

**Scientific Symposium “Towards an HIV Cure”  
Kuala Lumpur, 29 & 30 June 2013  
Call for Abstracts**

Under the auspices of the International AIDS Society, an international working group of researchers developed and published a Global Scientific Strategy “Towards an HIV Cure”, which was launched at a scientific symposium immediately preceding the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC in July 2012. The symposium brought together over 300 researchers in basic, clinical and social sciences and community representatives and provided a platform to present state-of-the-art research on the HIV cure research priority areas defined in the strategy.

Following the success of the 2012 symposium, the IAS and the “Towards an HIV Cure” Advisory Board are organising another 2-day pre-conference symposium, which will take place immediately prior to the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention in Kuala Lumpur on 29 - 30 June 2013.

The symposium, co-chaired by Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, IAS President, and Steven Deeks, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), will be closely linked to the IAS 2013 conference programme. The symposium will bring together senior, mid-career and junior scientists, clinical researchers, scientific journalists, research funding administrators and community representatives.

The IAS will invite submissions of abstracts pertinent to HIV cure research, and sessions will be organized at IAS 2013 to report on the highlights of the symposium. Relevant abstracts submitted to the IAS Conference can be considered for oral or poster presentation at the symposium, in particular those in the categories outlined below. Please submit abstracts online at [www.ias2013.org](http://www.ias2013.org); abstract submission will be open from 1 December 2012 until 24 January 2013. Abstract submitters must indicate that they would like their abstract to be considered for the “Towards an HIV Cure” pre-conference symposium using the opt-in tick-box on the submission page.

- A10: Cellular and tissue reservoirs
- A11: Mechanisms of HIV persistence
- A12: New tools to measure reservoirs
- A13: Strategies to target and eradicate reservoirs
- A41: Elite controllers
- A42: Asymptomatic long term non-progressors, HIV-2, animal models of spontaneous control

- A43: Apathogenic infection in natural hosts
- B24: When to start therapy
- B56: Therapeutic vaccine and immune based therapy trials
- B58: Strategies for eradication/reservoir depletion
- C64: Integrating social science research into clinical and biomedical intervention trial
- D24: Impact of financial crises on HIV funding and response

If you would like to attend the scientific symposium “Towards an HIV Cure”, you must apply [online](#). The deadline for applications is 24 January 2013.

Please click [here](#) for more detailed information on the background and objectives of this initiative and please contact [hivcure@iasociety.org](mailto:hivcure@iasociety.org) for any additional information.

We would welcome that you circulate this message as widely as possible in your networks.

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