Calendar of HIV and AIDS-related Events in Asia and the Pacific

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The Calendar of HIV/AIDS-related Events is produced every quarter by the HIV and AIDS Clearinghouse, UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education. The Calendar updates and shares information about forthcoming events related to HIV and AIDS in the Asia-Pacific region among UNESCO colleagues, UNAIDS co-sponsors and key partners, including governments, donor agencies, NGOs, media, institutions, and private sector partners. The Clearinghouse receives financial support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the UNAIDS UBW Funds.

If you plan to organize or are aware of forthcoming events related to HIV and AIDS in the region, please contact Ngo Thanh Loan at nt.loan@unescobkk.org. The next issue of the Calendar will be circulated in June 2007. To subscribe or unsubscribe the Calendar, please email to hivaidsclearinghouse@unescobkk.org.

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.
Organiser: The World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)
Contact: Secretariat at WCSH2007@iceaustralia.com
Website: http://www.sexo-sydney-2007.com

Workshop on Adaptation of HIV Preventive Education Information Kit for School Teachers
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
17 - 18 April 2007
Organisers: UNESCO Bangkok, UNESCO Tashkent and Ministry of Education
Contact: Rosanne Wong at r.wong@unescobkk.org
Website: http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaid

Sub-regional Capacity-building Seminar for HIV and AIDS Curriculum Development in Six Countries in the Asia Pacific Region:
Scaling Up HIV and AIDS Education in Schools
Kanchanaburi, Thailand
17 - 21 April 2007
Contact: Simon Baker at s.baker@unescobkk.org
Website: http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids

Workshop on Adaptation of HIV Preventive Education Information Kit for School Teachers
Hanoi, Viet Nam
April 2007 (dates to be fixed)
Contact: Rosanne Wong at r.wong@unescobkk.org
Website: http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids

Best Practices in Sexual and Reproductive Health
Khon Kaen, Thailand
27 - 29 April 2007
The meeting cover best practices on current topics in sexual and reproductive health care, publishing research from low- and middle-income countries, education and training in evidence-based health care as well as utilizing research findings in resource-poor settings.
Organisers: UNDP, UNFPA, WHO and World Bank
Contact: Dr Pisake Lumbiganon at pisake@kku.ac.th
Website: http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/rhl/meeting.html

May 2007

Regional Advocacy Training for Local Organisations Addressing Issues of Men Who Have Sex with Men in the Greater Mekong Region
Bangkok, Thailand
7 - 11 May 2007
The objectives of the training are to improve the understanding of members of the Purple Sky Network country working groups in relation to advocacy and how advocacy relates to issues concerning HIV prevention, treatment and care, and reduction of stigma and discrimination towards men who have sex with men; and to develop practical skills which can be applied to policy issues to overcome programmatic, institutional and environmental obstacles to addressing HIV vulnerabilities.
Organizers: Health Policy Initiatives in collaboration with FHI and USAID
Contact: Siam Arayawongcha at jack.arayawongchai@treatasia.org

HIV and AIDS Global Media Strategies Conference
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
28 May 2007
Organiser: Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)
Contact: K P Madhu at madhu@aibd.org.my
Website: http://www.aibd.org.my/homepage/article.cgi/182.html

Regional Workshop for integrating HIV/AIDS project into CLCs
TBC
May 2007
This workshop will review the on-going project and share their findings and plan for future activities including the project.
Organiser: UNESCO Bangkok
Contact: k.jin@unescobkk.org

**Workshop on Adaptation of HIV Preventive Education Information Kit for School Teachers**
Vientiane, Lao PDR
May 2007 (dates to be fixed)
Organisers: UNESCO Bangkok and Lao National Commission for UNESCO
Contact: Rosanne Wong at r.wong@unescobkk.org
Website: [http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids](http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids)

**User Training on HIV and AIDS Information Accessing Skills**
Vientiane, Lao PDR
May 2007 (dates to be fixed)
Organisers: UNESCO Bangkok and Lao National Commission for UNESCO
Contact: Ngo Thanh Loan at nt.loan@unescobkk.org
Website: [http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids](http://www.unescobkk.org/hivaids)

**South Asia Workshop of the Commission on AIDS in Asia**
Dhaka, Bangladesh
28 - 29 May 2007
Organizer: The Commission on AIDS in Asia
Contact: Nalyn Siripong at siripongn@unaids.org

**June 2007**

**Managing Community Based HIV Programs in Asia**
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
11 - 16 June 2007
The course will provide a comprehensive summary of the issues involved in assessing the risk of HIV transmission in a community, and developing and managing a multi-sectoral response to HIV, including prevention of infection and meeting the health care needs of persons with AIDS. It will also cover a review of the global HIV situation and key determinants of infection, describe the relative success of various approaches to the HIV epidemic in affected countries, examine the elements of a community HIV situation analysis and identify key components of community-based HIV prevention and care programs.
Organiser: Burnet Institute

**July 2007**

**Intensive Course on Health, Development and Human Rights**
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
16 - 20 July 2007
The course will establish the key concepts and frameworks of the three domains of health, development and human rights, before exploring the reciprocal links between the three fields. The final sessions of the course will explore the applications of these concepts and methods to particular areas of interest to the
participants. It will be relevant to industrialised and developing country situations alike and will take an added focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

Organizer: The UNSW Initiative for Health and Human Rights, University of New South Wales
Contact: John Watts at iihhr@unsw.edu.au or tel. 61-2-9385 1071
Website: http://www.iihhr.unsw.edu.au

9th International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions and Lipodystrophy in HIV
Sydney, Australia
19 - 21 July 2007
Organiser: International Medical Press
Contact: The Organizing Secretariat, International Medical Press at lipodystrophy@intmedpress.com or tel: +44 207 398 0700;
Website: http://www.intmedpress.com/lipodystrophy

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 the key challenges in providing HIV care and treatment and preventing new infections.
Organiser: 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;
Website: http://www.ias2007.org/

9th Indo-Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences
Colombo, Sri Lanka
22 - 27 July 2007
Major topics related to law, forensic medicine and sciences will be covered to be include in the plenary sessions, symposia and workshops on important contemporary issues globally, regionally and locally. The society welcomes free papers from professionals in legal, medical, forensic science, law enforcement agencies and sociology.
Organiser: Medico Legal Society of Sri Lanka
Contact: Congress Secretariat at sengaya@mymail.lk
Website: http://www.inpalms.com/9th-congress.html

August 2007

International Union against TB & Lung Disease: Asia Pacific Region Conference 2007
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2 - 5 August 2007
The theme of this conference entitled is "Overcoming an Old Scourge with a New Face (HIV/TB Co-Infection)" aptly describes the major challenge currently facing the global TB control program especially in the Asian countries.
Organiser: Malaysian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis
Contact: Secretariat at maptb@po.jaring.my; mapt@streamyx.com or tel: +603 - 2274 3070
Website: http://www.maptb.org.my/
**8th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific**
Colombo, Sri Lanka
19 - 23 August 2007
Within the theme "Waves of Change - Waves of Hope" the 8th ICAAP aims to enhance the local, regional and global response to HIV and AIDS by creating an opportunity to achieve meaningful exchanges of expertise, experiences, advances, lessons learnt, challenges faced and successes achieved in HIV and AIDS programmes.

**Organiser(s):** Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific and the Coalition of Asia Pacific Regional Networks on HIV/AIDS

**Contact:** The Secretariat at secretariat@icaap8.lk or tel: +94 11 4945845
**Website:** [http://www.icaap8.lk/](http://www.icaap8.lk/)

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**October 2007**

**Australasian Sexual Health Conference 2007**
**Theme: Venus & Mars at Jupiters**
Broadbeach Island, Australia
8 - 10 October 2007

**Contact:** The Conference Secretariat at info@sexualhealthconference.com.au or tel.: +61 2 8204 0770

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**December 2007**

**World AIDS Day: “Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise”**
**Theme: Leadership**
1 December 2007, worldwide

**Organisers:** United Nations and other organizations
**Website:** [http://www.worldaidscampaign.org](http://www.worldaidscampaign.org)

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**----------Year 2008----------**

**International Conference on Opportunistic Pathogens in AIDS**
New Delhi, India
27 - 29 January 2008
The conference will focus on new HIV epidemic trends, treatment guidelines, vaccine development, various opportunistic infections occur and their management and prevention, aiming a healthy survival of PLWH.

**Organiser:** All India Institute of Medical Sciences
**Contact:** Prof. Sarman Singh at sarman.singh@gmail.com or tel: 0091-11-26588484, 26594977
**Website:** [http://www.icopa-india.org](http://www.icopa-india.org)

**XVII International AIDS Conference**
Mexico City, Mexico
3 - 8 August 2008
The event will bring together the world’s foremost researchers, health-care workers, civil society, policy makers, activists, people living with HIV/AIDS and
donors, to share current knowledge on the full spectrum of issues about the
global epidemic. With more than 2,500 international journalists expected to
attend, the Conference is the single most widely covered health event in the
world.
Organiser(s): International AIDS Society and the AIDS 2008 Mexico Local Host
Contact: Information center at info@aids2008.org
Website: http://www.aids2008.org