

Message

"... our response to AIDS is not only about money. It is, above all, about people."

Over 25 years after Singapore's first infection, the UN-Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, touches on the crux of an effective response to HIV/AIDS – through the commitment of people. At the 6th Singapore AIDS Conference, attendees will be equipped with the latest information on strategies and treatment in order to fight the disease. The Conference's theme is "Fight the Disease. Fight the Stigma." The attendees' participation in the Conference will reduce stigma by stamping out ignorance that fuels the continued rise in newly diagnosed persons year after year.

This year, we are grateful to the National Healthcare Group for their inclusion of the Singapore AIDS Conference as a concurrent event with their annual scientific meeting. We welcome new participants, especially more healthcare professionals, to join in the dialogue on how to continue the fight to reduce new infections and support people living with HIV to live longer.

Besides healthcare professionals, we continue to reach out to a wide range of stakeholders through the diverse programme content and speakers. We welcome business leaders, community groups and concerned community members, faith-based leaders, infected and affected persons, media representatives, policymakers, and youth.

We are pleased to welcome the overseas keynote speakers Prasada Rao, Director of UNAIDS Support Team for Asia and the Pacific and Andrew Grulich, Head of HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Programme, National Centre in HIV Prevention and Clinical Research. We look forward to their insights on how we can be successful in our various level responses to the AIDS pandemic.

This year's organizing committee has prepared an exciting programme which hopes to inspire attendees to continue with the fight. We believe by the end of the Conference, you will reflect on where Singapore has been and join us to further your commitment to HIV prevention, care and research.

Save the date for the 6th Singapore AIDS Conference. We hope to see you there!

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The 6th Singapore AIDS Conference 2008

Fight the Disease, Fight the Stigma

A conference that promotes sharing, encourages action and dialogue, and fosters accountability.

The 6th Singapore AIDS Conference 2008 will:

- Provide a forum in which research, programmes, clinical practice, lessons learned and gaps in knowledge are addressed.
- Present an opportunity to influence leaders, to increase their commitment to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment.
- Maximise opportunities for the participation of those engaged in evidence-based responses.
- Promote strategies that will reduce stigmatisation of people living with AIDS and those working professionally across the response to HIV/AIDS.
- Reach a wider audience through the distribution of conference proceedings and media coverage.

Date: 8 November, 2008 (Sat)

Time: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Venue: Suntec Convention Centre



Department of STI Control

Morning

0830-0900	Registration	
0900-0910	Welcome Address <i>Roy Chan, Co-chair, 6th Singapore AIDS Conference</i>	Theatrette
0910-0930	Speech by Guest of Honour <i>Balaji Sadasivan, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman, National HIV/AIDS Policy Committee</i>	Theatrette
0930-1000	Keynote Address 1 AIDS in Asia-Redefining the Epidemic, Crafting an Effective Response <i>Prasada Rao, UNAIDS Support Team for Asia and the Pacific</i>	Theatrette
1000-1030	Keynote Address 2 What Makes an Effective HIV Prevention Programme: The Australian Experience <i>Andrew Grulich, National Centre in HIV Prevention and Clinical Research, Australia</i>	Theatrette
1030-1100	Refreshments (served at Foyer outside Room 325-326)	
1100-1230	Symposium 1: Leadership	Room 325
	Parliamentarians and the Role of Legislation in Addressing HIV/AIDS <i>Baey Yam Keng, Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar</i>	
	Use of Media in Tracking HIV related Stigma and Discrimination <i>Alan John, The Straits Times/Sunday Times</i>	
	The Role of Religious Leaders in Reducing Stigma and Discrimination <i>Kyi Min, World Vision</i>	
	Doctors as Advocates <i>Arlene Chua, National University of Singapore</i>	
	Symposium 2: Clinical and Social Sciences	Room 326
	Changing Clinical Epidemiology of HIV in Singapore <i>Lin Li, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	The New ARTs on the Block <i>Ng Oon Tek, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	HIV Medicine in Singapore <i>Leo Yee Sin, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	National Behavioural Surveillance Survey 2007 <i>Chan Mei Fen, Health Promotion Board</i>	
1230-1330	MSD (S) Lunch Symposium	

Afternoon

1330-1500	Symposium 3: Prevention	Room 325
	Is Opt-Out HIV Testing in? <i>Paul Tambyah, National University Hospital</i>	
	Time to Deliver in the Workplace: Intensifying HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education <i>Ray Ferguson, Standard Chartered Bank</i>	
	Safer Sex Campaigns Targeted at High Risk Heterosexual Males <i>Lionel Lee, Action for AIDS</i>	
	"Open your heart" A youth-centric approach to raise HIV/AIDS awareness and reduce discrimination <i>Anne Ng, ABI Marketing Public Relations</i>	
	An update on HIV & STI prevention technologies <i>Martin Chio, National Skin Centre</i>	
	Symposium 4: Care and Support	Room 326
	Community involvement in Support Programmes <i>Jeremy Choy, First Hand</i>	
	HIV in Marriage and Pregnancy <i>Lim Poh Lian, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	Discrimination in the Workplace <i>Ho Lai Peng, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	Living with HIV for Life <i>Theo, Action for AIDS</i>	
1500-1530	Refreshments (served at Foyer outside Room 325-326)	
1530-1700	Symposium 5: MSM and HIV	Room 325
	Advancing the Research Agenda in HIV Prevention Andrew Grulich, National Centre in HIV Prevention and Clinical Research, Australia	
	Strategies for HIV/AIDS Prevention among MSM in Singapore Daniel Tung, Action for AIDS	
	Sex, Internet and HIV Stuart Koe, Fridae	
	MSM+ and the Positive Prevention Programme Arthur Lim, Action for AIDS	
	Symposium 6: Overcoming Barriers	Room 326
	"Love them, Talk about Sex" Overcoming Barriers to Communication About Sexuality Issues <i>Melissa Lim, Student Care Service (Yishun Centre)</i>	
	Violence Against Women Intersecting with HIV/AIDS <i>Constance Singham, AWARE</i>	
	Overcoming Barriers to Treatment Access <i>Lee Cheng Chuan, Tan Tock Seng Hospital</i>	
	Unblocking the Barriers to Universal Access: The Role of Human Rights Institutions <i>Braema Mathi, MARUAH</i>	
1700-1730	Rapporteur Session	Room 325

Registration Form

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There will be no refund for cancellations.

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Whilst every attempt will be made to ensure that all aspects of the conference mentioned in this announcement will take place as scheduled, the Organising Committee reserves the prerogative to make last minute changes should the need arise.

This form, together with the requisite payment, should be mailed to:

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