



2nd CHART-CCAS-CMLF Joint Meeting

10th CCAS HIV/AIDS INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Building on achievements in quality laboratory diagnostics,
treatment and care for the Caribbean HIV population

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25TH - 29TH
2013



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Sunday 25th August: Registration and Opening Ceremony.
Registration 11.00 am – 5.00 pm

Opening Ceremony 6.30 pm – 10.00 pm
Master of Ceremonies: *Ismae Whyms*

- 6:30 pm National Anthem of Ariba –
- 6:35 pm Opening Prayer *TBA*
- 6:40 pm Welcome: *Valerie Wilson*
- 6:50 pm Greetings: *Mr. Herbert Brown, Managing Director Public Hospitals Authority, Bahamas*
- 7:50 pm Greetings: *Dr. Perry Gomez, Minister of Health, Bahamas*
- 7:15 pm CCAS DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: *Thomas Quinn, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health, Baltimore, MD*
- 7:45 pm Vote of Thanks: *Clive Landis*
- 8:00 pm Entertainment / Snacks / Drinks

Monday 26th August: Immunology and the Frontiers of Immunophenotyping

PLENARY SESSION: Immune system in HIV

Chair: **Clive Landis**

- 8:00 am Innate and Adaptive Immunity – *Kim Quimby, University of the West Indies, Barbados*
- 9:15 am How the Normal Immune Response breaks down in HIV/AIDS – *Kim Quimby*

Coffee break 10:30 - 11:00 am

Chair: **Mo O’Gorman**

- 11:00 am The Natural History and Immune Monitoring of HIV Infection – *Michelle Hamilton, National Public Health Laboratory, Kingston, Jamaica*
- 11:45 pm Immunology Q & A and Infectious Disease Case Histories – *Thomas Quinn, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health, Baltimore; Kim Quimby; Michelle Hamilton*

Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION: Frontiers of Immunophenotyping in the Caribbean

Chair: **Thomas Quinn**

- 1:30 pm CD4 enumeration in HIV – *Mo O’Gorman, University of Southern California and the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles*
- 2:30 pm Expansion of HIV diagnostics to blood malignancies – *Sheila Weitzman, Toronto SickKids Hospital, Canada*

Tea break 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Chair: **Kim Quimby**

- 4:00 pm CCAS EGM
Agenda
 - 10TH Anniversary Celebration
 - Selecting Host Country for 2014

Tuesday 27th August: Strengthening laboratory networks in the Caribbean

PLENARY SESSION: Current and evolving issues impacting on Regional Laboratory Services

Chair: **Sheila Weitzman**

- 8:30 am CARPHA – A new public health vision for the Caribbean – *James Hospedales, Director CARPHA, Port of Spain, Trinidad*
- 9:00 am 21st century economic trends and implications for regional laboratory services – *Wendy Kitson-Piggott, Caribbean Medlabs Foundation, Trinidad; Health Economics Unit, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad*
- 9.30 am New Approaches: Treatment as Prevention and Home Testing – regional implications – *Thomas Quinn*

Coffee break 10:30 – 11:30 am

Developing Regional Laboratory Networks

Chair: **Wendy Kitson-Piggott**

- 11:30 am A review of laboratory referral services provided by the Ladymeade Reference Unit to the Eastern Caribbean – *Clive Landis, Ladymeade Reference Unit, Barbados*
- 12:00 pm QC and PT programme – national implementation as regional models – *Belize and Suriname TBA*

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Developing Regional Laboratory Networks (continued)

Chair: **Wendy Kitson-Piggott**

Panel Discussion: Progress in developing National Networks: Belize, Suriname, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad & Tobago

Coffee break 3:00 – 3.30 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION

3.30 - 5.00 pm GROUP 1 How to strengthen and monitor "Treatment as Prevention"??

3.30 - 5.00 pm GROUP 2. Managing laboratory data for surveillance

Chair: **Wayne Labastide**

- 3:30 pm Using a simple Access platform – *St. Lucia? Montserrat?*
- 4.00 pm Using LIMS – *Trinidad Public Health Laboratory*
- 4:30 pm Using LIMS – *St. Lucia, Private Lab*

Wednesday 28th August: Laboratory QMS and M&E in a changing environment

Caribbean Country Reports

Chair: *Valerie Wilson*

Coffee break 10:30 – 11:00 am

Caribbean Country Reports (continued)

Chair: *Valerie Wilson*

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1.30 - 3.00 pm GROUP 1 Counselling and psychosocial support in the era of the "Home Test"??

Coffee break 3.00 – 3.30 pm

3.30 - 5.00 pm GROUP 1 Coping with HIV in childhood and adolescence??

1.30 - 3.30 pm GROUP 2. M&E for Building Network Capacity

Chair: *TBA?*

- 1:30 pm QMS implementation using a stepwise approach – *Valerie Wilson*
- 2.00 pm A costing framework for QMS implementation – *Wendy Kitson-Piggott*
- 2:30 pm Improving efficiency for a reference laboratory for sustainability – *Damian Henry*
- 3:00 pm Developing a simple M&E system to manage the Caribbean Network Tracking – *Wayne Labastide*

3.30 - 5.00 pm GROUP 2. Updates on Regional and Policy Initiatives

Chair: *TBA?*

- 3:30 pm Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework (CRSF): Evaluation and update – *PANCAP*
- 4.00 pm CMLF feedback from CMO meeting – *Valerie Wilson*
- 4.30 pm Introducing the laboratory regulatory agenda – *Trinidad, Barbados ?*

Thursday 29th August: The public health benefits of biological prevention

PLENARY SESSION: RESEARCH IN THE CARIBBEAN

Chair: **Michelle Hamilton**

- 8:30 pm Abstract Presenter 1
- 8:50 pm Abstract Presenter 2
- 9:10 pm Abstract Presenter 3
- 9:30 pm Abstract Presenter 4
- 9:50 pm Abstract Presenter 5
- 10:10 pm Abstract Presenter 6

Coffee break 10:30 – 11:00 am

PLENARY SESSION: Pro-Con debate: Moderator: **Brendan Bain**

Motion: "Adult male circumcision should be promoted in the Caribbean on public health grounds"

Pro: speaker TBA

Con: speaker TBA

Lunch 12.30 - 1:30 pm (Posters)

PLENARY SESSION: TBA

Co - Chairs: **TBA**

- 1:30 pm TBA
- 2:00 pm TBA
- 2:30 pm TBA

Tea 3.00 – 3:30 pm

- 3:30 pm TBA
- 4:00 pm TBA
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CLOSING REMARKS