Where are we headed?
Plenary Session – Plenary Room 2, 08:10 – 10:30

David Cooper, Australia: ART: Beyond an Undetectable Viral Load
L’Orangelis Thomas Negron, Puerto Rico: HIV and Adolescents
Susan Kasedde, UNICEF: Ending the AIDS Epidemic: Programme Directions for Adolescents
Shaffiq Essajee, United States: Ending HIV and AIDS in Children

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Today’s plenary speakers will address HIV and AIDS in children and adolescents and will also discuss antiretroviral therapy and viral load.

Undetectable Viral Load

Professor David Cooper is a Professor of Medicine at the University of New South Wales and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science (FAA). Professor Cooper is also Director of the Kirby Institute for Infection and Immunity in Society based in Sydney, Australia. Dr Cooper will present ART – Beyond an undetectable viral load. He will talk about combination therapy and how it has saved countless lives. “However, we know it to be imperfect and are always looking for ways to improve outcomes” said Cooper. For treatment-naïve patients, it is time either to optimize the dose of efavirenz, or replace it altogether with integrase inhibitors in combination with two nucleosides. For people requiring a second-line treatment, the SECONDLINE study confirmed the current WHO standard of care but also indicated a novel approach of two new classes of drug therapy in combination, as a public health approach without the need for expensive resistance testing. This brings us to early treatment, which is now simple, non-toxic and beneficial in reducing transmission, but about which there has been push-back in the context of insufficient resources to cover the existing number of people needing treatment.

HIV and Adolescents: A Community Perspective

L’Orangelis Thomas Negron is a young free-spirited woman, strengthened by HIV. She is working every day in HIV prevention, and with young people and women so that people living with HIV can have a better quality of life and can live free of stigma. A feminist and an activist, she is Regional Reference of the Youth Positive Network of Latin America and the Hispanic Caribbean she also works as an HIV orientator in Puerto Rico. CoNCRa & Taller Salud. L’Orangelis will deliver her session entitled HIV and Adolescents from a community perspective. “Health and education should go hand in hand, and after many years of this epidemic it is necessary as adolescents and young people that we take control of our own health and lives” said Negron. “We are discriminated and stigmatized not only for living with HIV. Sex workers, drug users, transgender, men who have sex with men, young people with gender identities like women, indigenous peoples, aboriginal people, people of African-descent, people with disabilities, young people living in poverty, youths living in conflict zones, young people living in rural areas, migrants, incarcerated and homeless people. I mention them because otherwise they are invisible, I mention them because I want to call them by name, because I want to make it clear to whom I speak, and that each of those situations are worse in adolescence. Our rights are frequently violated and it threatens our health, and even more when there are laws that criminalize us, it threatens life itself” said Negron.

Adolescents: Ending the AIDS Epidemic

Susan Kasedde currently serves as Senior Advisor and Team Leader on HIV and Adolescents for UNICEF. Since 2009 she has contributed towards global level evidence generation, technical guidance development, advocacy, and global partnership development towards a stronger global response on HIV prevention, treatment and care in adolescents aged 10 – 19, a group previously largely neglected. She will speak about Ending the AIDS Epidemic: Programme Directions for Adolescents. Her talk will highlight evidence to demonstrate that “Adolescents are being left behind despite the knowledge that we have to deliver a different result” said Kasedde. She will summarize recent evidence on programming for adolescents on the basis of which she will propose four priority actions for greater impact. She will illustrate how local and national governments, communities and implementers are applying these very actions to influence better decisions, prevent infections and to ensure that adolescents survive and thrive.

HIV and AIDS in Children – an End?

Shaffiq Essajee is the Senior Medical Advisor for the Clinton Health Access Initiative and a member of the Paediatric Infectious Disease Faculty at New York University where he has been caring for children living with HIV for the past 18 years. In his presentation Ending AIDS in Children Essajee will provide the latest data on the global scale up of paediatric prevention and treatment efforts. He will also highlight what he believes to be some of the key elements that contribute to poor program success for infants and young children and he will showcase some proven and innovative strategies to address them.
Narratives are a powerful tool in identifying issues and common trends amongst the HIV positive ageing population. There is a huge challenge for service providers to work towards the elimination of social views that perpetuate HIV stigma and discrimination. This session will look at some of these issues and trends through a presentation and interactive role play exercise demonstrating the use of narrative story-telling techniques. It will also offer an opportunity to explore how the community sector can work collaboratively in partnership to overcome and address issues facing the ageing HIV positive community.

Managing Change in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA)
Regional Session – Room 105 - 106, 11:00 - 12:30

HIV and AIDS is a growing epidemic in the Middle East. To shed more light on the HIV and AIDS situation in this region of the world, this panel will feature experts who are on the frontlines of tackling the epidemic. The high-level panel will be composed of scholars and professionals from Turkey, Afghanistan, Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco who will be able to attest to the state of HIV and AIDS and provide insight into the lessons learned and future plans for tackling the epidemic. Each of these countries has committed to incorporating the MDG concerning HIV/AIDS, eradicating barriers to appropriate services, and providing sustainable solutions to the epidemic.

Making the Cut: Advancing Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision
Oral Abstract Session: Track E - Room 109 - 110, 11:00 - 12:30

Co-Chairs: Dorothy Mbopi-Ngacha, UNICEF and John Kaldor, Australia

Global Village Closing Ceremony
Global Village Performance - Main Stage, 11:40 - 12:00

Global Village visitors and participants are invited to meet at the main stage area for a programme finale, celebrating the week that was and looking forward to AIDS 2016. With a special live performance by the Ntaria Ladies Choir, a ladies aboriginal choir from the Hermannsburg in Central Australia. The members are aboriginal women from the area and they sing a mixture of English and Arrente. The Closing Ceremony will also feature a showcase of Adriana Bertin’s ‘Be Bright Condom Couture’ Collection.

Rapporteur Session
Plenary Session - Plenary Room 2, 13:15 – 15:15

Chair: Owen Ryan, Switzerland

Did you miss a session this week? Rapporteurs were charged with coordinating the essential task of objectively recording the proceedings and ground-breaking presentations at AIDS 2014. Throughout the week an international team of rapporteurs have reported on conference sessions and will describe major findings and discussions. This session synthesizes the presentations made during the week, focusing on critical issues addressed.

AIDS 2014: An Ongoing Resource

While AIDS 2014 may end today, the dialogue and data from the conference will continue to serve as a resource for delegates and others worldwide. Materials, webcasts and reports are already available at www.aids2014.org. Many resources are located in the interactive Programme-at-a-Glance. Conference organizers will measure progress following AIDS 2014 with an impact report that identifies the major issues raised. The report will become an integral part of planning and follow-up leading up to AIDS 2016 in Durban, South Africa. Archived webcasts of approximately 80 sessions, many with slide presentations, along with newsmaker interviews, transcripts and expert summaries of key scientific data presented at the conference are available through the conference website at www.aids2014.org on the AIDS 2014 website.

Programme Updates

Drug Policy, Harm Reduction and Human Rights

Oral Abstract Session: Track D - FRAD0010: Strategies to increase participation by women who inject drugs in available harm reduction services in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, will now be presented by Cecilia Chang, United States, Plenary Room 2, 11:45.

Cascade of Care

Oral Abstract Session: Track B - FRAB0010: Retention of adult ART patients at 12, 24, 36, 48 and 60 months in South Africa, will now be presented by Tshepo Molapo (South Africa), Plenary Room 1, 11:00.