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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1988, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is the world's largest association of HIV professionals, with members from more than 180 countries working on all fronts of the global AIDS response. Together, they advocate and drive urgent action to reduce the global impact of HIV. The IAS is also the steward of the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences – the International AIDS Conference and the IAS Conference on HIV Science. These conferences have established a gold-standard meeting that convenes the world's top scientists, civil society members and policymakers to jointly discuss the fight against HIV.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- HIV/AIDS treatment, cure and prevention
- international advocacy to end stigma and discrimination
- promoting HIV/AIDS workforce
- scientific research on HIV/AIDS

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

IAS advocates for science-based policy towards tangible improvement and global leadership with increased investment to find a cure for HIV. The IAS organises the world's two most prestigious HIV conferences, each convened biennially in alternating years. The International AIDS Conference is the largest regular conference on any health or development issue, and the IAS Conference on HIV Science focuses on the biomedical aspects of HIV and AIDS. These conferences provide an opportunity to identify gaps, share experience, increase the knowledge and expertise of professionals working on HIV and AIDS, and address current issues in HIV science. The conferences also provide an opportunity to intensify political and financial commitments to AIDS. In addition, the IAS invests in HIV advocacy and research on key issue areas through strategic programmes, initiatives, and campaigns that focus on increasing investment in HIV cure research; optimising treatment and care for infants, children and adolescents with HIV in resource-limited

settings; preventing and treating HIV-related co-infections; and expanding access to prevention, treatment and care for key populations at higher risk of HIV – such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, sex workers and transgender individuals – including protecting their human rights by combatting punitive laws and discriminatory policies.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The president of the IAS is Linda-Gail Bekker, who is also the Deputy Director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine at the University of Cape Town. The executive director of IAS is Owen Ryan.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

IAS relies on a range of sources to fund its programmes and conferences. Members provide support through membership fees, while donations are received from foundations, companies, governments and various UN organisations. The total income of the IAS amounted to USD 23.4 million in 2016, of which 95% was for restricted funds.

PUBLICATIONS

For all IAS publications, including reports and newsletters see: <http://www.iasociety.org/The-latest/Publications>

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