicate, which gives FSWs the status of workers. About 1,700 FSWs living in 11 provinces of Argentina are affiliated with AMMAR. Her work is considered good practice throughout the Latin America and Caribbean region and in some European and North American countries. Ms. Reynaga is a member of the National Board of the Argentine Workers' Centre, Executive Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Female Sex Workers, and a member of the Latin American HIV/AIDS Networks Initiative. In 2006 Ms. Reynaga was a speaker at the United Nations High Level Meeting and at the Women Deliver Conference in London.

THURSDAY, 7 August: (8:45 – 10:30, Session Room 1)

Anton POZNIAK, MD (United Kingdom)

Advances in ART

Anton Pozniak is Consultant Physician/Senior Lecturer at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, where he is the Executive Director of HIV research. He also is an executive member of the European AIDS Clinical Society and Vice Chair of the European AIDS Trial Network, NEAT. Dr. Pozniak has been made a life member of the British HIV Association (BHIVA) and helped write the institution's HIV antiviral guidelines. He currently chairs the BHIVA's TB/HIV Guidelines Committee. Dr. Pozniak was an HIV/AIDS advisor to the UK Government's Health Select Committee and is a member of the Expert Advisory Group on AIDS for the UK Department of Health. He is on the Scientific Advisory Board and executive committee of the Charity LEPROA and for six years was a Trustee of the Terence Higgins Trust, the UK's largest HIV charity. Dr. Pozniak has published widely on clinical aspects of HIV treatment and care. He studied medicine at the University of Bristol UK and began caring for patients

with HIV in 1983 at the Middlesex Hospital, London. In 1989 he went to Zimbabwe as a Consultant Physician, where he researched for his doctorate in TB and HIV. He returned to the UK in 1991 and ran the HIV Unit at King's College London before moving to his current position in 1998. In 1996 Dr. Pozniak became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians.

Morolake ODETOYINBO (Nigeria)

Greater Involvement of HIV+ People in Healthcare

Morolake (Rolake) Odetoyinbo is CEO of Positive Action for Treatment Access (PATA), a nongovernmental organization dedicated to the promotion of the rights and well-being of women living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. She is also an activist, advocate, writer, trainer, public speaker, television producer and presenter. With a background in dramatic arts, Ms. Odetoyinbo has over ten years experience in fighting for the rights of the marginalized and vulnerable in society. She has worked on issues related to people with disabilities and persons living with HIV (PLHIV) for a number of years. She has engaged in HIV/AIDS policy development around issues of treatment, research and ethics, and is an advocate for inclusive programming involving PLHIV. Ms. Odetoyinbo is actively involved in mobilizing, networking and mentoring people, particularly women living with HIV. She has participated in several international and national technical consultations on HIV/AIDS and is the recipient of awards locally and internationally. She presently serves on the National Technical Working Group on Women and HIV/AIDS in Nigeria.

Gregg GONSALVES (United States)

ART Scale Up

Gregg Gonsalves coordinates a program to educate communities in Southern Africa on AIDS and TB treatment, and how to advocate for their rights to health care, which is administered by the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), based in Cape Town. As the only regional network on human rights and AIDS in Southern Africa, ARASA promotes a rights-based response to the epidemic through advocacy, training and capacity-building. Mr. Gonsalves is a person openly living with HIV. Mr. Gonsalves is also affiliated with the Treatment Action Campaign in South Africa. He has worked on behalf of the rights of People Living with HIV since 1990, first as a member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (Act Up) in Boston, Massachusetts, and then as part of Act Up New York. In 1992, he co-founded the Treatment Action Group (TAG), which focuses exclusively on AIDS research and drug development policy and advocacy; he was the Policy Director until 2000. From 2000-2006, Mr. Gonsalves was the Director of Treatment and Prevention Advocacy at Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York. He is also one of the Founders of the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC), a network of over 1,000 people from over 125 countries advocating for AIDS and TB services. In March 2008, the US-based John M. Lloyd Foundation awarded Mr. Gonsalves the John M. Lloyd AIDS Leadership Award in recognition of his professional accomplishments.

FRIDAY, 8 August: (8:15 – 10:30, Session Room 1)

Chakaya JEREMIAH Muhwa, MD, MSc (Kenya)

HIV and TB

Chakaya Jeremiah Muhwa is Chief Research Officer at the Centre for Respiratory Diseases Research, Chair of the DOTS Expansion Working Group and Vice Chair of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board. Based at the Centre for Respiratory Diseases Research, Kenya Medical Research Institute, Dr. Jeremiah is working on a lung health research agenda and is providing technical support to the TB Control Programme and the Kenya Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. Dr. Jeremiah received his medical degree at the University of Nairobi in 1985 then went to work with the Kenyan Ministry of Health as a Medical Officer. Most of his work was in two rural hospitals in Eastern and Nyanza provinces of Kenya. In 1992 he received an MSc in Internal Medicine at the

University of Nairobi. After he joined the Kenya Medical Research Institute to pursue a career in respiratory medicine research, he became very involved in TB care and control. In 1995 he received postgraduate training in lung medicine at the University of London and in fiber optic bronchoscopy at Kyorin University in Tokyo. In 2002 he developed the TB treatment project in Nairobi and became the Director of the TB Control Programme for the Ministry of Health from 2003-2006. Dr. Jeremiah has had several papers published in peer review journals. His immediate future plans include contributing to improved lung health care in Kenya and globally, with special emphasis on TB, asthma, and other chronic lung diseases through persistence and intensification of current personal efforts.

Bruno SPIRE, PhD (France)

HIV Prevention: What Have We Learned from Community Experiences in Concentrated Epidemics?

Bruno Spire is a researcher living with HIV. He is currently President of AIDES, the primary nongovernmental HIV organization in France. He also holds a position in the French National Institute for Medical Research. In 1998, Dr. Spire turned his research to public health issues in order to reconcile the objectives of scientists and activists. He has led a large number of analyses of the issue of patient adherence, demonstrating that adherence cannot be predicted in advance, solely on the basis of socio-demographic characteristics. His research demonstrates that adherence is influenced by a patient's experience. Dr. Spire's research has contributed to the knowledge of determinants of patients' quality of life in the ART era. Part of his research also focuses on the sexual behaviours of PLHIV. Dr. Spire was trained as a Medical Doctor in Paris. He obtained his PhD in Virology in 1990 while working on the Françoise Barré-Sinoussi team, which was involved in the discovery of HIV. He started a post-doctoral position in London in 1990 with Professor Robin Weiss to study the Vif Protein of HIV virus. In 1993 he returned to Marseille to continue studying HIV in the field of molecular biology. Dr. Spire is an advocate for the right of minorities, gay men, injecting drug users and migrants to obtain equal access to health care.

Edwin CAMERON (South Africa)

Criminal Statutes and Criminal Prosecutions in the Epidemic: Help or Hindrance?

Edwin Cameron is a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa and author of the prize-winning memoir, *Witness to AIDS* (2005). He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he obtained law degrees and academic honours. He has received many honours and awards for his human rights work, including work in the AIDS field. He has been living with HIV since 1986, has been on anti-retroviral therapy since 1997. Mr. Cameron gave the keynote address at the XIII International AIDS Conference in Durban in 2000.

Zonibel WOODS (Canada)

Investing in Gender Equality: Why Women and Girls Matter in the AIDS Response

Born in El Salvador, Zonibel Woods is a feminist advocate with over 18 years of experience in the women's movement. She has extensive and diverse expertise with women's organizations and has worked on issues related to youth, human rights, sexual rights, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. She has worked as an advocate for women's rights in many intergovernmental processes. From 1993 to 1995 Ms. Woods served as the youth coordinator for the NGO Forum for the UN Fourth World Conference in Beijing. In 1997, she was profiled by *Ms. Magazine* in "21 for the 21st: Leaders for the Next Century". In 2005, as the Senior Advisor for the International Women's Health Coalition, Ms. Woods launched and coordinated an initiative aimed at focusing global attention to the increasing feminization of the AIDS epidemic. Since then she has worked tirelessly to make gender equality and women's empowerment an explicit part of the global HIV response. She is currently a member of the nongovernmental organization delegation to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board.