

The International AIDS Society (IAS) mourns the loss of friends and colleagues aboard flight MH 17

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(Melbourne) - The International AIDS Society (IAS) has today confirmed the devastating news that at least six delegates traveling to the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) in Melbourne, Australia, including former IAS President Joep Lange, were on board the Malaysian Airlines flight MH 17 that crashed over Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board.

"The extent of our loss is hard to comprehend or express," said President of the IAS, Françoise Barré-Sinoussi. "We grieve alongside all of those throughout the world who have lost friends and family in this senseless tragedy."

The IAS has paid tribute to former IAS President Joep Lange who was traveling with his partner Jacqueline van Tongeren, of the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development. Please visit:

http://www.iasociety.org/Joep_Lange.aspx

"Our colleagues were travelling because of their dedication to bringing an end to AIDS," said Owen Ryan, Executive Director of the International AIDS Society. "We will honour their commitment and keep them in our hearts as we begin our program on Sunday."

The names of those confirmed at this time by friends and colleagues on board flight MH 17 are:

Pim de Kuijer

Lobbyist Aids Fonds/STOP AIDS NOW!

Joep Lange

Joep Lange, Professor of Medicine, University of Amsterdam and Scientific Director, Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development

Lucie van Mens

Director of Support at The Female Health Company

Martine de Schutter

Program Manager Aids Fonds/STOP AIDS NOW!

Glenn Thomas

World Health Organisation

Jacqueline van Tongeren

Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development

AIDS 2014 Melbourne Declaration

The AIDS 2014 Melbourne Declaration is the official declaration of the 20th International AIDS Conference. In over 80 countries, there are unacceptable laws that criminalize people on the basis of sexual orientation. All people are born free and equal and are equal members of the human family. The Declaration states that non-discrimination is fundamental to an evidence-based, rights-based and gender transformative response to HIV and effective public health programmes.

To sign the Declaration log on to:

www.aids2014.org/declaration.aspx

The International AIDS Conference highlights the diverse nature of the Asia Pacific region's unique responses to the HIV epidemic

Some 12,000 participants from over 200 countries around the world have gathered in Melbourne for the 20th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2014) under the theme *Stepping up the Pace*. AIDS 2014 is the first International AIDS Conference to be held in Australia and represents a tremendous opportunity to highlight the diverse nature of the regional response to HIV.

The AIDS 2014 Opening Ceremony is an opportunity for all participants to hear from leaders from science, politics and community. The Ceremony will set the tone for the coming five days, whereby delegates will present and review the latest scientific research and enable structured dialogue to take place on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types – from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions – will meet the needs of various participants. Other related activities, including the Global Village and Youth Programme, satellite meetings, exhibitions and affiliated independent events, will contribute to an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking.

Opening Session Programme

Plenary Room 2, 18:50 - 20:20 - Master of Ceremony - James Chau, China

- 18:50 Welcome to Country Joy Wandin Murphy, Australia
- 18:55 Welcome to AIDS 2014 Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, France and Sharon Lewin, Australia
- 18:58 Welcome to Melbourne Denis Napthine, Australia
- 19:03 Community Welcome Ayu Oktariani, Indonesia
- 19:13 Justice for all: ending AIDS means leaving no one behind Michel Sidibé, UNAIDS
- 19:23 Video Address - Ban Ki-moon, United Nations
- 19:25 Logo Designer: Stepping up the Pace Yohana Haule, United Republic of Tanzania
- 19:30 Jonathan Mann memorial lecture: HIV and the law introduced by Jonathan Quick and The Hon. Michael Kirby Australia
- 19:45 Welcome Address and Official Opening of the conference representative from the Federal Government of Australia
- 19:55 Performance by Dan Sultan, Australia

Security

Only registered conference participants with a badge may attend the opening ceremony. As seats are limited, it is advised to arrive early, ahead of the 19:00 start time (doors open at 18:50).

Interpretation

Australian Sign Language (Auslan) Interpretation will be provided for the opening and closing sessions and the daily plenaries. Live captioning will also be provided for the above. Delegates who need Auslan interpretation to attend a particular session, workshop, discussion or visit an exhibition booth can request extra sign language interpretation by contacting: accessibility@aid2014.org.

Live Feed

Delegates may view the opening ceremony via live video feed at the Global Village Main Stage.

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Sunday Programme Highlights

AIDS 2014 Media Training & Briefing

Media Centre, Press Conference Room 1, 10:30 – 13.10
(For registered media only)

All AIDS 2014 media delegates are invited to attend the official free Media Training & Briefing. The session will be followed by a catered media networking event.

Launch of the WHO-consolidated guidelines on HIV diagnostics, prevention, treatment and care for key populations

Melbourne Room 1, 15:45 – 17.45

This session presents the new WHO-consolidated guidelines on HIV prevention, diagnosis, care and treatment for key populations. There will also feature a discussion as to how these guidelines can be used to promote an equitable and effective response to HIV epidemics.

Official Opening Press Conference

Media Centre, Press Conference Room 1, 17:30 – 18.15

This press conference will feature opening session speakers, giving registered media the opportunity to gain a summarized preview of opening remarks.

The Global Village, the Heart of AIDS 2014, Welcomes You!

The Global Village & Youth Programme is a diverse and vibrant space where community gathers from all over the world to meet, share and learn from each other. It is also a space that invites conference participants to see how science translates into community action and intervention. NGO booths, networking zones and marketplace booths will be open on Sunday 22 July from 14:00 to 20:30. The Global Village is open to the general public and conference delegates and admission is free.

Satellite Sessions and Exhibition

Commercial and non-commercial satellite sessions on specific HIV-related issues will take place on site all day on Sunday, 20 July and in the mornings and evenings from Monday, 21 July – Thursday, 24 July.

The Exhibition will be open at the following times:

Sunday, 20 July 12:00 – 18:30

Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July 10:00 – 18:30

Online Resources



Download the free
AIDS 2014 PAG app

Whether you are in Melbourne or following the conference remotely, check out AIDS 2014 online. Over 80 sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the conference YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/iasaidsconference>) and an official AIDS 2014 TV channel via Websedge will show daily highlights and interviews. FHI 360 are hosting a social media hub which will provide up-to-date information throughout the conference.

Access the programme via the Programme-at-a-Glance (<http://pag.aids2014.org/>) or the fast mobile app and follow AIDS 2014 social media to get the latest information.

Joy 94.9 FM will be broadcasting live all week from the Global Village. For more information go to the AIDS 2014 website.

Monday Programme Highlights

Monday Morning Plenary Session

Where Are We Now?

Plenary Room 2 8:20 – 10:30

Presenters at today's plenary sessions will address the current global HIV epidemic, people living with HIV who are at the centre of the HIV response and the status on a cure for HIV.

- Salim Abdool Karim, South Africa: State of the Art Epidemiology and Access
- Lydia Mungherera, Uganda: People Living with HIV at the Centre of the HIV Response
- Jintanat Ananworanich, Thailand: State of the Art HIV Cure: Where Are We Now and Where are We Going?

Award Presentations:

Red Ribbon Awards - Announcement of winning organizations

The Creative and Novel Ideas in HIV Research Grant Programme

Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award presented by The Hon. Michael Kirby

All morning plenary sessions start at approximately 8:20 in Plenary 2. For the list of all confirmed plenary speakers and topics please visit: www.aids2014.org/plenary.aspx

Criminalization of Key Populations: How to Respond to HIV

Symposia Session - Melbourne Room 2, 11:00 – 12:30

This session will explore criminalization as an increasing trend in some parts of the world and discuss the challenges that activists, service providers, communities and international organizations have faced when trying to end criminalization, discrimination and stigma towards the key populations.

How to Write and Submit a Conference Abstract

Scientific Development Workshop - Room 101-102, 11:00 - 12:30

This interactive workshop aims at developing skills in how to structure an abstract and how best to present the key content and details required in each section. This session will cover the formal requirements that need to be met and provide insight on how an abstract is reviewed, scored and selected by the conference.

Global Village Opening Ceremony

Global Village Main Stage, 11:00 – 12:30

Join the AIDS 2014 Global Village and Youth Programme Co-Chairs at this special event to welcome community, science and leadership to the Global Village. Speakers include Michel Sidibé, Executive Director, UNAIDS and Robert Doyle, Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

The Future of Science in the HIV Response

Special Session - Plenary 1, 13:00 – 14:00

This session will discuss the role of science in the HIV response – what we have achieved and where we need to go, including a state of the art review of HIV pathogenesis and future challenges for the science.

Galvanizing a Movement for Ending the AIDS Epidemic by 2030

Symposia Session - Melbourne Room 1, 14:30 – 16:00

This session will bring a debate around positioning AIDS in the post-2015 development agenda, including how to mobilize civil society and create political incentives for renewed leadership in order to secure a global commitment to ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030.

Cutting Edge Issues in TB and HIV

Plenary 2, 16:30 – 18:00

Oral abstract presentations for Track B: Clinical Sciences.

Viral Latency and Reservoirs: The Keys to Cure

Symposia Session, Plenary Room 1, Monday 21 July 2014 – 14:30-16:00

This session is directed to scientists and clinicians interested in learning about the mechanisms ensuring HIV latency and persistence of the HIV reservoirs and understanding their importance in the design of therapeutic strategies aiming at inducing a functional cure for HIV. The session will address the critical mechanisms that explain how the virus integrates with the human genome. The presentations will review how HIV persistence is established, in particular how it is controlled by restriction factors or dependent on T cell homeostasis and how it hides into tissular sanctuaries. At the completion of the session, participants will understand the recent advances on viral latency and reservoirs and how they can be translated into progress towards effective eradication strategies.