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## NEWS

*PLWHAs in prisons face barriers to treatment, including stigmatisation by staff and peers. They are also undertreated due to the perception that they can't adhere to treatment.*

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The Community Rendez-Vous concluded last night in a ceremony that none will forget.

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Protease inhibitor cross-resistance confirmed through laboratory testing.

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### ● SOUTH

Effective and affordable TB treatments continue to be of concern for poorer countries.

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*Wola Nani South Africa is an AIDS service organisation based on a self-help ethos. "HIV and AIDS is the new marking of apartheid, and relates to the discrimination those living with the disease encounter," states a poster in the Wola Nani stand. For an article on issues facing the new South Africa, see page 3.*

*Pascal Frautschi*

## Lessons from African STD trials noted by US researchers

“There is little doubt that STDs are co-factors in HIV infection,” said Marie Laga, of the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, at yesterday’s session on STD/HIV interaction. “But to what extent STD control will reduce HIV infection is a more complex question.”

Results presented at the session suggest it may depend on the method of STD control. “It probably makes more sense to emphasise STD control for HIV prevention in those populations who already have STDs,” Laga told The Bridge.

Maria Wawer presented data from

the Rakai project in Uganda, in which treatment against STDs was administered by travelling teams to all persons in a cohort at ten-month intervals. Despite reductions in STDs relative to a control group who weren’t treated

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