

XIX International AIDS Conference 2012

Affiliate Independent Event

**HIV/VIRAL HEPATITIS (VH) CO-INFECTION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN (LAC)**

Saturday July 21st, 8:30 am to 13:30 pm

**Headquarters Building of the Pan American Health Organization at 525, 23rd
Street NW Washington DC, 20037**

**General Objective: To analyze the extent, severity, trends, consequences and impact of
HIV/VH co-infection and co-morbidities in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**

Specific Objectives:

- **Review of available information on HIV/VH co-infection in Latin America and the Caribbean with particular emphasis on prevalence of HIV/HBV & HIV/HCV and other viral hepatitis among most-at risk populations and vulnerable groups by countries and sub-regions**
- **Identification of gaps in strategic information necessary for facing the challenge posed by HIV/VH co-infection and co-morbidities and recommendations to close those gaps in the mid and long-term**
- **Review of the clinical and public health impact of VH in the course of HIV disease and vice versa with an in-depth analysis of the public health impact of HIV/HV co-infection**
- **Review of up-to-date information on prevention, clinical management and control of HIV/VH**
- **Analysis of potential avenues for action to reduce the burden of disease and excessive mortality by HIV/VH in LAC**

Target audience (around 70 people): Authorities in charge of health policies development in developing countries; heads and officers of national AIDS programs; health care providers; representatives of civil society organizations; general public interested in the subject-matter

Conveners: Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH); Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC); Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas (PAHO/WHO)

Preliminary Agenda:

8:30 – 9:00 am - Registration

9:00 – 9:15 - Welcome and overall review of agenda, scope of the event and expected outcomes. Jon Andrus, Luis Gerardo Castellanos and Janet Hatcher-Roberts

9:15 – 9:35 – A strategy for facing the VH epidemics in the Americas. Luis Gerardo Castellanos

9:35 -9:55 – VH and HIV co-infection in the Americas. Massimo Ghidinelli/Rafael Mazin

9:55 -10:15 – Gaps in strategic information. Howard Njoo

10:15 – 10:35 – Clinical management and public health impact of HIV/VH co-infection. Curtis Cooper

10:35 – 10:55 – Questions and Answers.

10:55 – 11:20 – Coffee Break

11:20 – 11:40 – Global hepatitis instruments developed by WHO. Ying Ru Lo

11:40 – 12:00 – Strategies aimed at controlling and reducing HIV/VH co-infection. John Ward

12:00 – 12:20 – Efforts for closing gaps at global level. David Butler-Jones

12:20 – 13:00 Discussion about Strategic framework in the Region. Moderator: Michael Ninburg

- **Priority lines of action**
- **Localities or countries to start working with**
- **Avenues for action in elimination of hepatitis B as a public target**
- **Critical issues related to optimization of treatment**

13:00 – 13:30 – Summary of discussions, conclusions and adjournment