

## "TOWARDS AN HIV CURE": AIDS 2012 PRE-CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM 20 & 21 JULY 2012

### Background Information

Under the auspices of the International AIDS Society, an international working group of researchers is developing a [Global Scientific Strategy Towards an HIV Cure](#). The strategy aims at building a global consensus on the state of the HIV reservoirs field and defining scientific priorities that must be addressed by future research to tackle HIV persistence in patients on antiretroviral therapy.

The scientific strategy will be released at a 2-day symposium, co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, 2008 Nobel Laureate for Medicine and IAS President-elect and Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) for up to 250 basic and clinical science researchers and research advocates. The symposium will take place in Washington, D.C. on 20 & 21 July 2012, immediately preceding the XIX International AIDS Conference. This symposium will be closely linked to the AIDS 2012 conference programme.

### How to attend the symposium?

REGISTRATION TO THE SYMPOSIUM AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS NOW CLOSED. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR REGISTRATION STATUS BEFORE MID-APRIL.

The only option for late registration is to submit an abstract. Late breaker submission opens on 19 april and will close on 22 may 2012, please submit abstracts online at [www.aids2012.org](http://www.aids2012.org).

- **Submit Abstracts on AIDS 2012 website**

Track A and B (basic and clinical sciences) abstracts submitted to the International AIDS Conference and related to the topic of HIV cure will be considered for the symposium (oral presentations and posters), while results from the symposium will be shared with the expected 25 000-30 000 participants attending AIDS 2012. Abstract submitters must indicate that they would like their abstract to be considered for the pre-conference symposium using an opt-in tick-box.

Please click [here](#) for more detailed information on the background and objectives of this initiative and for any additional information please contact [reservoirs@iasociety.org](mailto:reservoirs@iasociety.org).

- **Request a non-abstract registration on IAS website**

Non-abstract registration is closed. Any question should be directed to [reservoirs@iasociety.org](mailto:reservoirs@iasociety.org)

### IAS-ANRS Prize on HIV Cure

The best abstract presented by a young investigator will receive the IAS-ANRS Prize on HIV Cure, to be awarded at the symposium.

The US\$2,000 IAS/ANRS Young Investigator Award is jointly funded by the IAS and the Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le sida et les hépatites virales (ANRS) to support young researchers who demonstrate innovation, originality, rationale and quality in the field of HIV/AIDS research.

Eligible candidates are the presenting authors of abstracts submitted for the IAS or AIDS conferences, who meet the following criteria:

- The abstract must have been accepted as an oral presentation, poster discussion or poster exhibition by the Scientific Programme Committee
- The presenting author must be under 35 years of age
- The research demonstrates innovation, originality, rationale and quality

ABSTRACT SUBMITTERS DO NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR THE PRIZE DIRECTLY. All abstract submitters who meet the criteria are automatically considered.

### The Symposium Programme Committee

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### HIV Cure Pre-Conference Symposium Programme

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### Past Conference Material Related to HIV Reservoirs

- [6th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention \(IAS 2011\) and other material related to HIV reservoirs](#)
- [AIDS 2010 & pre-conference workshop "Towards a Cure: HIV Reservoirs and Strategies to control them"](#)
- [5th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention \(IAS 2009\) and older](#)

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