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If you plan to organize or are aware of forthcoming events related to HIV/AIDS in the region, please contact Ngo Thanh Loan at nt.loan@unescobkk.org. The next issue of the Calendar will be circulated on the 3rd of November 2006. To subscribe or unsubscribe the Calendar, please email to hivaidsclearinghouse@unescobkk.org.

August 2006

Camping on HIV/AIDS Prevention for Girl Guides
Murree, Pakistan
August 2006 (Date to be confirmed)
Targeted Guides and Senior Guides, this series of camps will focus on HIV/AIDS prevention activities for adolescent girls.
Organiser: Pakistan Girl Guides Association Punjab Branch, Lahore
Contact: Pakistan Girl Guides Association Punjab Branch, Lahore at pggalrc@brain.net.pk or tel: +92-42-6302358

Training Workshops for Peer Educators on Life Skills Based Education (LSBE) and HIV/AIDS
Faisalabad, Pakistan
August – September 2006 (Date to be confirmed)
Organiser: Pakistan Girl Guides Association Punjab Branch, Lahore
Contact: Pakistan Girl Guides Association Punjab Branch at pggalrc@brain.net.pk or tel: +92-42-6302358
MSM & HIV: Advancing a Global Agenda for Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men
Toronto, Canada
10 – 18 August 2006
“MSM & HIV” is a series of MSM related-activities which bring together a diverse group of gay and bisexual men, other men who have sex with men (MSM), and the organizations that work with them to network and discuss issues surrounding MSM and HIV/AIDS in the developing and developed world.
Website: [http://www.msm-aids2006.org](http://www.msm-aids2006.org)

1st International Workshop on HIV Transmission - Principles of Intervention
Toronto, Canada
11– 12 August 2006
Organiser: Virology Education
Contact: Conference Secretariat at info@virology-education.com or tel: +31 30 230 7140
Website: [http://www.virology-education.com](http://www.virology-education.com)

IAEN Economics of HIV/AIDS in Developing Countries Symposium
Toronto, Canada
11 – 12 August 2006
Organiser: International AIDS Economics Network (IAEN)
Contact: Steven Forsythe at steven.forsythe@gmail.com

HIV/AIDS, Conflict and Displacement: Pre-Toronto 2006 International AIDS Conference Event
Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Canada
12 August 2006
Organisers: UNICEF, UNHCR, and Interagency Task Force on HIV/AIDS (IATF)
Contact: Betty Noakes, UNICEF Canada at bnoakes@unicef.ca or tel: +1 416 482 4444 ext 826
Website: [http://www.ineesite.org](http://www.ineesite.org)

Workshop on How to Reduce the Stigma of AIDS: Methods, Tools and Measurement: Latest Findings from the Field
Toronto, Canada
12 August 2006
Sponsored by ICRW with GlaxoSmithKline's Positive Action and the Elton John AIDS Foundation
Contact: Jennifer Ramsey at jramsey@icrw.org or tel: (202) 797-0007

The Intersection of Cutting-Edge Social, Behavioral and Biomedical Strategies for HIV Prevention
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
12 August 2006
Organisers: Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS), University of California Los Angeles, AIDS Institute
Contact: Ky Coussey (CHIPTS) at kcoussey@mednet.ucla.edu or tel: (310) 794-0448
Website: http://chipts.ucla.edu

Enhancing HIV and AIDS Prevention Education in Thailand
Chiang Rai, Krabi and Khon Kaen, Thailand
4 August 2006: in Chiang Rai
18 August 2006: in Krabi
14 September 2006: in Khon Kaen
A series of four workshops aim to update participants on the current HIV and AIDS situation in the region; to introduce the HIV and AIDS and Ministry of Education Toolkit (Thai version), as well as to discuss how to use the toolkit in schools.
Organisers: The Ministry of Education and UNESCO Bangkok office
Contact: S. Srisuman, UNESCO Bangkok at s.srisuman@unesco.bkk.org

Nurses at the Forefront of HIV/AIDS: Prevention, Care and Treatment Forum
Toronto, Canada
12 August 2006
Organisers: Canadian Nurses Association; Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care; and International Council of Nurses
Contact: Diane Bettencourt at NursesAIDSForum@cna-aiic.ca or tel: (613) 721-7061
Website: http://www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/news/events/aids_forum/default_e.aspx

XVI International AIDS Conference
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
13 – 18 August 2006
Organisers: International AIDS Society (IAS) and the AIDS 2006 Toronto Local Host
Contact: AIDS 2006 Toronto Host Secretariat at torontohost@aids2006.org or tel: +1 416.840.3334
Website: http://www.aids2006.org

Workshop for Training of Teacher Trainers on HIV/AIDS Prevention Education
Hotel Sappna Inn, Larkana, Sindh, Pakistan
15 – 16 August 2006
Organizers: Provincial Institute of Teacher Education (PITE), Nawabshah, Department of Education, Govt. of Sindh, Pakistan, in collaboration with UNESCO Islamabad
Contact: Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Shahani, Director General, PITE, at mushtaqueshahani@yahoo.com or tel.: ++92-244-9370156
Short Course on Evidence-Based HIV/AIDS Programmes
Toronto, Canada
19 – 23 August 2006
Organisers: The International AIDS Society (IAS) and the Centre for Global Health Research (CGHR) at the University of Toronto.
Contact: CGHR at cghr@smh.toronto.on.ca or tel: +1 416.864.6042

HIV/AIDS prevention for teachers of Lower and Upper Secondary School
Attapeu and Sekong Provinces, Lao PDR
23 – 25 August 2006: in Attapeu
28 – 30 August 2006: in Sekong
Organisers: Lao National Commission for UNESCO, and UNESCO Bangkok
Contact: Heng Daovannary, Lao National Commission for UNESCO at laonesco@yahoo.com or Srisuman Sartsara, UNESCO Bangkok at s.srisuman@unescobkk.org

HIV/AIDS and Counselors Training: Teach the Trainer Initiative, CEP 2006
New Delhi, India
17 August – 19 August 2006
Organiser: Responsenet and Vision Foundation
Contact: Arvind Bhatta at arvind.bhatta@responsenet.org; Ms. Angela at k.angela@responsenet.org or tel: 011-65422890
Website: http://www.responsenet.org

Behavioural Change Communication and IEC Materials
Dhurakij Pundit University, Bangkok, Thailand
22 August – 1 September 2006
Organiser: Asia-Pacific Development Communication Center (ADCC), Dhurakij Pundit University
Contact: ADCC at adcc@adcc-dpu.org or tel: +66 2 954 9512 (direct) or 9547300 ext. 530
Website: http://www.dpu.ac.th/adcc

2006 PETA Mekong Performing Arts Laboratory
Hanoi, Vietnam
27 August – 16 September 2006
Supported by the Rockefeller Foundation and UNESCO, the Arts Laboratory is a three-week intensive training course using theater and performing arts for advocacy on gender, sexuality, and HIV and AIDS designed for the performing artists in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region. It explores the potential of the arts for social advocacy.
Organiser: PETA Mekong Partnership Project, Thailand
Contact: PETA Mekong Partnership Project at petamekong@yahoo.com; or peta@truemail.co.th

Workshops on Community Capacity Building for HIV Prevention
In ten districts, Bangladesh
August 2006: in Dinajpur, Nilphamary, and Jamalpur Districts
September 2006: in Pabna, Sylhet, and Hobiganj Districts
October 2006: in Sunamganj, Moulovibazar, and Noakhali Districts
November 2006: in CoxBazar and Feni Districts
Organiser: Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)
Contact: Gazi Nazrul Islam Faisal, Deputy Director Program, DAM at faisal@mail.tcsit.com, or gni_faisal@yahoo.com
Website: http://www.ahsaniamission.org

Gender and Reproductive Health (Training Course)
Salaya Pavilion, Mahidol University, Thailand
18 – 29 September 2006
Organiser: Health Social Science International Program, Mahidol University, Thailand
Contact: Health Social Science International Program at tewpx@mahidol.ac.th or tel: (66-2) 441-0251, (66-2) 800-2840-78 ext. 1202
Website: http://www.sh.mahidol.ac.th/hssip/short.html

5th Leadership Course on Gender, Sexuality, and Health
Hanoi, Vietnam
28 August – 17 September 2006
This course aims to provide the participants with context-specific and gender-sensitive knowledge on sexuality and sexual health in Southeast Asia and China. Special attention will be devoted to exploring how conceptual and theoretical frameworks, especially gender and socio-cultural theories, can be applied to policy and interventions to enhance sexual and reproductive health in the region.
Organiser: Southeast Asian Consortium on Gender and Sexuality and Health, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Mahidol University, Thailand
Contact: Secretariat, Southeast Asian Consortium on Gender and Sexuality and Health at progassist@seaconsortium.org or tel: 662-441-9184, 662-441-9515 ext. 106
Website: http://www.seaconsortium.org

September 2006

Exchange and Learning Workshop for Field Workers in HIV Prevention Projects for Men Having Sex with Men in the Greater Mekong Sub-region
Vientiane, Lao PDR
5 – 7 September 2006
UNESCO will conduct a workshop bringing together field-level volunteers, peer educators and outreach workers working in HIV and AIDS prevention projects for Men having Sex with Men in the region to explore what they can learn from each other and to provide additional training, if needed.
Organisers: Lao National Commission for UNESCO, the Burnet Institute, and UNESCO Bangkok
Contact: Srisuman Sartsara at s.srisuman@unescobkk.org; Jan Wijngaarden at jwdlyw@gmail.com
Website: http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids
The Global Health Impacts of Drug Use - Short Course
Melbourne, Australia
25 – 29 September 2006
The Centre for Harm Reduction, Burnet Institute in collaboration with the Australian International Health Institute, the University of Melbourne, is conducting a one week intensive course on the Global Health Impacts of Drug Use. This annual course, implemented since 2004, and the first of its kind in Australia, is intended for health program planners and managers, health practitioners and for those working in HIV and drug control programs nationally and internationally. This course will focus on licit and illicit drugs and the associated harms.

Organisers: The Centre for Harm Reduction, Burnet Institute, the Australian International Health Institute and the University of Melbourne
Contact: Joni Law at jycl@unimelb.edu.au

Applied Study Program on Sexual Diversity
Surabaya, Indonesia
23 August – 19 September 2006
This program focuses on the practical implications of working on issues of sexuality using a rights affirming approach. The four-week long program is on issues of sexual diversity, primarily focusing on issues of men with men (MSM) and on transgender issues.

Organisers: The South and Southeast Asia Resource Centre on Sexuality and the GAYaNUSANTARA Foundation
Contact: The South and Southeast Asia Resource Centre on Sexuality at resourcecentre@tarshi.net or tel: 91-11-24379070, 24379071
Website: http://www.asiasrc.org

Regional workshop for Media: HIV/AIDS Topics in Mass Media
Almaty, Kazakhstan
September 2006
The workshop is targeted journalists in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. It aims to improve interpersonal communication skills of journalists for increasing understanding of sensitive issues related to HIV/AIDS.

Organiser: UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, Internews Kazakhstan.
Contact: irina@internews.kz or tel: +7 (3272) 50 89 50; s.karpov@unesco.org or tel: +7 (3272) 58 26 43 (ext.1405) g.li@unesco.org or tel: +7 (3272) 58 26 43 (ext.1403)

HIV/AIDS Training Workshops for Radio Producers and Radio Announcers
Vientiane, Lao PDR and Chiang Mai, Thailand
September 2006 (Date not fixed yet)
These workshops will target radio producers and radio announcers from Lao National Radio, Radio Thailand Chiang Mai and local stations in Thailand, as well as researchers and representatives of ethnic minority communities and NGOs. They are aimed at improving knowledge and understanding of the partners within the framework of the UNESCO project on ethnic minority and Lao language HIV/AIDS, trafficking/unsafe migration and drug prevention radio soap operas.
October 2006

Workshops for Teachers of Teacher training Colleges and Representatives of Education Departments
Shymkent (South Kazakhstan) and Astana city, Kazakhstan
October 2006
The purpose of the workshops will be presentation of the Manual on HIV prevention for Teacher Training Colleges.

Organisers: Ministry of Education and Science, Republic of Kazakhstan, Education departments of Shymkent and Astana, UNESCO Almaty, National Healthy Lifestyle Center, and National in-service Teacher Training Institute

Contact: ripkso@nursat.kz or tel: +7 (3272) 26 90 21, +7 (3172) 75 24 64; g.li@unesco.org, or tel: +7 (3272) 58 26 43 (ext.1403)

Training on Strengthening Lecturers on HIV/AIDS Information Accessing Skills
Hue, Viet Nam
October 2006 (To be confirmed)
This training aims to provide the strengthening lecturers on HIV/AIDS information accessing skills to the teachers from selected teacher training universities.

Organisers: Ministry of Education and Training, and UNESCO Hanoi

Contact: Nguyen Thanh Hien, National Programme Officer for HIV/AIDS and School Health, UNESCO Hanoi at nt.hien@unesco.org.vn or tel.: 84-4) 747 0275/6

November 2006

Training Workshop for Young TV Producers from the Tehran Cluster Countries (Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan) on HIV/AIDS
Islamabad, Pakistan
6 – 25 November 2006

Organisers: PTV Academy, UNESCO, HUM TV, AIBD (Media group in Malaysia), UNDP and UNAIDS

Contact: Ayesha Durrani at ayesha.durrani@un.org.pk or tel: (92-51) 2878671-4 (Ext: 23)

Media and HIV/AIDS Training Workshop
Hanoi, Viet Nam
November 2006
The objective of this workshop is to improve knowledge and skills in writing about HIV/AIDS to reduce stigma and discrimination. The targeted participants are journalists and reporters.

Organisers: Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), and UNESCO Hanoi

Contact: Nguyen Thanh Hien, National Programme Officer for HIV/AIDS and School Health, UNESCO Hanoi at nt.hien@unesco.org.vn or tel.: 84-4) 747 0275/6
National Conference for Education Sector in Tajikistan
Dushanbe, Tajikistan
November 2006
The purpose of the conference is to introduce the Advocacy Toolkit “HIV/AIDS and Education” adapted by the Ministry of Education
Organisers: Ministry of Education of the Republic of Tajikistan with technical and financial support of UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office and UNICEF Tajikistan
Contact: zujalol@unesco.tajik.net or tel: +7 10 992 372 23 37 66, +7 10 992 372 21 17 50

National Conference for Education Sector in Republic of Kyrgyzstan
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
November 2006
The purpose of the conference is to introduce and to promote the use of the Advocacy Toolkit “HIV/AIDS and Education” adapted by Ministry of Education, Science and Youth Policy of Kyrgyz Republic.
Contact: valentina@monk.bishkek.gov.kg or tel: + 8 10 992 312 62 68 42; vika@monk.bishkek.gov.kg or tel: +, 8 10 992 312 62 12 27;

December 2006

World AIDS Day Celebration
Lahore, Pakistan
1 December 2006
This event aims to educate and upgrade the knowledge of people, especially youths and students about HIV/AIDS and STDs; to reduce discrimination and stigma faced by PLWHA; to decrease the fear of HIV positive people and to reduce the myths and misinformation of media and medical personnel regarding HIV/AIDS. Activities will include musical programme, awareness massages, distribution of IEC material, and presentation of world largest banner on HIV/AIDS information
Organiser: AIDS Prevention Association of Pakistan (APAP)
Contact: Dr Haji Muhammad Hanif, General Secretary, APAP at aidspak@yahoo.com, drhajihanif@yahoo.com or tel.: 092-42-5878681, 7532542, +92-333-4541282

World AIDS Day-China 2006
Tianjin, China
1 – 3 December 2006
Organisers: Tianjin municipal science and technology commission, Tianjin port free trade zone, and World High Technology society
Contact: Ms. Yolanda Wang, Coordinator, at Yolanda@whts.org, yama@whts.org or tel: +0086-411-84799479
Website: http://www.whts.org/aids/en/SAB.htm
February 2007

**International Conference of Asian Queer Studies**
University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
22 – 23 February 2007
The two-day conference will feature keynote addresses from major figures in Asian queer scholarship and a series of themed panel streams on intra-Asia/Pacific queer cultural flows.

*Organiser:* AsiaPacifiQueer Network
*Contact:* Queer Asian Sites Conference Manager at apq@anu.edu.au

April 2007

**XVIII World Congress of the WAS, 1st World Congress for Sexual Health: Achieving Health, Pleasure and Respect**
Sydney, Australia
15 – 19 April 2007
The conference theme “Achieving Health, Pleasure and Respect” captures the essentials of sexual health. This meeting will introduce to participating clinicians, researchers, educators, activists and policy makers to the manifold, diverse and often controversial perspectives of contemporary sexual health.

*Contact:* World Congress of Sexual Health 2007 Registration Secretariat at WCSH2007@iceaustralia.com

July 2007

**4th IAS 2007 Conference on HIV Pathogenesis and Treatment**
Sydney, Australia
22 – 25 July 2007
IAS 2007 will offer an opportunity for people living with HIV/AIDS, advocates, community leaders, scientists, health care providers, founders, and policymakers to discuss on the key challenges in providing HIV care and treatment and preventing new infections.

*Organisers:* International AIDS Society (IAS) and the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM)

*Contact:* Organizing Committee at info@iasociety.org or tel: 41-0-22-7-100-800;