



Towards an HIV Cure

Community Engagement Activities in 2016



Community Engagement



The IAS, together with a group of representatives from AVAC, Sidaction, TAG, EATG, and a number of community representatives, has been brainstorming on community engagement activities and ideas in 2016, in particular around the 2016 Towards an HIV Cure Symposium and the AIDS 2016 Conference in Durban, South Africa.

Confirmed activities and opportunities for community engagement include:

- Dual opening session with community representative at the Towards an HIV Cure Symposium. Gethwana Mahlase, ZimnadiZonke, South Africa is confirmed speaker;
- Towards an HIV Cure Scholarship Programme – we aim to expand the scholarship programme in 2016 to 50 scholarship recipients. The scholarship programme ensures that both the symposium and AIDS 2016 are accessible to a number of people from resource-limited settings, basic scientists, young researchers, and community representatives;
- Collaboration on a new CUREiculum webinar series leading up to Durban;
- Pre-symposium educational workshop on 16 July 2016 in Durban. The purpose of the workshop is to make the science and data presented at the symposium more accessible for community representatives, young researchers and delegates new to HIV cure research.



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In addition to the confirmed activities, the IAS is exploring the possibility of other opportunities for community engagement, these include:

- AIDS 2016 Global Village – we are exploring the possibility to hold informal ‘meet the experts’ sessions at the Global Village with a focus on interaction, discussion, and Q&A;
- To ensure there is clear messaging around cure research, we would like to develop a number of communications materials with key messaging around HIV cure research, to compliment the launch of the 2016 Global Scientific Strategy: Towards an HIV Cure.

If you think there may be opportunities for collaboration on any of the above-mentioned activities, we would be interested to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to contact us on hivcure@iasociety.org.

If you are interested in attending the 2016 Towards an HIV Cure Symposium, registration will be open from **23 February – 28 April 2016**. More information can be found on our website: www.towardsanhivcure.org.