

Pre-Conference Sessions

Friday, June 26

COMMUNITY RENDEZ-VOUS

The Community Rendez-Vous will be a forum for community exchange and skills development. The focus will be on discussing mechanisms for improving networking on five themes (human rights, migration, community-based research, sex work, and living with AIDS). Small rooms are available for breakouts and other networks. Limited registration will be available on-site on Friday. There will be a Treatment and Science Workshop all day on Saturday and Sunday in the Swissair Centre.

Opening Plenary

Venue: Session Hall I

Time: 16.30–18.30

This will comprise a Vancouver conference retrospective and overview of community perspectives of developments on HIV/AIDS

Speakers:

Andrew Johnson, Vice-chair, Community Planning Committee, 12th World AIDS Conference, and Community Coordinator at Vancouver 1996, Canada

Kamane Hapugalle, Director, Alliance Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka

Aaron Meeks, Australia

Community Reception/Dinner

Venue: Palais Eynard, Geneva

Time: 19.30–21.30

Saturday, June 27

COMMUNITY RENDEZ-VOUS

Regional Meetings

Venue: Session Halls I and II, and Rooms D, E and F
Time: 09.00–12.00

Delegates will meet with others from their region – Africa; Asia/Pacific; Europe; Latin America; and North America.

Network Meetings

Venue: Session Halls I and II, and Rooms D, E, F, and I
Time: 13.00–17.00

Five networks have indicated they wish to meet to improve their communications and to build up their networks: human rights, community-based research, sex work, migration, and GNP/ ICW. E-mail listserves for each of these networks have been established (plus an additional list for treatment and care), and can be accessed through aids.community@hivnet.ch. Other small rooms are available.

SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Participants in the CRV can choose to attend Skills Building workshops on the use of drama and theatre; newsletter development; or use of computers.

SB 1 Using Drama and Other Performing Arts in AIDS Prevention Activities

Venue: Room H
Time: 13.00–17.00

Since early in the AIDS pandemic, street performances and drama has been used successfully in AIDS prevention programmes. They have been particularly relevant for marginalised communities and those with low literacy levels. This workshop will look at effectively integrating drama and other performing arts in education and prevention programmes. It will specifically address involving representatives of target audiences in the activities.

Facilitated by: Lynn Dalrymple, Sipho Dlodla, Lungile Zulu, Mkhonzeni Gumede, Paul Botha, and Nonhlanhla Xaba, DramAidE, South Africa; Godfrey Sealy, Alliance for Prevention Trinidad and Tobago, Trinidad; Gordon Bilbrough, AREPP, South Africa

SB 2 Producing a Newsletter

Venue: Room G
Time: 13.00–17.00

Many organisations produce newsletters for their members or to provide public education on HIV. This workshop will build on the experiences of producing HIV information newsletters by and for people living with HIV and for carers and prevention workers. It will cover practical aspects of low-cost newsletter development, production and distribution. Facilitators will provide examples of community-level, low-cost newsletter production from the Asia-Pacific region and Africa. This workshop is for members of HIV organisations who wish to use newsletters as a means of information sharing and dissemination. Participants are asked to bring samples of their own publications.

Facilitated by: Sian Long, AHRTAG, UK; Mercedes Apilado, Health Action Information Network, Philippines; Anthony Kariuki, Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Kenya; Jill Sergeant, PLWHA (NSW) Inc., Australia

SB 3.1 The Wonders of E-Mail

Venue: Room K
Time: 13.00–14.30

Electronic communication allows people to link with individuals and organisations all over the world, and is an important communication and networking tool. Join us to learn the basics, including how to send and receive mail, manage e-mail files and address books, and HIV/AIDS related discussion fora. 1.5 hours

SB 3.2 E-mail: les merveilles du courrier électronique (en français)

Venue: Room K
Time: 15.00–16.30

La communication électronique permet un contact direct avec des individus ou des organisations à travers le monde entier. Il s'agit aussi d'un outil important pour le réseautage et la communication. Joignez-vous à nous dans cet atelier pour apprendre les bases, y compris comment envoyer et recevoir du courrier électronique, gérer des fichiers et un carnet d'adresses électroniques, et avoir accès à des forums de discussions concernant le VIH/SIDA. 1.5 heures

Coordinated by: Francisco Mingorance, Tim France, and Norbert Ayer, Fondation du Présent, Switzerland; M. David Haerry, Sida Info Doc Suisse, Switzerland

NOTES

Sunday, June 28

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Orientation Sessions – English

Venue: Session Hall I

Times: 10.00–11.00, 11.30–12.30, 13.00–14.00, 14.30–15.30

These sessions are designed to help delegates, especially newcomers to large world AIDS conferences. They will cover three aspects: making sense of the Conference programme; making sense of the Conference Centre; and making sense of Conference language.

Séances d'orientation – en français

Venue: Session Hall II

Times: 10.00–11.00, 13.00–14.00

Les séances servent à faciliter l'accès du Congrès aux délégués, en particulier ceux qui assistent pour la première fois à un congrès mondial de grande envergure sur le sida. Elles viseront trois objectifs: s'orienter au travers du programme du Congrès, s'orienter dans Palexpo et s'orienter dans le langage du Congrès.

Sesiones de orientación – en español

Venue: Session Hall II

Times: 11.30–12.30, 14.30–15.30

Estas sesiones están destinadas a facilitar la participación de los conferencistas, principalmente la de aquellos que asisten por primera vez a una conferencia internacional sobre SIDA de este tamaño. El objetivo será de orientar a los conferencistas en tres aspectos de la Conferencia: el programa; la sede (Palexpo); y la terminología.

OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Ceremony

Venue: Arena

Time: 17.30–19.00